

MERCY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Pupils,
If we haven't seen you up at school at our parent activities this year you might find something to interest you this month. Zumba, ICT classes, Hairdressing and Nail Art are just some of the classes for adults on at the moment.

Our Grandparents day preparations are underway and we can't believe that mid-term is just next week!
Mrs Loughran

Grandparent's Day



On Friday 3rd February we will sing songs and recite poems for our grandparents who are invited to come and join us for tea and special prayers

for Grandparents Day. **A photographer will be available to take memento photos which can be purchased for a small fee of £3.**



Our P7 Girls were impressive on Wednesday 1st February when they questioned Koulla Yiasouma NI Commissioner for Children and Young People at Houben Hall. The event organised by Ardoyne Youth Enterprise was a fantastic chance for our girls to ask questions and find out about the work that the commissioner does in Northern Ireland.



Maths Quiz

Our ½ term maths quiz will take place on Friday 10th February!!!!

Book Fair

- On Monday 27th February our Book Fair begins for 1 week. We will be inviting children to submit their own book review for a competition/ to be awarded on Friday 3rd March. Parents will be welcome to browse also.

Confirmation

Primary 7 took part in the Sacrament of 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.

Our photographer came to take photos of our girls on Friday 27th January. Thank you to all parents and sponsors for all your preparations and for presenting the girls so well.

PEACE PROMS

Our choir are heading to The SSE Arena on Sunday 26th February to sing in the Peace Proms along with the Youth Orchestra of Ireland and 2,000 pupils from across Northern Ireland!
Pupils from P5, 6 and 7 will be taking part. It is such a treat if you haven't already got your tickets we strongly recommend it!



School will be closed on Thursday 2nd March due to the N.I Elections.



We will be taking part in a Series of workshops with Cancer Focus on Thursday 23rd February.

The workshops which include topics of Healthy Eating, Smoke busters and Genevieve the Goat will be educational, informative and fun!
P1-P7 pupils will be involved.

Afterschools Clubs for our girls include netball, cookery, Art, Athletics, Drumming and Drama!

Internet Safety Day is 8th February 2017.

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>



To support these concerns we are planning an internet safety for P7 pupils by BEAM on 20th February. We want to empower our children by alerting them to the online dangers.

Red Day Dinner



Thursday 9th is Valentines - **Red Day Dinner** in the canteen

PTA - Valentines Disco

Our PTA are hosting a Valentines disco on Thursday 9th 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 sweet treat pack.

(Pupils with allergies please check with staff on the day)

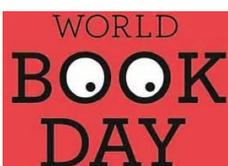
A PTA ballot will also take place which will cost 20p per ticket. The prizes will be provided by the PTA.

PUPPET SHOW

P1-4 will be treated with a Puppet show on Friday 10th February at 1pm.

Uniform reminder

Girls are not permitted to wear nail-polish or dye their hair. Jojo bows are making an appearance at the moment, can we keep hair accessories in school colours please. School coats should be black or navy only. We thank you for your co-operation



World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March as school is closed that day we will be celebrating on **Friday 3rd March** with a book themed Movie and dress down day.

Pupils may come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in casual clothes. We hope to have great fun! Details to follow!

St Patricks Day Celebration for our pupils will be on 16th March 2017. Details to follow.

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.

Transfer Results

On Saturday 28st January many of our pupils received their excellent results from the GL Assessment. A huge congratulations to all those involved. Thank you also to the teachers who supported this preparation work in afterschool clubs. It was only one day and one result but most of our P7 pupils have now chosen their Post Primary School. It's so exciting!



Better Bodies Programme! **Is there a Doctor in the house?**

Primary 1 pupils had a special visitor last week when Dr Declan McLaughlin came to visit. The girls learnt all about parts of our body and how we are all different! Can you roll your tongue?

Dates for Your Diary

Thurs 2nd Feb – Valentine crafts 2-3pm
Fri 3rd Feb -Grandparents Day 12.30pm

Mon 6th Feb – Parent Interviews P7
Wed 8th Feb – Safer Internet Day
Thur 9th Feb – Zumba 9.30am
Fri 10th Feb – Puppet Show P1-P4
Maths Quiz

SCHOOL CLOSED - 13th- 17th February 2017

Mon 20th Feb -E Safety Workshop BEAM
Thurs 23rd Feb – Cancer Focus workshops
Fri 24 Feb – Mr Trainor P6 Assembly
Sun 26th Feb – Peace Proms SSE Arena
Tue 28th Feb – Allen & Overy Book Day

2nd March – Election Day school closed!
3rd March – World Book Day- Movie Day