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February 2024 Newsletter

FUND RAISING – Thank you again so much for your support & generosity in supporting our school fundraisers!!

Christmas Raffle raised £2855.00 which will go towards school funds. Much thanks to our tremendous PTA group who worked so hard on this project.

Shannaghmore Residential Trip

Many congratulations to our wonderful P7 pupils who recently completed a residential excursion to Newcastle, County Down 10th-12th January 2024. The children had an absolutely, wonderful time and were exposed to fantastic new activities like canoeing and abseiling. Acute thanks to Mrs. S. Colhoun and Miss C. Mulholland who escorted the children. As you'll appreciate we wouldn't be able to offer these trips without staff members volunteering their time.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Limavady Council holds the Steinbeck Festival annually to celebrate John Steinbeck, the famous American writer. As part of this festival the children here at school participate in an Art Competition. I'm thrilled to announce that [Kayleigh McLaughlin P7 and Theo Peoples P7](#) have been announced among the winners of the competition. These two talented children will attend a reception on Saturday morning 10th February '24 at The Roe Valley Arts & Culture Centre where they will be presented with their prize. Theo and Kayleigh's Art work will be exhibited in the Arts Centre. Please feel free to drop in and see their stunning work in the coming weeks. Many Congratulations Kayleigh & Theo.

Catholic Schools Week

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week - beginning Sunday 21st January 2024. This is always a lovely week in school where we celebrate our tradition and heritage as a Catholic Maintained School. During this week we marked Miss Aileen Carmichael's 1st Anniversary. We had a lovely Mass in school, celebrated by Fr. Harkin with all our children, the staff, governors and some of Miss Carmichael's family members. It was a lovely remembrance occasion. Aileen's memory will forever reside in St. Finlough's.

Year 8 – Post Primary Transfer

Remember the portal closes on Thursday 22nd February at 12 noon. All parents of current P7 children must have their application submitted before this date. I placed a detailed 'help form' on SEESAW to assist parents with this process. All information is available on www.eani.org.uk/admissions
Contact 02895985595 for assistance or contact us here in school.

Key Dates for your Diary:

- *First Confession Scheduled for Monday 26th February 2024 in School Hall at 1pm P4 children. Full School Uniform. No parents.
- *Confirmation Thursday 18th April 2024 at 5pm Christ the King
- *Communion Thursday 16th May 2024 at 5pm St. Finlough's Church
- *School Will be closed next week beginning Monday 12th February 2024 for half term break. School will reopen for all on Monday 19th February and a new dinner menu will be in place (more information will follow in due course).
- *27th & 28th February 2024 – Induction Days St. Mary's Limavady (more information will follow in due course).



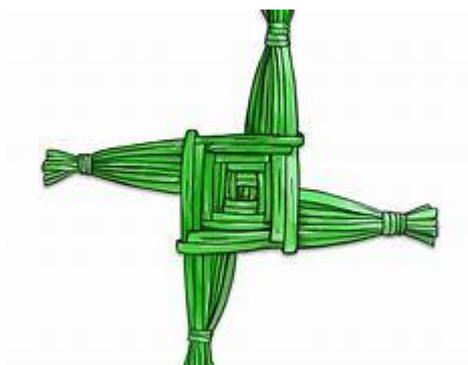
*Thursday 7th March 2024 – World Book Day in School. Children may dress up as a character from a book if they wish.

*Wednesday March 13th – Travelling Book Fair will arrive at school (more information will follow in due course).

*School will be closed on Monday 18th March 2024 as a St. Patrick's Day Closure.

*School Finishes at 11:30am on Thursday 28th March 2024 for Easter Recess (No dinners / After School Club) and reopens Monday 8th April 2024.

Thank you again for your continued support and kindness. I hope everyone enjoys a lovely half term break next week. With the Feast of St. Brigid Spring is well underway and it's a very welcome entity indeed. Take Care.



Mrs. Louise Lagan - Principal

