

St. Colman's Primary School
and
All Saints' Nursery Unit
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Progress Through Partnership, Leading To Excellence



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Vision statement: To be an inclusive, caring School where childhood and community are valued; one which inspires learning for life and develops the personal qualities needed to succeed in a rapidly changing world. This vision will be best realised as we undergo a continual journey of **progress through partnership, leading to excellence.**

January Update

Happy New Year and welcome back to an exciting new term at St. Colman's Primary School and All Saints' Nursery Unit. Make sure you have downloaded the school app. 121 if you have already and our good name continues to grow through word of mouth and through offering the world a brilliant portal into our school.



Parental Survey 2018

The Governing Body of St. Colman's Primary School and All Saints' Nursery Unit believe that only by understanding and acting upon perceptions and beliefs of the parents of the school can the school be improved.

It therefore regularly seeks the opinions of parents by undertaking a formal survey of all parents, approximately every two years. Consultation can happen informally, on the playground, or formally through a written survey. We consult parents on a range of important issues. Consultation can happen informally, on the

Breakfast Club

Continues to be a huge hit with our children and is the perfect start to the school day.

Single child: £1.00

Two or more children from the same family: £2.00

ASC - Fee £2.00/day for each child.
(NURSERY – P3 1.45pm – 2.35pm)

EASC (NURSERY – P7 2.35pm-6pm) - Fee £10 per session (2.35pm up to 6pm)/6 per ½ session (2.35pm up to 4pm.)



Silver



playground, or formally through a written survey. Thank you very much to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire this year (October 2018) we received 46 responses.

Again, there were some lovely comments, which have been shared with staff and governors. and some responses that have given us strategic thought for improvement, you will hopefully see the evidence of this as the academic year progresses.

Any further comments, you wish you had written, please do not hesitate to catch me in the school playground or make an appointment to see me. My door is always open and I welcome all opinions from parents (positive or improvements needed). I shall always listen and your views will be respected, it is essential we work together to ensure St. Colman's Primary School and All Saints' Nursery Unit is the best it can be for everyone.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at this school	91%	9%	0%	0%
My child feels safe at this school	100%	0%	0%	0%
My child makes good progress at this school	74%	26%	0%	0%
My child is well looked after at this school	83%	17%	0%	0%
My child is taught well at this school	78%	22%	0%	0%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	55%	33%	6%	6%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	85%	11%	4%	0%
This school deals effectively with bullying	78%	22%	0%	0%
This school is well led and managed	87%	13%	0%	0%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	68%	30%	2%	0%
The schools move to social media and the app has improved home/school communication	94%	6%	0%	0%
The school offers a broad and balanced curriculum both in school and extra-curricular	76%	24%	0%	0%
I would always recommend this school to another parent	91%	9%	0%	0%
I am always made to feel welcome at our school	91%	9%	0%	0%
The school website keeps me informed of relevant Policies e.g. Child Protection, Behaviour, Trips, etc	81%	19%	0%	0%

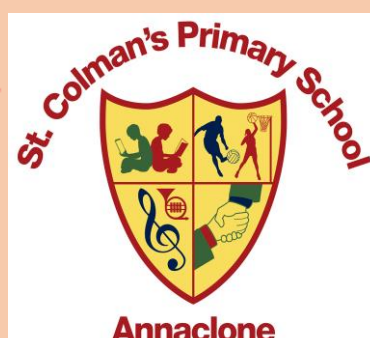
Links between school & local community are good	91%	9%	0%	0%
The school supports well children who have additional educational needs	81%	19%	0%	0%
Through Shared Education, children are taught to appreciate people who have different backgrounds to their own.	91%	9%	0%	0%
The school encourages my child to develop his/her personal and social qualities.	89%	11%	0%	0%
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	81%	17%	2%	0%
My child is given the opportunity to make a positive contribution to both the school and the wider community	83%	17%	0%	0%
Our topic based Primary Curriculum is exciting, interesting and meaningful to my child.	78%	20%	2%	0%

Please select the most important aspects of the Maths/Numeracy curriculum that you would most like additional support with?

Number	Shape and Space	Measures	Handling Data
37%	15%	17%	31%

Please select the most important aspects of the English/Literacy curriculum that you would most like additional support with?

Spelling	Grammar and Punctuation	Fiction Comprehension	Non-Fiction Comprehension
22%	22%	44%	12%



Applying for a Nursery Unit or Primary One place for September 2019

If your child is starting in the nursery or in the primary school in September 2019, you can apply for their place online from Wednesday 2 January 2019.

The closing date and time for pre-school and primary one applications will be 12.00 midnight on Thursday 31 January 2019.

To apply for a Nursery or Primary 1 place for September 2019 please visit the web address below.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

If you have any questions, difficulties with the online form or would like to visit the school please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 028 40671363.

IQM Flagship Award for Inclusion 2018 – 2021



Read all about our successful November Inspection on the school website. Thank you to all those members of the community that selflessly gave up their time to meet with the Inspector on the day.

P7 Service of Light

Primary 7 will be making their pre-Confirmation pledges and commitment on Tuesday 15th January.

Catholic Schools Week Mass

Dromore Diocese will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week with their annual mass on Wednesday 30th of January. This years' service will take place in Banbridge at 1000. All 33 primary schools from the diocese will be present.

Healthy Me – Primary 6 Workshop

Mrs Quinn has organised for the Healthy Me Team (Action Mental Health MensSana - Healthy Me Programme) to visit our P6 children for a workshop in February. The programme is a vibrant and engaging mental health promotion aimed at primary school children aged 9 – 11 years. It has been developed in consultation with Royal College of Psychiatrists and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) (Southern Trust Area).

Staff will also be undergoing training in this area this month. As part of the session participants will receive a *Healthy Me Teacher Information booklet* which consists of the following information:

- What to look out for in children
- Key questions you might consider
- As a teacher, what can I do?
- Support available to children
- Support available to teachers (including Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services)

House Cup

Congratulations to Ulster and our **Blue House** on winning the House Cup for Term 1b. All children in this house will have a non-uniform day on **Friday 25th January** to celebrate.



Library Van - (P2 to P4)

The van will be visiting the school on both the 14th and 28th of this month and 11th of February.

P6 Transfer Information Afternoon

Parents of children looking to sit the transfer examination in November 2019 are invited to an information session in the school on Thursday 7 February. The meeting will take place in the P6 room from 1400 - 1435.

Our School Values

Each month this year we will be taking one of our school values and using it as a focus for our Pastoral Assemblies each morning. For the months of January and February we are looking at Collaboration and Kindness/Thoughtfulness.

Values Calendar for 2018-19

September	Resilience
October	Honesty
November	Respect
December	Happiness
January	Collaboration
February	Kindness/Thoughtfulness
March	Tolerance
April	Perseverance
May	Responsibility
June	Appreciation

CROSSCAUSE APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who joined in with our Crosscause Appeal once again this year. You can read more on the successful community appeal on our here.

<https://www.newry.ie/news/latest-news/24-news/school-days/6397-school-fundraises-for-romania>

3G Schools Challenge - Annaclone GAC

The P7 children from St. John's P.S., Dungannon will travel to Annaclone to play the inaugural schools match versus our school team in the 3G surface.

Adverse Weather 2019

Any school closures will be announced first via the school app.

Afterschool Gaelic Football

Will be starting week beginning 21/01/19. More information for P2-P5 will follow shortly.

Paired Reading - Primary 5 children

Mrs McMahon and Mrs Morgan will be holding an information session on 14/02/19 regarding the Paired Reading initiative. The session will take place in the P5 classroom with more details to follow.

January/February 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1.	2.	3.	4.
7. TERM BEGINS	8.	9. P5 SWIMMING	10.	11.
14. LIBRARY VAN READING ASSEMBLY	15. SERVICE OF LIGHT AT 7pm P6 Shared Education	16. P5 SWIMMING P7 CRASH NI QUIZ	17. P6 ASSEMBLY	18. RISE NI WORKSHOP IN P4 'WRITE ON TRACK'
21	22. P4 Recycling Talk from ABC	23. P5 SWIMMING St. John's P5 visit to St. Colman's (P7)	24. P7 ASSEMBLY	25. BLUE HOUSE NON-UNIFORM DAY
28. LIBRARY VAN P7 Transfer Interviews	29. P7 Victorians Day P7 Transfer Interviews	30. P5 SWIMMING Catholic Schools Week Mass	31. P5 ASSEMBLY P7 Transfer Interviews P1 Trip to Armagh Stables 2019 NU/P1 ADMISSIONS CLOSE	1. P7 Credit Union Quiz
4.	5.	6. P5 SWIMMING IXL Assembly	7. P3 ASSEMBLY P6 Transfer Information Session	8.
11. LIBRARY VAN	12. P6 Shared Education	13. P5 SWIMMING	14. P5 PARENTS PAIRED READING INFORMATION SESSION	15. Parent/Teacher Consultations

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