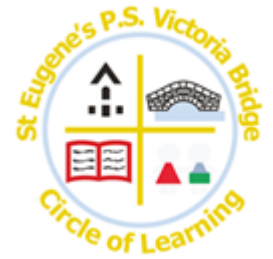


St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge Newsletter



March 2024

World Book Day 2024.

On Thursday 7th of March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. We do not believe in creating expense for our families by dressing up, therefore, we are going to run our popular 'Book in a Box' project as we know that children, parents, and staff have enjoyed this very much in previous years. Children are invited to create a box about their favourite book and their classmates will guess which book their box is about. We also hope to have a number of guest readers come into school to read to our children. We invite any parent/grandparent interested in being a guest reader to contact their child's teacher via Seesaw.

BOOK IN A BOX



Survey on Car Park Congestion.

Staff and members of our Board of Governors are aware of the congestion during pick up at 3.15 in the school car park. Whilst we know that this is an issue at most schools, we are concerned about safety, and are trying to find a solution to the problem. A survey has been issued to parents of children in P1-P7 to gather your thoughts and ideas. Please remember to have your say by completing 3 quick questions on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/danqJs10LX>.

Art Workshop with Gloria Perry.

A date has been set for our annual P6 Intergenerational Workshop with Gloria Perry. Children in P6 and their Grandparents will be invited to spend the day with Gloria creating a beautiful Paverpol sculpture. Children involved will receive a permission slip with full details in due course. This is always a very enjoyable day, and we know that many of you have been looking forward to this event for some time.

Reminders!!!

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.



Free Friday Breakfasts

In March it is Mr Donnelly's class turn to have FREE FRIDAY BREAKFAST. This means that if you have children in this class they do not pay for their breakfast on a Friday throughout this month. Mrs Connolly's Class have their last Free Friday tomorrow, 1st March.



Milk for Term Three

Mrs Gallagher will be placing an order for milk from April to June on Friday 22nd of March. If you would like your child to drink milk in the final term, please send payment of £10.60 in a clearly marked envelope before the ordering date 22nd of March. Thank you.

2.15 Club

Please make sure that payment for 2.15 Club is sent in at the beginning of each week to avoid costs adding up. The final 2.15 Club of this term is 14th March.

Important Dates:

- 1st March — Rois Kelly Resilience Workshop 2
- 7th March — World Book Day
- 8th March - Rois Kelly Resilience Workshop 3
- 12th March - Rois Kelly Resilience Workshop 4
- 13th March — Springfest Trip KS2
- 14th March — P6 Art Workshop with Gloria Perry
- 14th March — Final 2.15 Club of the term.
- 15th March — Wear Green for St Patrick's Day
- 18th March — SCHOOL CLOSED St Patrick's Holiday**
- 22nd March — Last date to order milk.
- 26th March — End of Term Talent Contest
- 27th March — School Closes at 12 noon for EASTER**

SUMMER



SCHOOL UNIFORM



Summer Uniform.

Children will be able to wear their summer uniform from Monday 8th of April.

Summer Uniform is as follows:

Girls:

- Blue & White Gingham Dress/Skort.
- Navy Cardigan.
- Navy or white socks and black shoes.

Boys:

- Short sleeved pale blue smart collared shirt and navy tie.
- Navy Jumper.
- Navy tailored knee length shorts (not jersey or sports shorts)
- Navy socks and black shoes.

Children are expected to wear their uniform with pride, we thank you for your co-operation with this. Should you have difficulty with any items of uniform, we will be happy to help you out with some of our pre-loved items. All requests will be handled discreetly.

First Communion Preparation

Mrs Connolly is working hard with children in P4 to prepare for their First Holy Communion. The children enjoyed a series of workshops with the Derry Catechetical Centre in February as they work towards being ready for their special day. Miss O' Brien is leading morning prayer daily with an extended prayer session for children making First Communion and Confirmation this year.

Meeting with the NI Children' s Commissioner

Miss Gormley and four pupil representatives attended the 'For Every Child, Every Right' event in Omagh Library on the 22nd of February. The children learned about children' s rights and had an opportunity to use their voice to speak to the Children' s Commissioner about what they would like him to do for young people in Northern Ireland. The children represented our school so well that they were treated to lunch in the Mellon Country Inn on the way home. Photos can be found in the Tyrone Herald and Strabane Weekly Newspapers.

Resilience and Wellbeing through Drama and Music with Rois Kelly.

We are delighted to have Rois Kelly (Much Ado Stage School) in school through our Extended Schools Cluster to develop resilience and wellbeing using drama and music. This is a much-needed programme for our P5 and P6 children who missed many of their 'middle school days' due to the pandemic. We hope that the children involved can benefit from this fantastic project.

KS2 Super Sounds at Springfest.

Our KS2 children will be travelling to the Millennium Forum in Derry for the Springfest Concert. This is a musical event organised by the EA Music Service at which the children will perform songs with several other schools from the Derry and Strabane Council Area.