



*We care*

*We share*

*We learn*

**Week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017: eSafety Focus Week 3**

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent &amp; Toddler group 9.15-11am</li> <li>• Indoor Hurling &amp; Girls' Football tournament, Meadowbank 10am</li> <li>• Swimming for Y7 – remember £2, swim gear and goggles(&amp; hat for girls)</li> <li>• Friends of New Row meeting <b>6.00pm</b></li> <li>• Irish Dancing in school 6pm – beginners always welcome</li> <li>• NR Runners can join Alison Meadowbank 6.45pm, St Malachy's Adult Classes 7.30pm</li> </ul>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y6 &amp; 7 Hurling &amp; Camogie (in school). Bring PE gear (&amp; helmet/hurl if have one)</li> </ul>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Afterschool Activities for Term 2: Registration from 8.50am</li> <li>• New Row Runners – meet 5.15pm sharp in Meadowbank</li> <li>• RESCHEDULED – St Patrick's College Maghera Open Night 7-10pm, main building</li> </ul>
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seamus Heaney Homeplace launch of Education Programme (with 2 x Y7 pupils)</li> <li>• Y4 &amp; 5 Hurling &amp; Camogie (during school). Bring PE gear (&amp; helmet/hurl if have one)</li> <li>• 7.30pm: Piloxing continues in hall</li> </ul>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 3 assembly 9.30am – all parents and family of Y3 very welcome (over by 10am)</b></li> <li>• St Malachy's GAC Adult Fitness Classes 7.30pm</li> </ul>
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results of Y7 GL transfer exam received by post</li> </ul>
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y4 Bridge mass <b>9.30am</b> – Catholic Schools' Week begins</li> <li>• Friends of New Row Big Breakfast in school hall 9-12.30pm. See you there!</li> </ul>

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IN NEW ROW</li> <li>• Credit Union Quiz (8xY7)</li> <li>• Afterschool activities begin: Week 1 of 6</li> </ul>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grandparents' Afternoon 1.15pm. Know a grandparent free? Letter to follow this wk</li> </ul>
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y1-7 visiting St Patrick's Church with Fr Branigan as part of Catholic Schools Week</li> </ul>
w/b 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 transfer interviews – times will be sent to parents next week</li> </ul>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> -Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb: School closed (Mid Term & teacher training day)	
27 Feb- 1 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent/Teacher interviews. School will close at 1.15pm.</li> </ul>
MONTHLY MASS NEW DATES FOR TERM 2	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb @ 9.45am	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March @ 9.45am	
<b>New Row Runners: Church Island 10k &amp; 5K run/walk Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 12 Noon</b>	

- This is **NRPS eSafety Focus Week 3**. That means all Y1-7 will be undertaking eSafety lessons this week.
- Thank you to all parents who have completed the **Anti-bullying survey** so far. We are going to close this on Wednesday, so please take just 5 mins before then to help us. *If you didn't receive a link via your mobile phone, please contact the office asap as we may have incorrect contact details*
- Focus on **attendance**. We have been advised by Education Welfare to monitor absences. Please make sure your child is at school and arrives on time to ensure they do not miss out on important classwork. We will begin monthly class awards for the class with best attendance. However, if your child is sick, the best place for them is home. Allow 24-48 hours after vomiting/diarrhoea before returning.
- **Year 7 transfer forms** need to be completed within the next few weeks. Blank forms will be sent home this week, along with an interview time. Times for other parent/teacher interviews will follow later.
- **Friends of New Row: BIG BREAKFAST**. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered so far to help out on Sun 29<sup>th</sup> January. There is still time to volunteer – we're very grateful for all help!

Many thanks for your continued support

# FRIENDS OF NEW ROW BIG BREAKFAST

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9am – 12.30pm

£5 adult. £3 child

Everyone very welcome

9.30am Mass - come early/late & avoid the crowd



**Bridge Mass Sun 29<sup>th</sup> January, 9.30am (Castledawson) – Fr Gates asks that ALL P4s attend**

	Parent/family member of:
Preparation of Altar	Darcey Hassan & Kieran Lupari
First reading & Responsorial Psalm	Ailis McElroy
Second Reading & Alleluia	Aoibh Shivers
Prayers of Faithful	Max McLarnon & Aoife Heasley
Offertory Gifts	Warren Bothwell & Chloe McIvor



## St Malachy's GAC Underage Football for Under 8-10-12

Begins again Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January in Lavey Arena

3-4pm: Under 8/10 (P3, 4, 5 & 6) 4-5pm: Under 12 (P7 & Year 8) - £5 for 4 weeks  
(P1&2 begins Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – details to follow)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...US!

We were delighted to be awarded the prestigious Beacon School Award in Leadership in eLearning by iTeach last week.

Led by ICT coordinator Mrs Michelle Diamond, staff worked to share samples of their classroom work by creating an online portfolio. We also submitted evidence of the impact ICT and the use of iPads has had on the quality of learning and teaching. Congratulations to all staff and pupils.

This has only been possible due to the enhanced Wi-Fi connection and upgraded technology we enjoy as a result of the funds raised by FRIENDS OF NEW ROW. Thank you...definitely a team effort to help us be the #bestschool 😊



### Statement from iTeach:

On behalf of the Managing Director Mr Patrick McGrath and iTeach team, it gives me great pleasure as Director of Education to congratulate you in obtaining an **iTeach Beacon Award: Leadership in eLearning**. Particular points of reference in your application were:

- Strong leadership and vision in improving standards with technology with the iPad from the Principal.
- Shared vision of all stakeholders in the school community to embed the use of technology effectively.
- A strong and effective team of pupil Digital Leaders that inspire pupils and teachers in the use of technology.
- A clear commitment to staff development with attendance at a number of appropriate conferences.
- Staff have taken part in regular internal meetings sharing good practice.
- Regular internal development through classroom observations and team teaching mentoring sessions from the Digital Leadership team.
- Evidence of excellent work from pupils using technology across all curriculum areas.
- Analysis of qualitative and quantitative data indicating the positive impact of the use of technology in learning and teaching.