



MERCY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Pupils,
Having survived the longest month of January, we are hoping that St. Brigid will bring spring weather soon! We can't wait to get outdoors to enjoy our forest school! We have had such a busy start to 2019 and so much more planned for the rest of the term. Sorry our newsletter is so late this month we have been very, very busy.

Mrs Loughran

Grandparent's Day



We held Grandparents' Day on Friday 1st February.

It was a lovely day and we were so impressed by all the grandparents who came to visit us in our classrooms. We finished the day with a lovely tea and scones from our canteen.



Thank all our lovely grandparents for visiting us.

Families Connect

Families Connect Graduation was on Friday 25th of January. Our families graduated from a 10 week programme of activities and learning with their child. Thank you to Mrs Fennell and Miss Copeland for running this programme!



Childrens Health Sessions

Our P2's and P5 children have really been enjoying their children's health sessions this month learning about their Health and fitness. We even got to brush our teeth in P2. It was so much fun!

Kindness Week!



We hope to celebrate this Valentine's as our Kindness Week in school. Our parents have completed "I love my child because" hearts and they are beautifully decorating our corridors.

We are encouraging our pupils to do one kind thing each day. Staff also, small acts of kindness go a long way. If parents want to join in you can email kind words to your child's teacher at our school email address info@mercy.belfast.sch.ni.uk or send a nice message on Do-Jo.

SSE Arena

Our Choir are busy preparing for our Peace Proms performance in the SSE Arena on the 24th February. We hope to see many of you parents and families there for our amazing day. This is the last Sunday of our school Mid-Term Break.

Confirmation

Confirmation in Holy Cross Church with Bishop Anthony Farquhar together with the pupils from Holy Cross Girls and Boys Schools. The music and readings were wonderful. The primary 6 choir were a fantastic support.

Thank you to all parents and sponsors for all your preparations and for presenting the girls so well.

Afterschools Clubs for our girls include: Art, Drumming, Drama and multi-sports!

If we haven't seen you up at school at our parent activities this year you might find something to

interest, you this month. Families Connect will be taking place for the next 10 weeks every Monday morning. After the last successful graduates, we know you will really enjoy our sessions! Valentine's crafts for parents and Ready to Learn classes are also taking part this term.

Internet Safety Day is 5th February 2019.



Mrs Millar held assembly for all of our pupils highlighting internet safety. Many parents have voiced concerns about the dangers

children are facing online through computer and mobile access. For further information and information for your children visit:

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

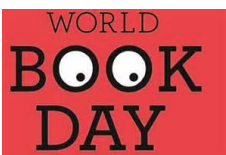
PTA - Valentines Disco

Valentine's Day – Parents are invited in to decorate the hall on Thursday morning at 11am.

We are hosting a Valentines disco on Thursday 14th February. Pupils are asked to dress in ordinary clothes - wearing an item of red or pink. P1-3 disco is from 1-2pm P4-7 will be from 2-3pm. Pupils are asked to bring £1 and they will be provided with a treat. All proceeds will go towards a Visit to India - Youth Project of the John Paul II Youth Club
A Valentine's fundraising Teddy Bear Ballot will also take place this week **50p per ticket.**

Uniform reminder

Girls are not permitted to wear nail-polish or dye their hair. Hair accessories should be in school colours please. **School coats should be black or navy only.** Jewellery is not permitted due to health and safety. We thank you for your co-operation



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March as usual we will be planning some dress up fun as usual. Details to follow!

International Women's Day will be on 8th March 2019. We hope to involve some parents and families in our celebration this year. It's all about Equal Balance.

DANGER !!!!! CAR PARKING !!!!

Parents please take note that parents should not be driving into the school grounds. Pupils should be dropped off on the path outside school. Mr O'Connor is outside to remind parents of this. Parents should park on the main road and pupils should walk up the pedestrian pathway.

Mental Health Awareness week was in February. As part of our commitment to your children we will be learning Mindfulness through the Paws B Programme for P4-P7 children next term.

Class Do JO is a brilliant tool for both parents and teachers however can we again ask you to be mindful of staff wellbeing and keep messages between the hours of 8am and 6pm. Thank you for your support. Our teachers have personal lives and families also.

St Patricks Day Celebration for our pupils will be on Friday 15th March 2019. Details to follow.

STRANGER DANGER

It has been reported by a parent that their child was approached at the bus stop on the Cliftonville Road by a man in a white car and asked to go with them. Whilst this hasn't been confirmed by PSNI we wish all parents to remind their children of what to do if approached by a stranger. Keep your child safe.

Dates for Your Diary

Fri 1st Feb – Grandparents day
Tue 5th Feb – Internet Safety day
Fri 8th Feb – P7 Assembly (short play)
Mon 11th Feb – Families Connect Coffee
Wed 13th Feb – Transfer meeting – P6
Thur 14th Feb – Valentines Disco / Red day
Sun 24th Feb – Peace Proms
Thur 28th Feb – Pizza Express Trip – P2

**SCHOOL CLOSED - 18th- 22nd February 2019
MID TERM**

School Closed

Mon 4th Mar –Cancer Focus Visit (Geneveive the goat)
Thur 7th Mar – World Book Day
Fri 8th Mar – International Women's Day
Mon 11th- Fri 15th Mar – School Book Fair

April 4th - P3 First Confession TBC

Wed 22nd – Fri 24th May – Residential P7
Trip to Delamont