

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.**

November Update



Nursery and Primary 1 Admissions - September 2020

The EA have moved to an **online admissions system** for those families seeking to apply for a place in the Nursery and Primary School for September 2020. As of last year the dates window has also changed and *no longer opens before the Christmas holidays.*

The Go Live date for the new digital admissions is **7th January 2020 at 12noon.** The closing time and date for punctual applications will be **30 January 2020 at 12noon.** For admission to the forthcoming academic year, parents will **STILL** have to provide their child's birth certificate and/or additional supporting evidence to the school office.

More information regarding the portal and process will be forthcoming in the December update.

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.)



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IQM Flagship School Award for Inclusion 2018 – 2021



Anne Spencer will be our IQM Assessor (former Headteacher in England) this year and will be visiting our school on Tuesday 18th of December.

P7 Transfer Tests

Good luck to all of our children sitting their AQE and GL tests over the next month. You have worked incredibly hard and have matured and grown immeasurably. We are proud of each and every one of you!

Children In Need



One Friday 15th of November we are having a CRAZY HAIR day in school. Children are asked to bring in £1 each and all monies raised will go towards the *Children In Need Charity Appeal*. Well done to Chloe (P4) and Callum (P2) for their wonderful letter and idea for the day.

Flu Vaccination

Children will receive their Flu Vaccination nasal spray on Wednesday 27th November.

Lyric Pantomime – Peter Pan

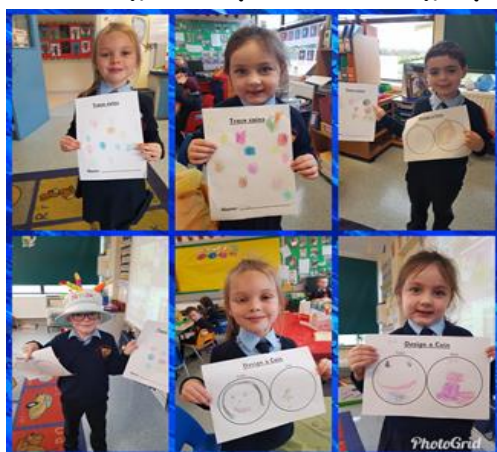
All children from P1-P7 will be going on a trip to Belfast to watch a festive pantomime on Tuesday 3rd December.

Money Day – What is it all about?

A survey conducted by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) and Northern Ireland Consumer Council (NICC) titled 'Managing Money 2015' showed that people in Northern Ireland were less financially capable than in the rest of the U.K.

This survey also showed that:

- “50% of people had no insurance to cover loss of income and/or property”;
- “1 in 3 people in Northern Ireland did not feel they could manage for more than a month if their income fell.”



There is increasing concern about the number of people trapped in cycles of financial exclusion. Children from financially disadvantaged homes are more likely to be aware of the exact amount of money they have at any one time but have little or no access to financial products or services. Children from financially advantaged homes may also lack financial understanding and fail to develop adequate personal financial capability unless provided with opportunities in school. It is therefore important to recognise that financial capability is essential for all children.

Since 2007, financial capability has been embedded in the primary Northern Ireland Curriculum through many of the curriculum objectives i.e. economic awareness and media awareness. It also forms an important part of the statutory component of Mathematics and Numeracy in primary schools. Financial capability can also be embedded across the Areas of Learning. Children are very motivated and enthused by financial capability activities as they mainly focus on active learning using real life situations.

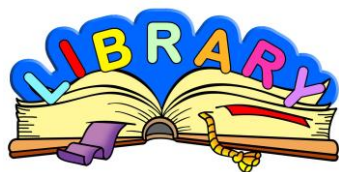


House Cup

Congratulations to Connaught and our **Green House** on winning the House Cup for Term 1a. All children in this house will have a non-uniform day on **Friday 22nd November** to celebrate.

School Council

Our school council will be working towards the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award this year. A parental information leaflet is available on our school website.



Library Van - (P2 to P4)

The van will be visiting the school on both the 4th and 18th of this month.

Christmas Performances

(NOTE CHANGES DUE TO ELECTION)

FS/KS1 Carol Service Tuesday 10th December at 1900 (chapel)

NU Nativity Play Wednesday 11th December at 1000 (in school)

KS2 Nativity Performance Thursday 11th December at 1900 (chapel)



St. Mary's University Teaching College will be sending us two student teachers this year. Miss Olivia Mc Quaid will be spending time in P3 and Mr Liam Quinn will be working in the P2 classroom.



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Peace Proms



We are very excited about the upcoming Peace Proms Concert. Our lucky P6/7 pupils will:

- Sing with a choir of up to 3,000 children
- Perform with a full symphony youth orchestra
- Work with one of the UK's leading professional conductors - Greg Beardsell
- Perform at SSE Arena Belfast on 1st March 2020
- Experience a variety of musical styles and genres

The show includes a wide range of music genre: powerful peace anthems and family favourites including Disney and Pop Medleys. The children are currently working hard to learn songs/actions both in school and at home and are very excited about the concert.

Anti Bullying Week - November 11-15 2020

#Change starts with Us

#ChooseKindness

'Small change. Big difference.'

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone.....because together, we can challenge bullying.

Change starts with a conversation.

It starts with checking in.

It starts with work together.

Change starts here.

Change starts now.



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In our morning and class assemblies throughout the school year we continually promote our school values and this term we have particularly focused on the theme of 'Choosing Kindness.' In St.Colman's & All Saints' we do this by complementing our friends, encouraging others to join in & being positive about other people, this can go a long way to eliminate bullying behaviour.

Throughout Anti-Bullying Week (and ALL year!!) we will continue to share this message/theme during our assemblies and within our classrooms. Look out for our Anti-Bullying Week activities on our school website.

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. In October we looked at *honesty* and in the month of November it is *resilience*. Below is the values calendar for the year ahead.

Values Calendar for 2019-20

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

CROSSCAUSE APPEAL

This year the Road Of Hope Shoe Box Appeal would like Saint Colman's and All Saints' to help the below Charity instead of filling shoe boxes.

Crosscause are an Irish charity, run by volunteers, and we have been active in rural Romania since 2003. Everyday we strive to support the most vulnerable (people with disabilities, the elderly, children living in poverty etc) in our community, and now YOU can help too!

HOW?

We are collecting donations to fill THREE lorries driven by three ladies which will be going out in November. We need YOU to help with our most essential items!

WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?

- Tins and packs of food (pasta, soups, flour, oil, sugar etc)
- Nappies, creams, wipes
- Toiletries (Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, deodorant etc)
- NEW Winter Pyjamas (all sizes needed)
- NEW Slippers (all sizes needed)
- NEW Underwear (all sizes needed)

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop

<https://www.facebook.com/CrossCauseBlackrock/>



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ECO-SCHOOLS

November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1.
4. LIBRARY VAN P7 BOOSTER	5.	6.	7. P3 Assembly P7 SWIMMING	8.
11. Anti-Bullying Week P7 BOOSTER	12.	13.	14. P1 Assembly P7 SWIMMING	15. Money Day CRAZY HAIR
18. LIBRARY VAN	19.	20.	21. P7 SWIMMING	22.
25.	26.	27. FLU VACCINATION	28. P7 SWIMMING	29.
2. LIBRARY VAN P7 Visit to St. Patrick's College, Banbridge	3. P1-P7 Pantomime Trip NURSERY CHRISTMAS DINNER	4.	5.	6. PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER



***Public Meeting regarding the new play area in Annaclone will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 19th November in the Primary School Hall.**

**** Gentle Reminder to everyone - we have children in our school with Nut Allergies and it is important that no nuts are packed in any of our lunches**



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Private
Speech & Language Therapy
for Children



Banbridge & surrounding areas

Tailored sessions lasting between 45-60 minutes including fun activities and games, setting goals that can be progressed independently with your child.

Feedback and discussion of progress after every session

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