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# Newsflash

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## School holidays

- School is closed for children for mid-term Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- School is closed for St Patrick's Day break on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- School closes for Easter at noon on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Children return to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

## Sacraments dates

- First confession- 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Holy communion- 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Pledge mass for P7s- 4<sup>th</sup> March
- Confirmation- 11<sup>th</sup> May

## Book fair

The book fair took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. There were pencils, rubbers and pens also at the book fair. You could also buy some posters at it. We are now able to spend over £500 to boost our Accelerated Reader library.

## Break/Lunch time league

Mr McKenna has started a break/lunch time league for the P5, 6 and 7's. We all are split up into different coloured teams and we have matches every Tuesday. There are two games on a Tuesday, with two different teams playing. One team will play at break time and the other team will play at lunch time. Thanks to Mr Mc Kenna for giving up his time to organise this for us.

We want to wish Mrs Ward all the best as she goes off to have her baby. Thanks for all your hard work in Reception/P1 and P2/3.

## Times Tables Rockstars

We have now officially purchased "Times Tables Rock Stars." Now you can play anytime you want, so you can get your scores even higher to get on our leader board! Keep rockin!

## Student Teachers

Thanks to Miss O'Hagan who has finished her placement in P3/4. We welcome and wish good luck to Miss Judge (Reception/P1) and Mr Mc Gettigan (P5) who will be working with us.



A huge thank you to SVDP, who donated a generous £2000 to our school. This will be used to purchase new ICT equipment.

Pictured is acting Principal Mrs Boggs with Phil Mc Kenna (SVDP), James and Lucy.

## Recycling

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of February P5, 6 and 7 had a talk from Anthea Owens about recycling. We saw a PowerPoint on where all the rubbish was going and learned that it takes up to 400 to 600 years for a plastic bottle to disintegrate! So make sure to recycle and help our environment!

## Helping Hands and Heartstart

Mrs McGrath and Miss Glass attended training recently on “Helping Hands” and “Heartstart.” They will carry out these programmes with the P5s, P6s and P7s over the coming months.

## Safer Internet Day

The whole school did marked safer internet day. Each class did something different about it. In P6 and 7 we did a survey about our online hobbies and all about permission and safety when using the internet.

P2, P3 and P4 have really enjoyed their dinosaur topic and done some fabulous work on it!



This half term, P5's have really enjoyed their new topic “Friends of the Earth.” They have been

learning about ways they can reduce, reuse and recycle in school and at home. Over this half term they have also had the delight of reading the brilliant book, “The Butterfly Lion.” The P5's have described this book as “an emotional, tear jerking and strong hearted story.” They look forward to working hard again after the mid-term break.

## Reception/ P1

The P1's have been doing “People Who Help Us” for their topic. They had the fire and police service come in and see them.



## Sports

-Mr Mc Kenna took a group of P6 and P7 boys out to a Gaelic blitz. It was in the Station Centre in Omagh. There were 4 other teams involved.

-Mr Mc Kenna also took P6 and P7 to a hurling blitz. It was in The Station Centre too. There were 6 other teams. We came 4<sup>th</sup> place!



## P6 and P7

-Some P7s got their transfer results recently. We are really proud of you all. The P7's are now choosing their schools for next year. The P7s had a taster day at Sacred Heart. They also had a talk from a teacher at St. Johns.

-The P7s are now preparing for their Confirmation. They have already taken part in the Service of Light.

-P6 and P7 have also started the Irish news project every Wednesday.

-Both P6s and P7s are starting swimming lessons each Friday.

