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*We care*

*We share*

*We learn*

### Week beginning Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharmacist Sarah McKenna visiting all classes re Care in the Sun</li> <li>Y5 begin swimming - £2, hat and towel. (£1 for locker – refundable)</li> </ul>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Gaelic Football for Y6 &amp; Y7 in school</li> </ul>
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CLOSING DATE: MICHAEL MORPURGO COMP. Email pics to <a href="mailto:kmcelroy543@c2kni.net">kmcelroy543@c2kni.net</a> Please check out the website for more information – not in, can't win!!</li> <li>Year 4 Fit for Life – Bring £2 and wear warm clothes!</li> <li>All-county football festival in Owenbeg. 2 teams (1xGirls, 1xBoys) of Y7 pupils</li> <li>NR RUNNERS get up &amp; running again! 5.15pm in Meadowbank – info overleaf</li> </ul>
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4 Shared Education Workshop (in NRPS)</li> <li>No Gaelic Football for Y4 &amp; Y5 in school</li> <li>Health Visitor Bernie McGoldrick visiting Y1 as part of 'Babies' topic</li> <li>Service of Light for Y7 (M'felt parish) 7pm in Church of the Assumption, M'felt</li> <li>NO Piloxing. New block begins Thur 4<sup>th</sup> May in hall @ 7.30pm. £20 for 5-weeks.</li> </ul>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Shared Education Workshop (in CPS)</li> </ul>
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Bridge mass for Y4 pupils receiving First Communion &amp; their families @ 9am</li> </ul>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY</li> </ul>
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1-3 hurling &amp; camogie taster morning with St Malachy's CC &amp; Ulster GAA</li> </ul>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIRST FRIDAY MASS (Fr Branigan) 9.45am. Parents/families &amp; friends of NR welcome</li> </ul>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health awareness week begins</li> </ul>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y2 Assembly 9.30am. All parents/families of Y2 welcome. Over by 10am</li> </ul>
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> May: First Communion 11am      Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May: Confirmation in Magherafelt 3pm	
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May: School closed for pupils; Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM</b>	

- **Holy Thursday mass.** I was very proud of all pupils who turned out in such great numbers to help with parish celebrations on Holy Thursday. Their singing and participation was as a highlight of the service.
  - **Friends of New Row Easter Draw.** What an amazing response! See overleaf for a full update.
  - **Sal's Shoes Appeal:** Sending shoes to children in Syria. We are helping out! More info to follow.
  - Collection of unwanted, clean, reusable clothes to raise funds with **Alltex Recycling** begins next week.
  - May break money: £6 (pay Marie) & May milk: £4 (pay in office). Both due at the end of this week.
  - Lenten Coppers Campaign: **Chernobyl Children's Charity** LAST WEEK! Bucket now at front door.
- Many thanks for your continued support

**Mrs Deirdre Graffin**      Principal

### NRPS Health Awareness Week 2017: Working together for healthy bodies & minds

Our second annual Health Awareness Week kicks off on Monday 8th May. The theme, 'Working together for healthy bodies and minds' intends to illustrate how many people, professions and support organisations work to promote positive lifestyles.

*Can you help? Do you work in a health-related role?*

Would you be able to give up an hour of your time to help pass on valuable information and even inspire young minds to follow your career path? Don't be nervous about your audience! They are young, enquiring minds and we promise you will be able to answer any questions they ask!

We are suggesting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May for a whole-school focus on health awareness. However, doesn't suit, please suggest another date/time as this might suit us better, too! Please complete and return the slip overleaf. We appreciate all support.

## Bridge Mass Sun 30<sup>th</sup> April, 9.00am (Castledawson) – Fr Gates asks that ALL P4s attend

	Parent/family member of:
Preparation of Altar	Ailis McElroy & Kieran Lupari
First reading & Responsorial Psalm	Aoibheann Diamond
Second Reading & Alleluia	Ellie Hughes-McFadden
Prayers of Faithful	Odhran Tennyson & Christin/Donnacha McConnell
Offertory Gifts	Orlaith Diamond & Conor Kennedy

*Remember mass is at the earlier time of 9am. Family members always welcome in the choir.*

### **NEW ROW RUNNERS get UP & RUNNING again!**

After our hugely successful New Row Runners' initiative in term 2 we have decided to keep on running for another term!

Everyone is welcome to attend our after school running programme in which we encourage our children in years 5, 6 and 7 and their families and friends to come along and train together to improve their running fitness.

It starts on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Meadowbank Sport's Arena in Magherafelt and runs for 9 weeks from 5.15 - 6.15pm. It costs £15 per person and £30 per family. New Row children from years 5, 6 and 7 can attend for free!! It is led by a fully qualified and experienced athletics coach and is lots of fun for everyone. Many term 2 runners are coming back to try to improve their 5k running times and we would also love to welcome some new runners in term 3. All running abilities will be catered for. Registration forms can be obtained in school from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April or at Meadowbank from 5pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Looking forward to seeing lots of pupils, families and friends of New Row there.



## Friends of New Row



### **Easter Draw: THANK YOU!**

We were delighted with the success of our Easter Raffle. You helped us raise £2,210 which will be put to excellent use by the school. The focus is on new Maths teaching materials to help provide more up to date lessons and activities for all pupils.

*Thank you to all the businesses and friends of New Row for their donations*

If any business or anyone is missing, let us know immediately so we can ensure they are recognised.

**Amy Rose Flowers - Ash Blondes - Barber Shop - Bellaghy Pharmacy**

**Burns & Co (Draperstown) - Castledawson Pharmacy - District 45 - El Toro Restaurant**

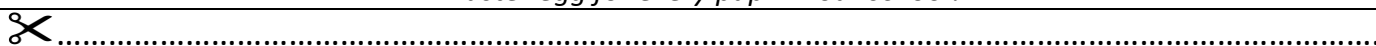
**Gems - Lloyds Pharmacy - Mary Keenan (Massage) - Mossview Potatoes - Muldoon's**

**O'Brien's Pharmacy - Serephina Boutique (Cookstown) - Specsavers - Sportique**

**The Ramble Inn - The Inn - Vivo Castledawson - Vivo Granville**

**...and all the gifts donated by generous parents, families and friends of New Row**

*Thanks also to Bedroom and Beds for sponsoring the tickets and a special Easter Bunny who delivered an Easter egg for every pupil in our school!*



## **NRPS Health Awareness Week 2017: Working together for healthy bodies and minds**

### **PLEASE RETURN TO MRS GRAFFIN BY FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

I would be able to arrange to visit the school and talk about an aspect of Health Awareness on Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May from 11am-12 noon. <i>(If this date/time doesn't suit, please suggest another during this week)</i>	
<b>Name of parent/volunteer</b>	<b>Contact number</b>
<b>Job role</b>	<b>Possible focus of short talk</b>