



Dear Parents, Guardians and friends of St. Joseph's,

We have had a very busy term and it is hard to believe it is almost Easter!

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

Please find below the dates we have left this year's sacramental programme as agreed with the Parish. These will be in every newsletter for your information and any changes will be sent immediately by text.

#### **P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)**

**9 April at 1.30** Sacrament of First Penance. P3 Children should be collected from school at 12.00 and should come to the church at 1.15 for the sacrament with their parents.

The P.7 Children were a real credit to the school during the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. We are very proud of them and congratulate all of the children from the Parish who made the ceremony so special.



Pledge Mass for all children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation will be in St. Joseph's Church on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm following a retreat morning. This is an important part of the Sacrament and parents are welcome to attend the mass.

#### **P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

29/30 April 6-7pm Parents can take children to Confession to prepare for Communion in St Joseph's Church.



04 May 11am First Communion

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 11am Corpus Christi Mass – Children to attend in First Communion outfits

### **WORKING TOGETHER/Shared Education**

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our P.3 and P.5 Shared Education celebration events- we hope you enjoyed seeing all of your children's hard work!

The P4 classes are working on their topic of World War 2 and parents will also be invited to share in all of their work- watch for seesaw and text messages for updates! The P4 children had a lovely time at War Years Remembered- it really brought the era alive for them!

### **WRAPAROUND CARE**

Due to a low uptake of places, wraparound will not operate during the Easter holidays. It will run as usual when the children return to school.

### **PTA**

Many thanks to all of the parents and friends who attended the Starbucks quiz. It was a lovely night and great craic for all involved!!

The PTA will be planning for our Summer Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> June again after the Easter break. As last year, there will be bouncy castles, BBQ, bottle stall, tombola and much more. We would love as many people as possible to attend. It was a very successful event last year and it was lovely to see all of our families having a great time! If you feel that you would like to help out in any way at all, please let us know or attend any of the PTA meetings. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm**. We have almost 300 families but only a small number attend the meetings to make all these events possible. The PTA is invaluable in supporting the school not only with funding for special items such as new smartboards but also in giving up their time to help with events. **All** of the children benefit from their help and it would be lovely to get a little bit more support. All new members and helpers welcome!!

### **GOOD NEWS** [rtreacy776@c2kni.net](mailto:rtreacy776@c2kni.net)

We have a lot of news to include and catch up on so this section will be busy!!

Firstly, a big congratulations to Mrs McNeice who welcomed baby Jack, Mrs Kearney who welcomed baby Mollie, Miss Martin who had baby Ivy and Miss Rowan who had baby Kyle this year. We are delighted for them!



Well done to Cailin and Niamh from P6 who attended the Action MS lunch to celebrate their fundraising- thank you girls!

Congratulations again to Niamh from P6- she is part of the Tir Na Nog Gaelic football team in Randalstown who have been selected to represent County Antrim at Croke Park to play at half time on the 15<sup>th</sup> April. We wish her all the best of luck!!

Well done to all who took part in World Book Day Celebrations- we hope you all remembered to use your vouchers for a free book!

### Great Job Cheerleaders!!

A Massive well done to our Cheerleading Team who attended the Antrim and Newtownabbey Council Active Schools Cheerleading Competition. As the only school they received a free coaching course with Cheerleading UK! We know how much hard work has gone into the performance and we are so proud of you all and of your coach, Mrs Brash, of course!!



### CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to all who have been supporting Action Cancer and Trocaire through the many Easter Egg Ballots going on in school.

### ECO SCHOOLS

Congratulations to all of the children who travelled by bike, scooter or flicker for Bling Your Bike Day- it was a great event and hopefully more and more children will be able to travel this way to school to improve their health and the environment. Just remember your helmets and road safety!!



Thank you to everyone for supporting Down Syndrome day by wearing weird and wonderful socks! Some of our pictures were even on the Education Authority twitter page!



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please look out for our regular texts for reminders and notifications of new events as the term progresses.

**Thursday 11 April**- Autism workshop in Greystone P.S. 6-9pm. This is an excellent opportunity for any parents whose children have been diagnosed or are interested in knowing more about Autism to meet a whole range of professionals and support groups. We would strongly encourage anyone with an interest to attend.

**Monday 15 April** Golf Taster Day

**Monday 15 April** P1 Trip to the farm

**Thursday 18 April**- 11.30 early finish for the Easter Holidays as canteen are closed this day. Children return to school on Monday 29 April.

**Monday 6 May**– School closed for Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 7 May**- Start of Scholastic book fair

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** Fitness Freddy-Sponsored Fun fitness day.

**Friday 17 May** P7 MFT one mile challenge

**Monday 27-Friday 31 May** – School Closed

**We hope you have a very safe, happy and holy Easter**



**Holy Week**



# St. Joseph's Mathematicians

Term 2

2018/2019

## Welcome to our Term 2 Newsletter!

Once again there has been lots of Mathematics and Numeracy activities taking place in St. Joseph's this term. The children have been working very hard in the area of problem solving and have been learning about different strategies which they can use to solve a problem. On the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 every class in the school marked the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School with some exciting and practical maths activities. You will see some of the activities in this newsletter. Can you see anyone you know?

There has been lots of excitement in Key Stage 2 about learning times tables! the children have been using the Times Tables Rockstars programme to develop their speed and fluency with their multiplication facts. We use the programme in class, but many of the children have been using the app at home to practice their facts. They are showing wonderful progress in their speeds and are aiming to move up to the status of 'Rock hero!' all children in Primary 5-7 have a log in for the app which can be used on a tablet or desktop computer any time at home. Read some of the comments from Primary 5 below. We are looking forward to continuing to see the improvements in their Rockstar status! Keep up the great work. Miss Keenan

Primary 5 are working really hard to improve their knowledge of multiplication facts. Look at all of those certificates!



I enjoy challenging myself to get a faster speed. Myles

I love when my status changes!  
Chloe

I love competing with others.  
Murad



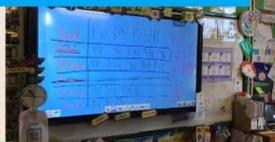
I like earning coins and getting new outfits for my avatar Rockstar!  
Amelia





Primary 6 completed lots of activities based on the number 100. They completed an outdoor PE lesson whereby we carried out 100 warm-up exercises (10 sets of 10) before measuring 100 metres and taking part in a running race. They used IPads to search items they needed using the Tesco website and even found some brilliant offers! Party planners in the making! Some of the children found it hard to spend so much money, while others found it hard to stick to a budget!

**100TH DAY OF SCHOOL!**

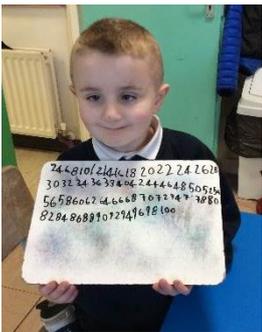


**HOW MANY COLOURS IN A BAG OF 100 SKITTLES?**



**Primary 4**

# 100<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL



In Primary 3 the children played lots of maths games based on the number 100.



In Primary 7 the children estimated how many rolls of a die would take them to 100. They then checked their predictions.

