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# Newsletter

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## Dates to remember:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Bank Holiday & Platinum Jubilee Holiday

**Friday 30th June:** Last day of term.

**Raising Money for Trocaire** In the run up to Easter classes across the school ran a little fundraiser for Trocaire's Lenten campaign. E.g. the P1 and P2 classes held an Easter raffle and there were some delighted winners.

Holy Trinity raised £1005 from the generous donations of parents,

families and friends. Thank

you to everyone who

supported their children and

contributed to the

fundraiser. Deacon Martin

Donnelly visited our school on 29th

April, he was delighted to accept a

cheque on behalf of Trócaire.



**Stations of the Cross** Thank you and well done to all the pupils and staff who led the Stations of the Cross service on Good Friday in St Michael's Church. It was a lovely prayerful service retelling the Easter story.

**School Band** The school band recorded two pieces of music together as an end of term treat for our school to enjoy. Thank you Simon O'Hare & all the EA Music tutors for enabling the children to develop their musical talents.

You can watch the concert on our YouTube Channel or social media channels.





**Enniskillen Gaels Coach takes P2 classes for PE** Primary 2 classes are enjoying their PE session this month. Fionnuala, football coach with Enniskillen Gaels, came to school to coach the P2 classes. The children practised different ball skills including throwing, catching and bouncing. It was so much fun. Thank you to Fionnuala for the brilliant training sessions.



**Forthill in Spring** P3 classes were out for a walk in Forthill to identify signs of spring. The children were finding flowers, insects and new buds on the trees and bushes.



**Planting Beans in P3** We have been reading and discussing the fairy tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We decided it would be fun to grow our own beanstalks so we put some soil in pots and planted our beans. We kept them in the poly tunnel where they would stay warm and we watered them regularly. We watched them grow over the weeks. We are just amazed at how tall they've grown!







**Gaelic Football** The P6/P7 football teams took part in the first round of the primary schools football blitz in Ederney recently. It was great to see the children out playing football again. Well done to the boys and girls Gaelic teams who put in a great performance. There were no wins for the boys this time but they are all fired up for their next competition. The girls team won and went through to the final round of the blitz which took place on May 5th at Brewster park. They played some fantastic football and went on to win the competition.

Congratulations on a great win girls, the school is delighted and proud of you.



**Learning about Ancient Egypt** Primary 4 have been learning about Ancient Egyptian inventions. They worked in groups and had a go at making model Shadufs; a piece of equipment the Ancient Egyptians devised for retrieving water from the Nile.



**Back to Baking** Miss Devine's LS class were delighted to be back cooking after a long break due to Covid restrictions. The class carefully followed the instructions on the recipe. They made some yummy chocolate chip cookies.



The cookies were enjoyed by the class and there were leftovers for the staff who loved them.







**Easter Crafting** Mrs McGirr's P5 class enjoyed making Easter Sock Bunnies as part of their instructional writing in literacy.



### Reflection in P5

Primary 5 engaged in prayer stations with Catherine the school chaplain.

The children read a piece of scripture, completed an activity and closed each station with a short prayer. Going around the prayer stations created an atmosphere of reflection and stillness which the children enjoyed.



### Persuasive writing in P6

Mrs Cathcart's class designed bike tracks as a follow up to a persuasive letter from a parent to their local council.

The children worked in small groups and designed flyers representing their ideal bike track. They presented these to their classmates who then voted for their favourite. The class had great fun coming up with new ideas and ways to persuade the Council to pick their track.

It was an excellent opportunity to see how confident the pupils have become. I'm sure you'll agree, they created the most amazing parks. Some of them could definitely be working for the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in the future.



**P7 Potato Harvest** As part of their World Around Us work Mr Starrs' P7 class planted potatoes in buckets and placed them in the windows of their classroom. In late April the class decided it was time to harvest their potatoes. It was amazing to see how well the potatoes had grown, even in the classroom.



Mr Starrs cut open one of the plant containers so the children could see the root system and the potato tubers in the soil. There was lots of discussion about the potato root system. The children were delighted with their harvest.



**Classes compete for Fermanagh Cross Country Competition places**

P4 – P7 classes have been out running as they take part in the selection process for the Fermanagh Cross Country Competition. The top six boys and six girls from the four year groups are selected to represent Holy Trinity in the Fermanagh Cross Country. We wish them every success in the upcoming competitions at the Bawnacre.



**Nursery and Preschool classes visit P1** Before Easter the Nursery and Pre-school children and staff took a trip to Mill Street on a bus to visit P1. The children visited the P1 classes, chatted to the staff and enjoyed a little snack. They then went on an Easter Egg hunt around the school and enjoyed some yummy chocolate.



## Overview of Planned work for May

### Primary 1

**Topic:** The Rainbow Fish/The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**Role Play:** The Flower Shop

**Numeracy:** Focus number: 9. 'Circle and line, that's the way to make a 9'

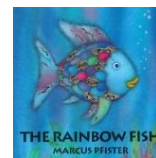
The children will be reinforcing all areas of number work including formation, counting, matching numbers to sets and ordering. You can help at home by using their number line.

Symmetry: Children will be looking at symmetry e.g. the patterns on a butterfly

**Literacy:** Jolly Phonics: Revision of ALL sounds and digraphs taught to date. Children will be introduced to the sounds y, x, ch, sh, th, qu. Continue building words with your child.

Remember Jolly Phonics songs are available on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

**Focus Stories:** 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Rainbow Fish'. Children will be engaged in a variety of activities and games to support their learning of these stories. Ask them to tell you about these stories.



**WAU:** Children will talk about the season of Summer through songs and stories. They will draw a Summer mind map and label it. The children will recognise that a caterpillar changes into a butterfly through activities linked to 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

**Other information:** All the P1 children will go on an end of year trip to celebrate all of their achievements and hard work this year. More information to follow.

### Primary 2



**Literacy:** Our shared, guided and modelled reading and writing continue to link to our 'Dinosaurs' topic. We have been using fiction and non-fiction books and the internet to research facts about different dinosaurs and fossils. Towards the end of May we will begin work on our

'Under the Sea' topic.



We are continuing daily practise of Jolly Phonics sound recognition and correct letter formation.

Jolly Phonics can be accessed at home on YouTube by searching '[Jolly Phonics](#)'. This will demonstrate the sounds and accompanying songs for each letter/digraph.

We are encouraging the children to write independent sentences, linked to topics, using their sound knowledge to build words and construct sentences.

The summer term testing of Literacy and Numeracy skills will begin over the coming weeks. Please ensure your child has the opportunity to practise any keywords, sounds, letter/number formation, etc.

**Numeracy:** This month we will be working on the topic of **measure** (length). We will be doing this practically, beginning with arbitrary units of measure e.g. hands, feet, cubes, etc. Practise using the language of length. e.g. longer, shorter, taller, etc.



We will continue number stories up to 8 – the number pairs that add together to make an amount.

Practise mental recall of number doubles up to a total of 16 (double 2 = 4).



Mathletics tasks will be set for homework each Thursday night. Tasks will link to class work and will help to consolidate learning for the children.

### World Around Us/Learning through Play/Other Areas of Learning

Lessons will link to the topics of **Dinosaurs** and **Under the Sea**.

Dinosaur/Under the Sea small world sets, duplo, jigsaws, keywords and sentence writing cards, water/sand tray, fiction and non-fiction stories, paintings, etc.

We continue our 'Daily Mile' and will be making great use of Forthill over the coming weeks. We are also focusing on our well-being through Core NI lessons.

We will be saying the 'Hail Mary' prayer daily during the month of May as we remember Mary.



### Primary 3

**Mathematics:** Depending on group children will work on the place value of number, addition of H.T.U. and T.U. (while bridging/not bridging the ten) and decomposition-subtraction. Work on multiplication of 2s 5s 10s is ongoing with some groups beginning to look at division of 2s and 10s.

**Topic work:** In preparation for end of year testing we will begin to revise all topics covered throughout the year.

**Literacy:** Children will continue to look at our author Jill Tomlinson with focus on *The Hen Who Wouldn't Give Up*. Grammar work will look at punctuation, revision of letter names, alphabetical ordering and an introduction to dictionary work. Children will also know when to use there/their, were/wear and adding -ed.

**Topic:** The World Around Us

- Water: its uses, the water cycle, floating and sinking.
- Healthy diet and food.
- Life cycle of a butterfly.

#### Primary 4

**Literacy:** Pupils will continue to learn their spellings using the LSCWC method and will complete various activities to reinforce the spelling rules. Pupils will be reading their class novel, *'Danny the Champion of the World.'* In grammar pupils will look at homophones, synonyms, antonyms, colons and commas in lists. We will be writing a play script based on the story 'The Three Little Pigs'.

**Numeracy:** Pupils will continue to improve their mental recall of multiplication and division facts. We will be looking at fractions of objects and fractions of numbers. We will be reading scales and giving change with money. Pupils will also complete problem-solving investigations.

**World Around Us:** Pupils will work on the topic of Buildings. In art pupils will be creating watercolour postcards of famous London Buildings. They will be creating collages of houses using wallpaper. We will look at alternative endings to stories. In science, pupils will be looking at fire and what a fire needs to grow. We will look at how and why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly. We will look at fire safety. Pupils will learn that chromatography is used to separate mixtures of colours. Children will create a coloured spot on a piece of filter paper and then submerge into the water just covering the spot, to watch the colour change and move up the filter paper.

**First Holy Communion:** 6:30pm in St Michael's Church.

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Mrs Mongan's class.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Miss Harte & Miss Corrigan's classes.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Mrs Smith & Mrs Reihill's classes.

We wish all the candidates and their families every blessing at this special time in their lives.

#### Primary 5

**Numeracy**

**Number:** Revision of all topics - addition, subtraction, multiplying and dividing, completion of N.H.M workbooks

**Topic:** Negative Numbers, time and capacity work

**Mental Maths:** Continuous revision of all tables – multiplying and dividing for speed and accuracy

Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation

**Literacy**

- **Novel:** Continue - 'James and the Giant Peach' and complete related activities
- **Grammar work:** Proof reading and editing exercises. Revision of nouns, verbs and adjectives. Exclamation marks, Prepositions (word that tells you where or when something is in relation to something else, for example: on, under, inside, outside) and commas
- **Writing:** Play scripts - Children will look at the features of a play script and write their own scene from a play script. (Look at characters, plots, stage direction and perform scenes).
- We will complete **spellings from Schofield and Sims** - revision of topic words and shortened forms (you've, you'll, we've they'll).

**World Around Us:** Topic work: Complete 'World War 1' topic work. Complete work – what we have learned about WW1

**Other Information – Work, Trips, Visits etc.**

- Swimming – Thursday/Friday - £1.00 per session
- Tin whistle – Thursday - £1.00 per session
- P.E. – Friday
- P5 Fun day to be confirmed (*picnic in the park*)
- WW1 Enniskillen walk (to be confirmed)
- Sports Days (to be confirmed)

#### Primary 6

**Maths**

**Number:** Pupils will be completing work on fractions and moving onto decimals.



**Topic:** Pupils will be continuing work on data handling data focusing on bar line graphs, pictograms, pie charts, Carroll and Venn diagrams.

**English:** Pupils will understand possessive pronouns and possessive adjectives.

Pupils will complete some revision work for summer tests.

Written activities will focus on persuasive writing. (Adverts)

**Topic/World Around Us:** Pupils will continue work on the Vikings. They will focus on Viking Runes, weapons, clothes and Viking lifestyle.

**AR reading** – Pupils will set a new word count target for term 3.

#### **Homework:**

- Pupils will complete SPELLINGS daily at home. Learn and complete columns in spelling booklet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Complete sentences or meanings on Monday night. Revise all tables Thursday for Friday's test.
- Mental Arithmetic: Part A and Part B on Monday and Part C on Tuesday. Ensure key language is highlighted and corrections completed.
- Learn TABLES daily at home. (Topmarks 'Hit the Button' is great fun programme for doing this and pupils are familiar with this programme)
- Other short homework activities will be set occasionally.
- **READING:** Pupils are encouraged to read lots at home. (own books and books from school library at their AR level) Quizzes can be completed in school. Pupils are asked to complete one quiz per week minimum.
- **Transfer Work-** Pupils who have opted to do the Transfer test will complete additional revision packs at home and complete one practice paper per week in school.

**Trip:** A trip to Armagh Planetarium has been rescheduled for the pupils for Friday 27th May. Information/cost to follow.

#### **Primary 7**

**Literacy:** Novel Work- 'Boy' by Roald Dahl and related activities. Creating a range of poetry such as haiku and cinquains. Pupils will also be starting their 'Record of Achievements'.

**Numeracy:** Data Handling – Pupils will be completing bar chart, line graph and pie chart work linked to their rainforest topic.

**World Around Us:** Our topic this term is 'Rainforests'. Pupils will be creating their own video using green screen technology based around their learning on this topic.

**PE:** A rugby coach will take the pupils every Tuesday for their PE lesson beginning on the 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Reminder-** Encourage your child to gather any certificates or achievements that they wish to include in their Record of Achievement.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

- Thursday 12th May – Education Authority are hosting a Transition talk for each class.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Last swimming session.
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Love for Life talk for P7.

