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EVENTS IN MARCH

Wednesday 16th March – Green dress up day for St Patrick's Day.

School is closed Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March for St. Patrick's Day. School will resume as normal on Monday 21st March.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School will finish at 11.00 on Holy Thursday 14th April and will reopen on Monday 25th April.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy, peaceful Easter.

HOLIDAYS IN MAY

School will be closed on Monday 2nd May for May Day.

School will be closed from Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June. School will reopen as normal on Monday 6th June.

DATE TO REMEMBER

First Communion – Saturday 11th June

FIRST PENANCE

On Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th March, the children of Primary Three and the P3 children in LSC2 celebrated the sacrament of First Penance. Father Brendan led the beautiful service which was held in Holy Trinity Church. The children had worked hard to prepare for this special occasion, and they were extremely well behaved. We are so proud of our Primary Three children.

P7 CONFIRMATION

On Friday 11th March the pupils from P7 received the Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Trinity Church. The P7 children worked hard to prepare for this special sacrament. Everyone enjoyed this special occasion.

<u>ST PATRICK'S DAY</u>

Many classes prepared for our patron saint's feast day by learning Irish songs and songs about St Patrick. We will be taking part in St Patrick's Day class celebration on Tuesday 16th March in school wearing green.

PREPARATION FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday saw the beginning of our Lenten Fundraising Campaign. The boys and girls will be taking part in various activities - selling buns, ballots and taking part in sponsored walks, making Mother's Day planters, among many other activities. Our main event is our Freddie Fitness Day in April.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents in advance for the very generous support throughout Lent for the many fundraising activities that will be happening in all of our classes. We have raised fantastic amounts in previous years in support of our Lenten Campaign and hope to be just as successful again this year.

LSC2 ART

LSC2 have had an art lesson each morning for one week. The artist has worked with the class using clay, paint and displaying drawing techniques during these very enjoyable sessions.

UKRAINE DONATIONS

Thanks to our parents, pupils and staff for their generous donations of clothing, bedding, nappies, food, toiletries, baby bottles, sleeping bags, etc., for the people of Ukraine. The two minibuses were completely filled with supplies. Paul, from

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Food Stock, who took delivery of the goods, commented that Holy Trinity could have filled a container on their own.

Once again this is testimony to the generosity and how our school community unite together to help others in times of crisis. Thank you so much.

<u> Primary Six Basketball</u>

Our Primary Six classes are thoroughly enjoying their basketball coaching programme and have learnt many skills. We have teamed up with the Cleveland Northern Ireland International Basketball Academy which is funded by a foundation in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. to receive expert basketball coaching. We hope to take part in a blitz event with other schools at the end of March.

P5 TRIP TO FALLS PARK

P5 went to the Falls Park on 1st March to take part in a bird study and make bird feeders. They talked about all of the different types of birds we have in Ireland and made bird feeders from pine cones, string, nut butter and seeds. They then hung the feeders on trees throughout the park.

PRIMARY 5 W5 TRIP

Primary 5HD had a very enjoyable visit to W5 on March 3rd.

PRIMARY 1 SPONSORED WALK

The P1 classes have enjoyed a Sponsored Walk around the grounds of the school in order to raise money for our Lenten Campaign and also spotting signs of Spring. We noticed daffodils and other flowers growing. We spotted blossoms growing on some trees and we even saw some birds busy building nests for their young. We aim to complete 2 more Sponsored Walks before the end of Lent.

<u>P1 FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT</u> <u>SKILLS</u>

Our Primary 1 pupils are currently enjoying a five week Fundamental Skills programme taken by coaches from Belfast Community Development Sports Network. The purpose of the programme is to help pupils develop skills and athleticism in a variety of games and activities. The pupils are thoroughly enjoying developing their talents and these skills are designed to be used in any athletic activity.

ICT NEWS

Our March eSafety Code is 'Mind your mobile.'

The children will be talking about internet safety when using a phone.

Children should not bring a mobile phone to school.

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

We have the right to be treated with respect and dignity. (Article 40)

RIGHTS RESPECTING BEHAVIOUR

We can respect each other's rights by treating others the way we would like to be treated and learning from our mistakes.

NO DOGS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS

Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds, even if they are on a lead. Please pass this message onto any person who may be collecting your child from school.

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