



# MERCY NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2019

### Dear Parents and Pupils,

We're almost at our Easter break and work on our new floors is almost complete. It has been a very busy term so far and our diary is filling up so quickly!

The sun has begun to appear and we are glad to see it, but don't grab those summer dresses just yet, hopefully May will be warmer!

Happy Easter everyone!

Mrs Loughran

### P4 Get Active

On the 5<sup>th</sup> April our P4s headed off to the Valley Leisure Centre to experience and enjoy a range of activities. All the girls had a chance to participate in boxing, martial arts, yoga and many more fun sporting activities. Our girls even got to meet Carl Frampton!

### Trocaire Fundraising

Our Trocaire fundraising has also continued throughout Lent. Each class has been selling Easter Egg ballots and our craft ladies have been selling Easter chicks from the office. Our P7s will host a bun sale on the **3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9.30am** in the school hall. All parents/grandparents are welcome to help us raise money for our Trocaire cause.



### Science Starz

Our P6s, following on from their trip to the Belfast Harbour's Commissioner's Office, have had the fantastic opportunity to work with Science Starz. So far, our P6 girls have investigated electrical circuits, dissected a daffodil and made slime!

### Green Fingers

Alex and her team from North Belfast WISP, have continued their great gardening sessions with P4 & P5. We are all working hard enhancing our beautiful grounds.

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Parents can we remind you to remind the girls about the importance of attendance at school. We will be giving out our 100% Attendance awards for Term 2 after our Easter Holidays.



### Head Lice Alert!!!!

### ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEEK!!!!

The average head lice cycle lasts for up to 30 days. This means that even after treatment undetected eggs can hatch up to two weeks later and begin the cycle again. We are asking all parents to be vigilant and keep check on hair each week. Please encourage tied up hair styles and take a peek each week.

### Shared Education

Over the last 6 weeks, our P6 & P7 girls have enjoyed



working on and learning about healthy minds and healthy bodies with the P6 and P7 boys and girls from Edenbrooke. We had the opportunity to participate in art, PE, gardening, African drumming, creating and advertising a healthy snack. We also took part in the Paws B programme. We learnt about mindfulness and ways to cope with stress and worry.

### Mercy Girls Love to Read

Last Term all our P4-P7 classes had the opportunity to visit our local Ardoyne Library. This month our P2 and P3 girls had the chance to be read a story by Trevor, the librarian, and have a look at all the free books that they can borrow, once they become a library member. Our P3s even got to join in the great Big Bear hunt!!

### **P3 celebrate their First Confession**

We are so proud of our P3 girls who recently made their First Confession on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. They sang out beautifully and said their prayers with such respect. Thank-you for all your hard work in helping us prepare your daughter for this Sacrament.

### **Mercy Welcomes Refugees**

This year we are working towards our School of Sanctuary Award. We are proud of our safe and nurturing school. Now we have extended that warm welcome beyond our school doors when we invited Refugees to our P7 class. Our girls learnt about the struggles that refugees face; about their language and culture. Parents joined our visitors for a good ol' Irish cup of tea!

### **Building Up**

Our P7s will begin their work with TATI (Talking about Tough Issues) on the 30<sup>th</sup> April. This programme, is part of the Irish Bishops' Initiative in helping our young people deal with the stresses and peer pressure of today's world.

### **Drama, Drama, Drama!**

We are so looking forward to our end of year show. This year, our P7s will perform Annie. Our P7 cast will be supported by our amazing P5 chorus. We are so proud of our P7 girls who showed such determination and excitement in our recent auditions.



### **Parents Come to School Too!**

Our very successful Families Connect Programme continues on Wednesdays with our P3 parents.

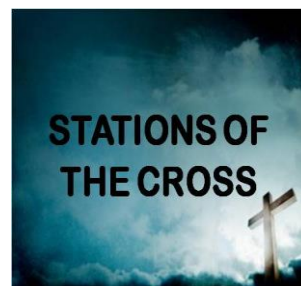
This month, Ms Clarke has kindly volunteered to come and read stories with our P1, P2 and P3 classes as well as lead an art and craft session in P3.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> April, parents came to school to find out more about Accelerated Reading. They

joined Ms Owens and their daughters as they found out a bit more about this most successful programme

### **Stations of the Cross**

As we mark Holy Week, our P7 girls led a reverent and solemn prayer service on the 18<sup>th</sup> April for all our P4-P7 classes.



Our choir will be taking part in a special concert on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at Holy Cross Church. The girls who attend will have a special reward for their dedication. The concert always promises to be something special! We hope to see you there.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

1<sup>st</sup> April- Gardening OCN for parents  
2<sup>nd</sup> April- Residential meeting for P7 parents.  
5<sup>th</sup> April -P4 Sports Valley Leisure Centre  
11<sup>th</sup> April- First Confession 11am  
12<sup>th</sup> April - AR Parent Workshop

**School will close at 11am on Holy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.**

(There are no buses, break or breakfast club on this Day.)

### **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

**School is Closed: Fri 19<sup>th</sup>- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens for Term 3- normal school day

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Families Connect

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - **School closed for Elections**

**6<sup>th</sup> May** - **School Closed for Bank Holiday**

**6<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May P3-P7 Computer Testing**

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May** - First Holy Communion

**11am** - Holy Cross Church

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May-** P7 residential to Delamont

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