

March 2020 Newsletter



Calendar

Mon. 2 nd March	<i>Clubs begin for March and April</i> Year 7 Parish Retreat in Cappagh Hall 7.30pm Parent Support Group Meeting @school
Tues. 3 rd March	Artfunkle Workshop for Year 7
Wed. 4 th March	Mrs Devenney's & Miss Douglas' Classes begin Gymnastics 8.00pm Confirmation Practice in Christ the King Church
Thurs. 5 th March	World Book Day - dress up as your favourite character (am) Girls Indoor GAA @ Station Centre
Fri. 6 th March	Gibson PS visiting for Shared Education 11.00-12.00 Year 6 (Mr McGlinchey) Cumann Na Bunscoil Quiz @ St. Conor's PS
Sat. 7th March	11.00am Confirmation in Christ the King Church
Wed. 11 th March	IFA Futsal Tournament at Omagh Leisure Centre
Thurs. 12 th March	Gibson PS visiting for Shared Education 11.00-12.00 Year 6 (Mrs Flanagan) (am) St. Mary's Strabane Cross Country @ Holy Cross College
Fri. 13 th March	Abandon school uniform and wear something green to mark St. Patrick's Day! (£1 donation requested for Trocaire)
Mon. 16 th March	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues. 17 th March	SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri. 20 th March	Shared Education in Gibson PS (11.00-12.00) Year 6 (Mr McGlinchey)
Thurs. 26th March	7.00pm First Confession in St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher
Tues. 31st March	7.30pm Year 7 Show EVENING PERFORMANCE Cappagh Hall
Wed. 1st April	10.00am Year 7 Show SCHOOLS' MATINEE PERFORMANCE Cappagh Hall 7.30pm Year 7 Show EVENING PERFORMANCE Cappagh Hall

Coming Soon....! 'Peter Pan' by Year 7 pupils

The Year 7 pupils are pleased to announce that they will perform 'Peter Pan' in Cappagh Parish Hall as follows:

Tuesday 31st March 2020 @ 7.30pm

Wednesday 1st April 2020 @ 7.30pm

There will also be a Matinee performance for local schools on Wednesday 1st April 2020. Rehearsals are well underway for our Year 7 adaptation of one of the most popular Broadway musicals ever! **Tickets are now on sale from school!**

Sacramental Celebrations

Best wishes to our Year 7 and Year 4 pupils who make the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of First Penance this month.

Attending Mass during Lent

Pupils in Years 3-7 will attend Mass each week during Lent.

World Book Day 2020

Reading is one of the most important life skills in our world. To promote interest and enjoyment in reading, our school will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2020. Pupils may come to school dressed up as their favourite character from any book. In school the children will participate in a variety of talking and listening, reading and writing activities.

Safety of Children First

Attention all drivers! Please ensure you allow the children to cross at the Zebra Crossings within and at the exit of the Visitor Car Park. All drivers must take extreme care where children are crossing. The safety of our children is paramount. Please remember, too, that the top car park is only to be used by Staff and Blue Badge holders.

Congratulations to our Achievement Winners!

Year 1
Orla McGaughey Abigail Hope Justin McDonagh Alanagh McAuley
Year 2
Darcey McCourt J J McDonagh Grainne O'Reilly Mia Smyth Anna Conway
Year 3
Samantha McDonagh Edie McAneaMoore Aoibhe McElhone Daithi O'Neill Oran McCartan
Year 4
Orrin Thompson Riley Mulcahy Rory McVerry Anna Leen

Year 5
Shania McDonagh Cait Canning Peter Duffy Seanna Mae O'Neill Eliza Gaitatzis Darragh McHugh
Year 6
Zofia Romanczuk Caileigh Latchford Phelim Bowes Conall McKenna Henry Miles Sophia McKenna
Year 7
Sarah McElmurray Shauneen Mulcahy James McPhillips Rory Teague Flynn Sweeney Roisin McCrory Matthew Doherty

Changing for P.E. Lessons

Please ensure your child remembers to bring their PE kit to school on the relevant days.

Attendance

Once a child's attendance falls below 85%, school must make a referral to the Education Welfare Officer. Check out the 'Attendance Matters - a Parent's Guide' on our school website for more information about the importance of consistent attendance.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS -

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.