



# Community Newsletter

Summer 2018

The end of another year! There have been lots to celebrate and we thank you for taking the time to read about it and share our pride of pupils, staff and all connected with NR. Have a lovely summer and see you all again in September! *Mrs D Graffin (Principal)*

## Leaver Awards 2018

We said goodbye to our Year 7 pupils who will be moving on to post primary schools in September. They have been a truly great bunch and will be missed for their helpfulness, enthusiasm and caring ways. Every Y7 pupil received a special 'Leaver Award 2018' presented by Chairperson of Friends of New Row, Mrs Marianne Cushley at the special Leavers' assembly. These awards are specific to each child, highlighting what we believe is a strength to be celebrated. Perpetual awards were also presented.



**Father Moore Shield:** Helpful, caring & considerate to others - *Sara Hutchinson & Ronan Diamond*

**Theresa Halferty Memorial Cup:** Creativity in the Arts  
*Danielle Boyle & Cliodhna Diamond*

**Canice Mullan Memorial Cup:** Endeavour and hard work  
*Oliver Lupari & Hannah McLarnon*

**Credit Union Cup:** Personality of the Year  
*Tomas Doyle & Caitlin Craig*

**Thank you – Thank you – Thank you!**

A huge thanks to all who have supported us throughout the year. It has been a very busy one, but with incredible pupils, staff and parents it has been very successful. A special word of thanks to all our staff, who work so tirelessly to ensure all children get the very best. We are blessed with supportive parents who work in close partnership with the school. Thanks once again to our Friends of New Row for their commitment to helping us get the very best for our children. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Marianne Cushley as Chairperson. One of her first jobs was to thank outgoing chairperson Mrs Sinead Campbell for her dedication, support and enthusiasm over the past 3 years.



## We've been awarded Sustrans Bronze Level!



This is presented to a school that has worked to bring about some organisational, cultural and behavioural changes which help the school community choose to travel in more active and sustainable ways. Well done to everyone and keep it up!





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## Year 1 Assembly

Congratulations to our youngest children who prepared and delivered a beautiful assembly to finish off the year. The theme was 'Be who you are' and there was lots to celebrate! The children also told us about jobs they might do when they grow up. Lots of very proud family members – and staff!



## Year 2 Assembly

Well done also to our Year 2 pupils. Their assembly theme was Mary & Mothers. It was really a very special assembly with prayers, songs and a little gift for their mothers. Oh how they have grown up since last year!



## NRPS pupils Read, Right & Run a Marathon!

A marathon is 26.2 miles long and at the end of the programme each child had read at least 26 books, completed 26 good deeds (rights) and ran 26 miles, completing 1 mile each week since the programme started in October. The final



marathon mile was timed at Meadowbank Sports Arena and the majority of children obtained a PB (personal best), some beating their half marathon mile time by as much as 4 minutes! Well done to you all!

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**Sports Awards 2018:** Well done to all our winners. Sports day was a great success, with every child recognised for their efforts. Many thanks to DJ Donard for making it fun for everyone!



**Sports Day award**  
Team Brazil

**Infant Athlete**  
Phelim Kealey  
**Junior Athlete**  
Eadhaoín Bradley  
**Senior Athlete**  
Joseph Keenan



## First Communion

Congratulations to all our boys and girls who received First Communion in May. They were a credit to their families and all the staff of New Row who helped prepare the children. Thanks to Fr Branigan for his spiritual direction and support. Thanks also to *Friends of NR* for all their help in the school afterwards and to Marie & Jacqueline in the kitchen.

## Choir & Musicians 2018: Year 5, 6 & 7

We had excellent support from our First Communion choir! The families of NR came out in great numbers to help us on their very special day.







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## New Row Bookathon is a huge success!

The New Row community rounded off the year with our annual 'Bookathon' sponsored walk to raise funds for reading material. All classes Y1-7 walked to the Hillhead and back, joined by parents and friends of New Row. It was a beautiful afternoon and we made the most of the good weather and enjoyed a treat in the playground when we returned. Many thanks to everyone for their support – we raised an amazing £2047.18!



## Shared Education

Congratulations to Y7 who hosted a Shared Education Coffee Morning with Y6&7 from Castledawson PS last week. The purpose was to celebrate all the joint work completed by Y3-7 throughout the year. Thanks to Colin for the use of Christ Church Hall, everyone who came along and Shared Education coordinators in both New Row PS and Castledawson PS. Thanks also to Kelly's Eurospar for sponsoring all the drinks and buns enjoyed by everyone!



## Dates for your diary:

Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	School opens for all Y1&7 pupils only 9.15-12 noon.
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> August	School reopens for all other pupils – closing at 2pm for <u>all</u> Y2-7
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mass 9.45am - all welcome
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Parent & Toddlers resumes 9.15-11am. Everyone welcome!

## Save the date:

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October we are organising a special event to mark the building work and the life of the school – 50 years since the last significant building project when the dining hall was added. We hope to have a mass followed by a reception back in the school when our guests will have time to visit the rooms, catch up with old friends, share memories and look at old photos etc. We want lots of community involvement, so please watch out for more news near the end of the summer.

*Wishing you a happy and restful Summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September*