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Dear Parents/Carers,



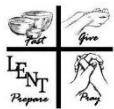
Welcome to our April Newsletter. Lent has been a time of reflection for us in St Patrick's. We have been reflecting on our Lenten Promises and thinking about how we can fast, pray and give alms in preparation for Easter. I have attached a list of dates for your diary at the end of this newsletter.

### School Values



Thanks to all of our parents who voted for their favourite Values during Parents' Night. Children and staff have been busy voting too. After the holidays our Pupil Council members will collate the votes and discuss how to best reflect the views of the whole school community.

### Lent



During Lent this year we will donate our mission money to SCIAF through the Wee Box collections. Please remember that Mass is available daily throughout Lent at 8am in St Patrick's Church. We hope that you will continue to support the children in their efforts during Lent to prepare for Easter, even when they are on holiday from school.

### Photographs

Louise Gault came to school on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March to take individual, family and class photos. She even took a whole school photo! (It'll be interesting to see if we are all saying "cheese" and looking at the camera at the same time!) Photographs will be ready after the Easter holidays. We will notify you as soon as we know when they will be ready.



### Robert Burns World Federation National Primary Schools Competition



Thanks to Mrs McLean for preparing the children who entered this competition. Congratulations to Emily Lynn who came first in her class. Well done to Hannah Gardiner, Abigail Pollock, Charlotte Armour and Jacob Beveridge who really showcased their talents and did us proud.

### Cluster Science Fayre

Our annual Cluster Science Fayre enjoyed a great turnout. Thanks to all who attended. Children and families really enjoy this whole Cluster event and have fun being 'hands on' with science, technology and maths. Special thanks to Mrs Allan, Mrs McGeehan and the pupils who set up and ran our school's stall. We work hard to foster good relationships with our partners from Wellpark, Glenbrae and Blairmore Children's Centres, St Mary's and All Saints Primaries, Notre Dame High School and West College Scotland to enhance the experiences of our children and make our community stronger.



## Easter Fete



The Parent Council raised £1,200 from the Easter Fete. These funds go directly to support the children's learning and experiences at St Patrick's. I'd like to thank the Parent Council, and the parents and staff who helped organise and make the event such a financial success and, more importantly, a fruitful community event.

## Feast of St Patrick

Our Feast of St Patrick celebration was a great day. Lots of previous staff attended and were very impressed by our fabulous new building, and of course our fabulous children who were tour guides (again!). A big thank you to Bishop John and Fr John, who celebrated Mass for us in Church. Thanks also to all of the families and parishioners who joined us at Mass to celebrate our Feast Day. The Church was very busy and this encouraged our children to celebrate Mass well. The children's singing was beautiful - thank you to Mrs McLean for supporting the children with this.



## Grandparents' Day



Grandparents' Day was a huge success. Our P6 and P7 children entertained their grandparents with singing, poetry recitals and ceilidh dancing. Grandparents had a toe-tapping time and could be heard joining in with the songs and poems! Thanks to Mrs Black, Miss McDade and Mrs Elder for preparing the children so well and to all of the Support Staff, who provided refreshments for our guests.

## Good Neighbours

Our Tour Guides have been busy again! Some of our neighbours visited the school on Tuesday and had a cuppa and a tour round our fabulous new building. We value our partnerships with our local community and hope to continue to build positive relationships with our neighbours now that we are back home. Our thanks to Katrine Hoey from Riverclyde Homes who came to our Tea and a Tour also. We plan to work in partnership with Riverclyde Homes to enhance our community involvement.



## Activote Quiz



Well done to our P7 pupils who organised this year's Activote Quiz. The team from St Mary's won the competition, with St Patrick's and St Ninian's coming joint second and Lady Alice and King's Oak coming joint third. Special thanks to Mrs McGeehan who gives of her time to ensure the success of this eagerly anticipated event.

## Parent Council



The next meeting of the Parent Council is **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the school**. Parent Council meetings are very welcoming so please come along and help us continue to strengthen our partnership working. All parents/carers are welcome. Our Parent Council really supports the work of the school in striving to continually improve experiences for the children. The Parent Council have a fundraising branch so children can have additional resources and activities. I'd like to

thank all those who contribute to the fundraising activities that have taken place.

## Sacraments



Please continue to keep our P4 and P7 children in your prayers as they continue on their journeys of faith. We feel very fortunate that we have Fr John, and now Fr Thomas, to guide us as we strive to support our children in these important times of their lives. Fr John and Fr Thomas have been working with the children of P4 and P7 over the last few weeks to enhance the preparations for receiving the Sacraments.

## Primary 7

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> May 17 Bishop John will visit Primary 7 to help them prepare for Confirmation.  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May 17 P7 receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in **St Mirin's Cathedral** during Mass at **7pm**.



## Primary 4

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> May 17 First Communicants' Parents' Meeting in School at **3pm** (At this meeting, children try on albs and tabards then parents/carers take them home).  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May 17 P4 receive the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** during **10am Mass** in **St Patrick's Church**.



At the end of the First Communion Mass, we ask that everyone leaves the Church for a short time so that staff can gather children to the Altar for a group photograph. The Parent Council will organise this group photograph and then present it to each P4 pupil as a gift. Staff will then escort children to the Church Hall for their 'Communion breakfast'. The Parish Committee will prepare a drink and snack for children to enjoy to allow them to celebrate this special day together. **Two family members are invited to attend the Communion breakfast.**

Any family who wishes to have family or individual photographs taken in the Church should organise this themselves for after the Communion breakfast has finished. Fr John will leave the Church open all day on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May so that families can take photographs when it's less busy, if they wish.

## Lenten Concert



St Patrick's Parish will be hosting a Lenten Concert on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April in aid of SCIAF. Our senior choir will be performing. Tickets cost £2 for adults, entry is free for children. The concert will start at 2pm in the Church. I hope many of you will be able to attend as it will be a lovely afternoon's entertainment.

## Focus on Children's Rights

Article 15. The right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.



## Sun Protection



In the hope that we have good weather in Term 4 (fingers crossed!), please plan ahead to protect children from the effects of the sun at playtimes and during



outdoor learning activities. Please send children to school with a hat/cap and use sun cream. Even when it is cloudy, the sun can still damage skin.

### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club will start on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April and will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8-8.45am. When staff arrive in the playground at 8.45am the children will be allowed out to play.

### **School Car Park**



Please be aware that the school car park is for the use of staff and visitors only. Parents should not use the car park when they are dropping children to school or picking them up from school. This is to ensure our children are safe. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Twitter**

Please follow us on Twitter. It is a great way to keep up to date with school life as staff photograph as much as they can so Mrs Ogilby can update Twitter!

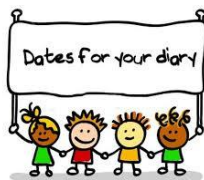


<https://twitter.com/StPatricksPS15>

You can follow Miss McDade's P6/7 class and Mr McGregor's classes too ... **@missmcdade123** and **@mrmcgstpats**

Other useful information such as lunch menus can be found on our website at...

<http://st-patricks.inverclyde.sch.uk>



**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April** 9.00 am  
 Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> April 3.00 pm  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April - Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June  
 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> April 8.00am  
  
 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> April 9.00 am  
 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> April - Tue 13<sup>th</sup> June  
  
 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm  
 Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> April 3.00 pm  
**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
 Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> May 9.00 am  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
 Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May 3.00 pm  
 Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 am  
 3.00 pm  
 Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 am  
 3.00 pm  
 Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 am  
  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 pm  
 Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 pm  
 5.00 pm  
 7.00 pm  
 Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Wed 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
 Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June 9.00 am  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 am  
 1.15 pm  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 am  
 1.15 pm  
 Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm  
 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> June 1.30 pm  
 Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am  
 1.00 pm

### School re- opens

Netball after school P6 & P7  
 P5 Swimming each Monday morning  
 Breakfast Club starts 8-8.45am every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
 Literacy Trail P5  
 P5 from P4/5 and P6 from P6/7 Swimming each Tuesday afternoon  
 Parent Council Meeting - School  
 Netball after school P5 & P7  
**HOLIDAY**  
 Literacy Trail P5  
 Childsmile Flouride Varnishing P1 - P4  
 Netball after school P6 & P7  
 Literacy Trail P5  
 Meeting for Parents of First Communicants - School Hall  
 Bishop John to visit P7  
 Netball after school P7 and tournament players  
 Literacy Trail P5  
 P1 to Glenlee Tall Ships and Transport Museum  
 P7 Confirmation St Mirin's Cathedral  
 Notre Dame Concert Band performance for whole school  
 Cluster Instrumental Showcase Concert Notre Dame  
 Cluster Vocal Showcase Concert Notre Dame  
 Feast of the Ascension Mass St Patrick's Church  
**Local Holiday - School Closed**  
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**In-service for Staff - School Closed to Pupils**  
**Pupils return**  
 P6 to West College Scotland - Science  
 P7 Transition Day - Notre Dame  
 Infant Induction - Day 1 of 2  
 P7 Transition Day - Notre Dame  
 Infant Induction - Day 2 of 2  
 P7 Leavers' Dance - School Hall  
 Leavers' Mass in school hall  
 Mass St Patrick's Church - Feast of Sts Peter and Paul  
**School closes for Summer Holidays**



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**We value your views**

Please let us know if you are particularly pleased about something or have any suggestions or comments.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class \_\_\_\_\_