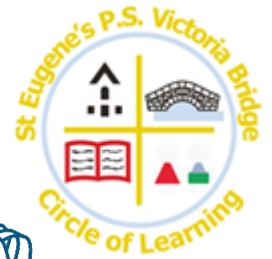


St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge

Newsletter

October 2022



Sacramental Preparation Meeting with Fr Canning

Parents of children in P4 and P7 will have received a link to vote on what time would suit best for a meeting with Fr Canning to discuss Sacramental preparation. The results of this vote indicated that a time when children could be supervised in school suited most parents best.

To meet the needs of parents [Fr Canning has scheduled the meeting for 3.30pm on Monday 10th of October 2022.](#)

Children who are making First Holy Communion or Confirmation and their siblings will be supervised in school for the duration of the meeting. It is essential that at least one adult per child is in attendance to meet with Fr Canning.

Parent-Teacher Phone Calls

You will be aware that on Friday 28th of October the school will be closed to pupils. This is to facilitate a staff day for our parent-teacher phone calls. **Please contact the office on 028 8165 8439 to arrange your time slot with Mrs Gallagher.** If you have children in more than one class, it is a good idea to book your calls close together. This is your opportunity to discuss your child's progress and any worries or concerns that there may be.



Tramway Tales Children's Storybook

Well done to Mr Donnelly's class who have been involved in a history-based community project with Edward's Primary School, Castlederg. Our P6/7 children have been working with Andrew Tinney on Wednesday mornings to finish the book and prepare a dance/drama which they performed at the official book launch on Wednesday 5th of October. The event was attended by members of the local community. The children represented our school so well and their performance was super. All children will receive a copy of the book in the coming weeks.

Reminders!!!

Schoolbags!

As previously advised on the June Note, children do not require school bags as they have all been provided with a homework folder to carry their essential belongings. This is a measure to reduce costs to parents and to save space in school. If you wish to send a school bag with your child, the bag should contain only essential school items and be left on your child's peg in the cloakroom.

Credit Union

Savings are collected every Tuesday. If you wish to join the Credit Union savings, please request an application form from Mrs Gallagher.



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

- 3rd – 7th October — Sustrans NI Cycle to School Week.
- 6th October — NICIE & EA visit as we progress our transformation to Integrated Status.
- 6th October — P3/4/5 Trip to Glenpark Estate.
- 10th October — Sacramental Meeting with Fr Canning at 3.30pm for parents of children making First Holy Communion & Confirmation.
- 10th October — Pupils & staff wear purple for World Mental Health Day.
- 13th October — Reception/P1/2 Trip to Duff Land.
- 17th October - CAT4 testing for children in P4 and P6.
- 27th October — Halloween Fancy Dress Party
- 28th October — School Closed to Pupils — Parent-Teacher Meeting.

Halloween Holidays: 31st October — 4th November inclusive.



Our beautiful new polytunnel above.

Below our Reception children on their 1st Day!



Polytunnel Project

If you follow our social media pages you will have seen our fabulous new polytunnel has been erected in the pollinator garden. This is all thanks to Kelly Woods (Mum of Ruadh in P3). Kelly applied for the funding through Allstate and managed the project from start to finish. We want to thank Kelly for all her hard work in making this dream a reality.

We appeal to any members of our community who have an interest in gardening to make yourselves known, we could use all the help that we can get to get our polytunnel fully operational, this may be making/donating potting tables and/or other equipment or simply offering to share your gardening knowledge with children and staff.

Welcome to St Eugene's PS

Our little Pre-School children are beginning to arrive at St Eugene's PS. The children will be staggered in as they reach their 4th Birthdays to ensure a smooth home to school transition. One place has become available in our highly sought-after Reception class. If you know of anyone looking for a Pre-School place, please do share the good news with them.

Integrated Education Update

You will be aware that last term our parents voted overwhelmingly in favour of transformation to Integrated Status. Miss Gormley will meet with NICIE and EA on the 6th of October and will then begin writing the Case for Change which will go forward to the Education Minister. This is a lengthy process, and we will keep you updated with all developments throughout.

World Mental Health Day

On Monday 10th of October pupils and staff are invited to wear purple instead of school uniform. This is to raise awareness and celebrate World Mental Health Day. There is no charge for this event.

Halloween Fancy Dress Party

We are excited to inform you that we will once again be hosting our Spooky Halloween Dance. The event will take place in our school hall on **Thursday 27th of October from 5pm until 6.15**. We will use school funds to cover the event so that there is no cost to parents. This has always been a favourite with children in the past and I thank the staff for staying late to facilitate the event.