



Week beginning Monday 5th March 2018

| Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th March | | • Parent & Teacher interviews. School will close for all pupils at 1pm |
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| Mon 5 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break money due: £6 - Pay canteen directly. Milk £4 for March – payable to office. • Recycling collection <u>ends</u> at 9am • Y4 at Kilonan Musical: the Wizard of Oz (£2.50 for bus) leaving 9.30 back 12 noon • No Y7 swimming • Friends of NR meeting 6pm re Easter Raffle | |
| Tues 6 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5-6-7 at Meadowbank for Read Right Run a marathon leaving 10am back for 12 noon (rescheduled) | |
| Wed 7 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eoin McNicholl (Ulster GAA) Y2: 9.15 & Y1 9.50am Y3: 10.45am • Violin lessons • Y6&7 Gaelic football session with St Mary's College coaches | |
| Thur 8 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book fair open for sales 1pm • Flute & Clarinet lessons • Y7 at Titanic trip with CPS – leave EARLY! (8.30am) | |
| Fri 9 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit Union Quiz team next stage in B'mena 8.40am-12.45 (rescheduled) • Guitar lessons | |
| Sun 11 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Mass (for those children making First Communion) 9am St Patrick's Church | |
| Tues 13 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day to purchase books from the book fair! | |
| Wed 14 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 (Bellaghy) Service of Light in NRPS 1.30pm with Msgr Dolan in New Row PS • Bridge Meeting 1 (repeat from December) 7pm, Bridge meeting 2@8pm (info overleaf) | |
| Fri 16 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Day 9.30am Y1-3 performances; 1.30pm Y4-7 performances. All welcome. | |
| Mon 19 th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closed | |
| Wed 21 st Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaelic Day – wear your jersey and join in the fun! | |

- Now due for March: **Milk money** (£4: pay office) & **Break money** (£6: pay canteen)
- **Parent Teacher interviews** are this week. Reminder: There is no facility to supervise children when parents are attending the interview unless they have been booked in to afterschool. *For their safety, please do not leave children unsupervised on school grounds.* Remember also that school will finish all week at 1pm. Afterschools must be booked before 10am to arrange staff. 1.15-3pm: £3 1.15-4pm: £5
- **Magherafelt junior parkrun**: Congratulations to Conn, Joseph, Ailis & Aoibhe C who took part in the first Magherafelt Junior Parkrun on Sunday. See overleaf for more information.
- All county **Gaelic Football Finals** Meadowbank were postponed last week. Rescheduled date to follow.
- **Credit Union Quiz** was also postponed and will now on Fri 9th March. Good luck to our young quizzers!
- **Bee safe**: Thanks to Mid Ulster Council for hosting this event for Y6&7 – lots to learn about staying safe!
- **Cancer Focus NI** visited all classes on Monday and it was a great opportunity to once again reinforce the healthy lifestyle message to all pupils.
- Thanks to **St Mary's Grammar School** for the invitation to their primary school blitz last Wednesday. The Y6&7 boys who attended had a great morning and there was lots of skill and talent on show.
- Our **Shared Education 'All Set' project** ended last week, when Y5 pupils came together with Y4&5 pupils from Castledawson to show parents and families what they had learned together. A great afternoon! Thanks to all those who could join us and well done to the pupils for their efforts.

Lots of information overleaf – please take time to read the info/updates. Please contact me with any queries. Many thanks for your continued support

St Malachy's Camogie Club

U6, 8 and 10 camogie training starts again Saturday mornings at the Brough from 11am until 12 noon. Please wrap up warm as we hope to be outside using the new Wall Ball but bring trainers for indoor use if needed. All newcomers most welcome. Anyone needing more details contact Kathy on 07970666340

****NEW** Magherafelt junior parkrun**

What is it? A 2k run for juniors only (4-14 year olds)
When? Every Sunday at 9:30am
Where? Polepatrick, Castledawson Road
What does it cost to join in?
 Nothing - it's free! but please register before your first run. Only ever register with parkrun once.
 Come along and join in whatever your pace!
 Visit parkrun.org.uk/magherafelt-juniors/ for more info

Holy Communion: Important dates

Bridge Mass (4) Sunday 11th March @ 9am
Bridge Mass (5) Sunday 29th April @ 9am
 All Parents and children should be present at the to prepare for The Sacrament of Holy Communion.
Bridge Meetings Church of the Assumption M'felt
Bridge Meeting 1 (for those who were unable to attend pre-Christmas): Wed 14 March 7.00 pm
Bridge Meeting 2: Wed 14 March, 8.00 pm (repeated Wednesday 15 March, 8.00 pm)
First Confession is on **Thur 22nd March** 7pm (Please wear uniform) Parents sit with their child.
First Communion 19th May at 11am.
 Any questions, feel free to ask Mrs Scullion.

Bridge Mass Sun 11th March 2018 @ 9am

| Roles | Parent/family member of: |
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| Organising children at start of mass | Thandi Hassan Aine Doyle |
| Preparation of Altar | Aoibhín McGlone |
| Readers (incl PoF) | PARISH READERS (ROTA) |
| Offertory Gifts (2 from each family) | Niamh Diamond Maya Gribbin |
| Organise final hymn | <i>Priest invites children out</i> |

Remember that the children:

- Process in together at the start of mass
- Come out at *Our Father* & back at *Lamb of God*
 Come out to sing the last hymn together

World Book Day 2018

Get Caught Reading Competition (Y4-7)

Time is running out to email/send in your pics of reading in your favourite place! £10 for book fair voucher to be won in every class for the most creative photo. Email kmcelroy543@c2kni.net

Bellaghy Parish: Important dates for Y7

Service of Light: Wed 14th March 1.30pm (school)
Retreat for Y7: Thur 12th April in Parish Centre
Confirmation: Tues 17th April, 5pm (St Mary's Church, Bellaghy)

Access to school update

You are aware that the parish has health and safety concerns about the use of the chapel steps. These steps were closed by the parish with immediate effect and we are attempting to come to terms with the implications of this as quickly as possible. We apologise for any short term inconvenience this may cause in the interim. We need help in finding a solution. To that end, we have contacted DENI and the education authority. The EA health and safety officer and a local MLA are both visiting the school on Tuesday. We will continue to listen to the views of parents and staff in trying to work together to find a satisfactory solution. All decisions will be made in the best interests of the children. In the meantime, the following arrangements are in place:

| Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 | Y7 |
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| Front of school | Classroom door | Front of school | Front of school | Gates at top of lane | | |

Please walk up to the top of the lane to collect your child. The bottom of the lane is steep and directly accesses the road and we have been advised is an unsafe 'hand over' point. I appreciate your patience and support as we work together to find a solution.

Lenten Charity Collection 2018

This year we are supporting the work of Mary Theresa Gribbin who is a regular volunteer in Nepal, helping in schools and villages. The School Council will help organise 3 themed non-uniform days to boost our efforts. On each day, the children are asked to donate 50p towards the collection. In the meantime, every class is asked to collect coppers and loose change in the specially designed boxes.

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| Fri 16 th March: Green Day | Wed 21 st March: Gaelic day | Wed 28 th March: Easter |
| Wear something green and join our St Patrick's Day celebrations | Wear your favourite Gaelic jersey & take part in games & activities | Non-uniform day to celebrate the end of Term 2 and Easter holidays |