

# St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge Newsletter



May 2024

## Non-Uniform for Gemma McHale Foundation.

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of May, we will hold a non-uniform day to raise funds for the Gemma McHale Foundation. This Foundation funds our Pupil Counselling and various other wellbeing initiatives in school, we simply could not manage without them. Children can wear their own clothes and bring a donation of whatever families can afford. There is also a cycle taking place this Sunday if anyone is interested in taking part, full details ----->



## Translink Safety Bus

We are delighted that the Translink Safety Bus will visit our school on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. This visit will be to prepare our P6 and P7 children for travelling safely using a Translink bus when they move to Post Primary. For many children this will be their first time to use public transport without adult supervision and it is important that they know how to do so safely.

## Book Fair Returning to St Eugene's PS!

The Book Fair will be in school and open to children from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. A brochure will be shared with children and parents before the fair, any child wishing to purchase can bring money in during Book Fair Week. The school will receive a number of books for free in return for the purchases made.

## Pupil Assessment Week.

During the last week of May, children from P3-P7 will complete online testing to assess progress in Maths and progress in English. The results of these assessments will be recorded on the end of year reports and will be discussed in greater detail during parent-teacher meetings in the new school year, when target setting has been completed by staff. Children in P1-P2 will complete informal progress assessments.

## 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.

### Holidays During Term Time.

Please be aware that the Education Welfare Officer is concerned that several families have booked holidays during school term. Children should not be taken out of school for holidays at any point during the academic year. The Welfare Officer will continue to monitor attendance and can view when children are recorded as not being in school due to a holiday. We ask for your co-operation in fulfilling your legal obligation that children attend school.

### Important Dates:

#### FREE FRIDAY BREAKFASTS FOR MRS CONNOLLY'S CLASS IN MAY.

- **3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Rec – P4 trip to see Matilda the Musical.
- **6<sup>th</sup> May**  
School Closed Bank Holiday.
- **16<sup>th</sup> May**  
Translink Safety Bus Visit P6/7.
- **17<sup>th</sup> May**  
Book Fair Arriving for one week.
- **24<sup>th</sup> May**  
School Closed Staff Training Day
- **27<sup>th</sup> May**  
School Closed Bank Holiday.
- **28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
Pupil Assessment Week



### Congratulations P4!

P4 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. The children were fantastic in the Church and made everyone so proud. Thank you to Mrs Connolly and the grown-ups at home for all the hard work preparing the children and to Fr Doherty for coming to hear the children's First Confession.



### Gloria Perry Art Workshop Celebration Event

Thank you to all those who attended the Intergenerational Art Workshop celebration last month with Mr Donnelly and Mrs Preston. It was lovely to meet with our cluster schools and see the beautiful, finished sculptures on display. Thanks to Gloria for another year of making special memories through Art.



### New Classroom Blinds.

Happiness is bursting through the school now that we finally have our new classroom blinds installed. Staff and pupils have battled over the years, being blinded by the sunlight and now we won't know ourselves with these fabulous new additions. This is all thanks to the amazing generosity of YOU, our school community, during our coffee morning in the autumn term and also a very kind donation from Sion Mills Credit Union. We express our sincere thanks to everyone who made this possible — you have no idea how grateful we are.



### Annual Sports Day — Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

Our Sports Day will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of June from 1pm. Please note that Reception children will stay on in school on this day. The races will start at 1pm sharp and will be followed by the stalls running from 2pm until 4pm. Children on the premises after 3.15pm must be supervised by a parent/guardian.

Don't worry about cooking as our popular BBQ will be back, tea, coffee and cakes will be available, as well as the other popular stalls.

The main prize draw will take place at 3.30pm. Tickets will be on sale later this month and can be purchased from Mrs Gallagher. There is a range of fantastic prizes including hampers, gift vouchers, spirits and much more!



We are appealing for donations for the draw and the stalls. If you can donate prizes for the lucky dip, bottles for the bottle stall, cakes and sweet goods or larger prizes/vouchers for the main draw these would be greatly appreciated. Our Sports is our main fundraiser and at a time when school funding has been hit hard, this year the money raised will be more important than ever. Finally, tell your friends, family, and neighbours to come along and enjoy a fantastic afternoon in the heart of the village!