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We learn

Week beginning Monday 20th June 2016

Mon 20 th June	Y3&4 School Trip to Carnfunnock Park. Y5 Swimming – last day
Tues 21 st June	St Patrick's College Camogie competition at Glen, Maghera (12 girls)
Wed 22 nd June	Special Dinner: Olympics Theme Assembly for Sports Awards 1.15pm (See overleaf)
Thurs 23 rd June	Health Action Zone Workshops in school Y6 Science Workshop in St Pius X College (back for dinner) Violin exams (morning) Y7 End of Year Assembly and awards ceremony 1.15pm (See overleaf) Y7 parents/family very welcome to attend. (Only Y7 will be taking part)
Fri 24 th June	P4 Fit for Life Celebration Day - £2 for bus and bring a packed lunch

Dates for your diary:

Mon 27 th June	NEW ROW BOOKATHON SPONSORED WALK @ 1PM No swimming for Y5 Last day of Parent & Toddlers
Tues 28 th June	All Sponsor Forms to be returned today! End of year mass 10am (in St Patrick's Church) – everyone welcome Prepay dinner for Wednesday
Wed 29 th June	9.30am: Special Assembly: Beginners' Concert for all Y3&4 who began lessons this year in flute, violin, clarinet, tin whistle. New Guitars also. Families and friends welcome. Sponsored Walk Prize giving
Thur 30 th June	School closes at 11am

Updates from last week

- Y5 were special guests last week at a **launch of book of poetry** featuring their work. This event was held in Glenavon, Cookstown and organised by Mid Ulster as part of a Seamus Heaney Centre project
- Our **Shared Education programme** with Castledawson PS is now complete for the year. We look forward to extending this project next year, with more classes involved.
- We were delighted to support **St Malachy's GAC under 14 footballers** last week with our non-uniform day. The footballers are travelling to Limerick on Friday to compete in the Feile weekend. Thanks to all who contributed and wore their favourite jersey.

Other information

- See overleaf for details of **end of year events** and school holidays for next year.
- Marie & Angela have organised a **Rio Olympics** themed dinner this Wednesday. On your behalf I would like to thank Marie & Angela for all their support throughout the year. Next week dinners will end on Wednesday. The last day to pay for dinners is Tuesday 28th June. Any dinner for Wednesday 29th must be prepaid on Tuesday.
- All **outstanding money owed** for dinners, breaks, trips etc. needs to be settled as a matter of urgency so we can finalise accounts. We appreciate your assistance and please do not hesitate in speaking with me if there is any issue about this.
- Only one week to go to our New Row **BOOKATHON!** Important information and reminders overleaf

Many thanks for your continued support

School opening and holidays 2016-17

Wed 31st August: School opens for all Y1 & Y7 pupils only 9.15-12 noon

(no breakfast club or canteen break)

Thur 1st Sept: School reopens for all other pupils – including breakfast club and afterschools club (normal school day except for P1)

Sept	Fri 30 th : No pupils – only staff in school
Oct	Mon 31 st (1 st day of Mid-term break)
Nov	Tues 1 st – Fri 4 th (Mid-term break)
Dec	Fri 23 rd – 11am finish Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th (Christmas holidays)
Jan	Mon 2 nd – Wed 4 th (Christmas holidays) Thurs 5 th : No pupils – only staff in school Children return on Fri 6 th Jan
Feb	Mon 20 th & Tues 21 st : Mid-term break Wed 22 nd No pupils –staff training
Mar	Fri 17 th (St Patrick's Day)
Apr	Thur 13 th – 11am finish Fri 14 th – Fri 21 st (Easter holidays)
May	Mon 1 st (May Bank Holiday) Fri 26 th : No pupils – only staff in school Mon 29 th – Wed 31 st (Mid-term break)
Jun	Thurs 1 st & Fri 2 nd (Mid-term break) Fri 30 th – 11am finish
One additional staff training day still to be allocated. These dates are subject to change.	

Eco Schools Green Flag Award!



Congratulations to our Eco Council and Mr McIver on the successful renewal of our Green Eco School Flag. The assessors spent Thursday afternoon touring the school and interviewing the Eco Council. They also visited rooms and talked to pupils and staff about our eco-priorities.

It is an honour for the school to retain this status. Well done to everyone involved – we all played a part!

Cumann na mBunscol Croke Park Honour

Congratulations to Kate Connery, Y7 pupil, who has been selected to play at National Level in Croke Park. Kate will take part in the mini-sevens, played at half time during the All Ireland Hurling Semi-Final on August 7th. This is an honour for Kate, the school and her club. It rounds off a great year for the girls, following their success at both county and Ulster level. Have a day to remember, Kate!

New Row BOOKATHON

Monday 27th June

Leaving School at 1pm

Only one week to go to our New Row **BOOKATHON!** We will walk to the Hillhead and back. Any parent or family member who is free is very welcome to join us and all helping hands would be much appreciated.

Bookathon sponsor forms: All families should have their sponsor forms now so please help by getting as many sponsors as possible. In every class, all returned forms will be entered into a draw, as well as a prize for the most sponsorship. This is our last fundraiser of the year and it should be a great afternoon for a great cause.



End of Year Events

Wed 22nd June at 1.15pm: Sports Awards assembly
There will be an assembly to present the sports awards with only invited guests (governors) and the parents of those children winning expected to attend. They have been notified.

Thurs 23rd June at 1.15pm: Year 7 Leavers' Assembly. Only Year 7s, their families and invited guests (Board of Governors) will be in attendance.

Tuesday 28th June at 10am: End of year mass Awards for attendance will be presented at the end of year mass. Everyone very welcome to attend – including extended families of all children.

Wednesday 29th June at 9.30: Beginners' Concert
A special assembly for all those P3&4 pupils who have only begun to play an instrument this year, with a few extra songs thrown in, too! Their parents are welcome to attend also.

Thank you, teacher!

Many of you offer gifts to school staff at the end of the year. The staff has asked me to pass on their thanks for the lovely sentiments. However, they are keen that parents would not go to undue expense. A simple card, letter or drawing from your child would be a lovely way to show your appreciation and mark moving on to their next class.