



*We care*

*We share*

*We learn*

### Week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming</li> <li>Book fair open 2pm &amp; 3pm</li> </ul>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y5 Sport for Life 11am</li> <li>Last day to purchase books from the book fair! 2pm &amp; 3pm</li> </ul>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eoin McNicholl (Ulster GAA) Y2: 9.15 &amp; Y1 9.50am Y3: 10.45am</li> <li>Violin lessons</li> <li><b>Y5&amp;6</b> Gaelic football session with St Mary's College coaches – outdoor gear needed</li> <li>Y6 x 4 (Bellaghy Parish) prayer service in St Mary's Church Bellaghy-more info overleaf</li> <li>Y7 (Bellaghy) Service of Light 2.30pm with Msgr Dolan in New Row PS (note time)</li> <li>Bridge Meeting 1 (repeat from Dec 17) 7pm, Bridge meeting 2@8pm in Magherafelt</li> </ul>
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flute &amp; Clarinet lessons</li> <li>Y4 Fit for Life. Remember to wrap up and bring £2 for bus</li> <li>Bridge Meeting 2 (repeat of Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March) 7pm in Magherafelt</li> </ul>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guitar lessons</li> <li>Green Day 9.30am Y1-3 performances; 1.30pm Y4-7 performances. All welcome. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended minimum donation: 50p per child</li> </ul> </li> <li>St Patrick's Day Dinner</li> </ul>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed (St Patrick's Day holiday)</li> </ul>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaelic Day – wear your jersey and join in the fun!</li> </ul>
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First confession, St Patrick's Church, 7pm</li> </ul>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 Assembly 9.30am. All family and friends welcome. Over by 10am.</li> </ul>

- **Access to school** update – see overleaf.
- Well done Y4 for participating in the **Bridge mass** on Sunday. A great turn out. Only one more to go!
- **Quiz team:** Well done to Y7 Quizzers who represented Moyola & Toome District. Daire, Caitlin, Mia & Clíodhna were a credit to the school – and district!
- **Easter raffle:** See overleaf for more info – always a great chance to win and support our school! Please note: Friends of New Row are not asking parents to donate any prizes as we value your support in selling the tickets. Smaller local businesses will be asked for donations and already the prize list is super!
- **Recycling** raised £362.75. Thank you! This is an excellent amount and goes straight to funding our website. Remember to visit it regularly! Weekly note is on every Monday to help parents access information quickly. Another recycling collection is scheduled for the last week of June.
- **Read Right Run a marathon:** Y5-7 enjoyed their half-way visit to Meadowbank. Super times, too! Keep up the reading at home and all those good choices to do the right thing 😊
- **Social media** outside of school: Please see info overleaf. Schools often hear reports from parents about incidents and this is something the school cannot directly assist with. We encourage parents to do what they can to help their child stay safe online. Our planned weeks help reinforce online safety messages.
- Thanks to **Kilronan School** for their invitation to Wizard of Oz! Year 4 loved it – and seeing Pádraig, too!
- Y7's Shared Education trip to **Titanic Centre** with Castledawson PS last week was a great success. Lots of information overleaf – please take time to read the info/updates. Please contact me with any queries. Many thanks for your continued support

### Bridge meetings reminder

Fr Gates has asked that we remind all parents of children making First Communion about the upcoming Bridge meetings. He expects all parents to attend two meetings if they wish for their child to receive First Communion in the parish. Meeting 1 was held before Christmas. As this was difficult for some to attend (during a period of snow), Fr Gates will repeat this on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March in Church of the Assumption, Magherafelt at 7pm. Meeting 2 will take place immediately after this repeat, at 8pm. Meeting 2 will also be repeated on Thursday night at 7pm.

### St Mary's Church, Bellaghy: Visiting Icon

During the Year of the Family, a special icon is travelling around different diocese in Ireland, visiting Derry throughout March. This week it arrives in Bellaghy Parish. Schedule:

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm: Reception of Icon and Mass.

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March: 9.30am: Mass, 1.30pm: Prayer Service 7.30pm: Penitential Service/Confessions.

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> March: 9.30am: Mass & departure of Icon

A small number of Year 6 pupils from Bellaghy Parish will travel to St Mary's for the prayer service on Wednesday.

*The parish of Bellaghy encourages as many people as possible to visit St Mary's during this time. More information on Bellaghy Parish Newsletter, website and Facebook page.*



### FRIENDS OF NEW ROW

#### Easter Draw

After our very successful draws in previous years, we are running this again. The funds raised will help refurbish all the classes.

Already we have a number of hampers and gift vouchers as prizes. The prizes will be displayed at the front office and tickets bought in school also.

a book later in the week, with a max of three books per family. Many thanks to *Forbes Furniture* for sponsoring the tickets. Once sold, the completed stubs and money should be returned to the office.

Also, additional books are available from the office. The raffle will be held on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at a special assembly at 1pm. Many thanks again for your continued support. Already we are seeing the benefits of our efforts and it's great that our children are the real winners. **Mrs Sinead Campbell** (Chairperson)

### Your child's online world

(advice adapted from nspcc.org.uk)

We talk to children about crossing the road, bullying and speaking to strangers. But what about staying safe in the digital world?

It can be hard to keep track of what your child is doing on social networks, apps and games. Or know how to keep them safe. Just like in real life, kids need your help to stay safe online.

Having regular conversations about what your child is doing online - just like you would their day at school - is the best way to keep them safe.

You'll be able to spot any problems, encourage them to come to you if they're worried and make sure they know what's ok to share online - and what's not. Talk to them about what to do if they see something they don't like online.

You can find out more about the social networks, apps and games your child uses by visiting

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)



### Access to school update

Mrs Orla Martin, EA health and safety officer and Patsy McGlone MLA visited the school on Tuesday. They are very sympathetic to the challenges for pedestrians on our site and minimising the danger for children. Mrs Orla Martin completed a Health & Safety report which has been forwarded to DENI and CCMS. Personnel from DENI will visit the site this week to see first-hand the challenges we face and help us come to a resolution as quickly as possible. A separate letter will be issued to all parents today (Monday) outlining some changes to the arrangements we are putting in place. Once again, I appreciate your patience and support as we work together to find a satisfactory solution. We will continue to listen to the views of parents and staff and all decisions will be made in the best interests of the children.

### Lenten Charity Collection 2018; Remember to send in your coppers!

We are supporting volunteer work in Nepal, helping schools and villages in need.

Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> March: Green Day	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> March: Gaelic day	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> 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