

St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge

Newsletter

May 2022



ELECTION CLOSURE!!!!

A reminder that school will be closed on Thursday 5th of May due to the building being used as a Polling Station for the Election. School will reopen as normal on Friday 6th of May.

First Holy Communion

Our P4 children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th of May at 11am in St Theresa's Church, Sion Mills. The children should be in their seats for 10.45am at the very latest.

Fr Canning has advised that every 2nd row is still closed off and as a result the numbers are restricted. The child plus 8 others are permitted into the row in the Church. We look forward to celebrating this special day with the children.

Tramway Tales Children's Storybook

We are delighted to be involved in a cross community project with Edward's Primary School, Castleberg to produce a children's storybook based on the old tramline in the area. Our P5-7 children will be working with Andrew Tinney on Wednesday mornings to contribute to the book. This project is being funded by the Rural Communities Network and also the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Northern Ireland.

Induction of New Children for P1 & Reception

This year we are once again able to offer our Induction Programme to new children and their parents. Details will be arriving via post in the coming days for all children due to start P1 or Reception in 22/23. The initial information session for parents will take place on Wednesday 15th of June at 2.30pm, followed by a stay and play for both the children and their parents on Wednesday 22nd of June at 1.30pm. This is an excellent way to meet the staff, become familiar with the surroundings and routine and prepare for starting school. We can't wait to welcome you to our circle of learning.

Reminders!!!

P7 Post Primary School Places

On Saturday 21st of May our P7 parents can log into the EA Portal to view which Post Primary School has been allocated for their child. We know that our P7 children will thrive no matter where they go. Always remember that things work out for a reason.

School Milk

School milk money is now due for May and June. If you would like your child to take milk, please send €7.80 in a clearly marked envelope by Friday 13th of May. If your child has been taking milk and no longer wishes to avail, please telephone Mrs Gallagher in the office to cancel your order to avoid being billed for unwanted milk.

Telephoning the Office

Please be advised that Mrs Gallagher does not start work until 9.30am, therefore, there is no one available to take calls before this time. Other staff are tied up in morning briefings and other duties. If you are calling before 9.30am a recorded message can be left on the answer phone.



Important Dates

2nd May — May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

3rd May — Miss Gormley's Class completing a Gruffalo Trail at The Gortin Glens.

5th May — Election (school closed due to being used as a Polling Station)

13th May — School Milk money due €7.80

14th May — First Holy Communion at 11am in St Theresa's Church Sion Mills.

21st May — P7 find out Post Primary Placements

1st June - School Sport's Day @ 2pm

*Jo Jingles every Wednesday in May, (Reception stay for afternoon session).

Relax Kids (Pupil Wellbeing) every Tuesday in May.

St Eugene's Annual Sports Day — 1st of June 2022

It is with great excitement that we are able to inform you that we will be able to admit parents and visitors to our Sports Day this year. Whilst we are very much looking forward to the event we must remind you that covid is still present in the community and ask that you remain cautious on the day. The children will come to school as normal on Wednesday 1st of June, parents, grandparents and all other members of the community will be admitted from 2pm, the first races will begin at 2.15pm.

This is usually our biggest fundraiser of the year and we ask that our families to support the event as best they can.

We are now collecting prizes for the draw, if you are able to donate a prize no matter how small we will gladly accept. We are also collecting bottles for the popular bottle stall. All the usual favourites including the BBQ will be available on the afternoon of the event. We estimate that the event will run on to approximately 5.30pm. We look forward to a safe and enjoyable afternoon.



Above: Intergenerational Sculpture Workshop

Thanks to Mr Donnelly for organising [Sustrans NI Workshops](#) for all of our classes throughout April. Steven came to teach us all about exercise and healthy bodies.



The Eco-Committee working hard on the 'Wheelie Big Challenge'. This initiative will help to reduce the overall non-recyclable materials in our school going to landfill sites

Intergenerational Art Workshop

A big well done and congratulations to the P6 children and their Grandparents/adults who took part in the Intergenerational Art Workshop with Gloria Perry. Your fabulous sculptures will go on display at a celebration event later this term. We will let you know as soon as a date has been agreed.

Adult and Child Classes

Avril from Debutots will be running her fantastic sessions every Monday in our School Hall at 1.15pm for grown-ups with a child aged 6 months to 3 years. Information on the sessions and booking can be found on the Debutots West NI Facebook page.

Pollinator Garden

Our Pollinator Garden is developing well, thanks to a grant from Live Here, Love Here, community volunteers and the Kevin Watson Group. Daniel McCrossan officially opened our Outdoor Classroom at the end of last term and was very impressed with all the hard work taking place here at St Eugene's PS. We look forward to continually adding to our garden and observing all the new wildlife that it will attract.

School Swimming

Unfortunately, our P5-P7 swimming lessons have been badly disrupted due to strike action by Leisure Centre staff. We hope that the dispute will be settled soon and the lessons will resume as soon as possible.

Covid-19 Guidelines

- If your child is feeling in **any way unwell** please do not send them to school. If your child displays symptoms of Covid-19 please carry out a Lateral Flow Test. Children who are positive must isolate and follow the advice from track and trace. You can carry out a Lateral Flow Test again on day 5 and if negative, test again on day 6, if both tests are negative your child can leave isolation provided they have not had a temperature in the previous 48 hours. Two consecutive negative Lateral Flow Tests are required to return to school, taken no earlier than day 5 and day 6.



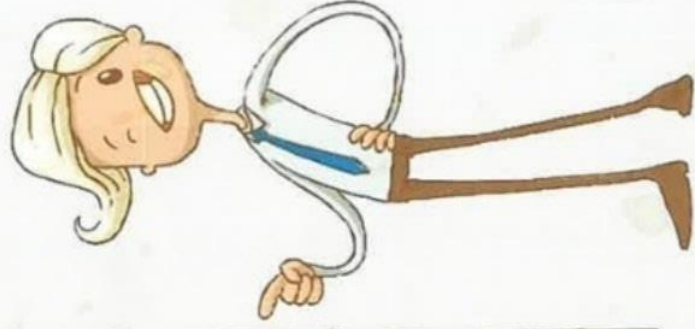
school food

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Bread, salad, fruit, yoghurt, milk and water

If you require any additional information on allergens or special diet please contact the school in the first instance



Victoria Bridge summer 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 25/04/2022 23/05/2022 20/06/2022	Oven Baked Sausages Baked Beans Salad Creamed Potatoes Pasta Bottle of water Yogurt	Chicken Curry & Rice Peas / Salad Mashed \ Naan Bread Flakemeal Biscuits/Fruit milk	Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy Dry Oven Roast / Mashed Potatoes Carrots/ Cabbage / Salad Orange Juice Ice Cream Tub	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Diced Herb Potatoes Salad, Broccoli Gravy Fruit Muffin/Fruit Bottle of Water	Beef Burger / Bap Mixed Vegetables Chips Apple Juice Biscuit
Week Two 02/05/2022 30/05/2022 27/06/2022	Oven Baked Sausages Baked Beans Mashed Pototo/ Bread Jelly/Fruit Milk	Chicken Curry & Rice Naan Bread Broccoli Oven Dice Biscuit Apple Juice	Roast Meat Dinner Stuffing & Gravy / Salad Dry Oven Roast / Mashed Baton Carrots Yoghurt, fresh fruit Bottle of Water	Filled Paninis Peas Salad Mashed Potatoes Pasta Fruit Muffin Orange Juice	Chicken Goujons Sweetcorn Chips Ice Cream tub Milk
Week Three 03/05/2022 06/06/2022	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets Carrots / salad Pasta / Mashed Potatoes Bottle of water Ice Cream	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Peas Herb Dice / Mashed Shortbread Biscuit / Fruit Apple Juice	Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy Mashed Potatoes / Salad Carrots Milk Fruit Biscuit (RMF) (H)	Fish Fingers Sweetcorn Mashed Potatoes Salad / Pasta Orange Juice Yoghurt (RMF)	Hot Dogs Baked Beans Chips Frozen Yoghurt Bottle of Water
Week Four 16/05/2022 13/06/2022	Filled Paninis Vegetables Salad Mashed / Pasta Ice Cream	Oven Baked Sausages Baked Beans / Peas Salad Mashed Potato/ Baked Pototo Fruit Muffin Apple Juice	Roast Meat Dinner Stuffing & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bottle of Water Flakemeal Biscuit (H)	Beef Burger & Bap Mixed Vegetables Oven Dice / Mashed Potatoes / Salad Fresh Yoghurt Orange Juice	Home Made Chicken Goujons Carrots Chips Frozen Yoghurt/Fruit Milk Shake

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