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May Update Newsletter

School Development Plan

The school development plan (SDP) is a strategic plan for improvement. It brings together, in a clear and simple way, the school's priorities, the main measures it will take to raise standards, the resources dedicated to these and the key outcomes and targets it intends to achieve. I am in the process of gathering information from stakeholders and will thus set out the overall 'roadmap' for the three years ahead, with a focus on the school's key priorities, identified following a process of self-evaluation. To this end I will soon send out a short parental questionnaire. This is your opportunity to engage in the self-evaluation process and to help us shape the future of your child's school.

Sacrament Dates

- Holy Communion mass will take place this year at 1030 on Saturday 13th of May.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place this year on Wednesday 24th May at 1800 in Annaclone chapel.
- The school choir will assist on **both occasions**.

- **Easter Fayre**

Thanks to all those that attended this year's Fayre. Once again it was well supported by our community and in total we raised almost £1800. A special thanks to Mrs Loy the driving force behind it and to our Primary 7 prefects who ran the stalls on the day.

- **Breakfast Club (only breakfast club children may be on-site by 0815)**

Continues to be a huge hit with our children and is the perfect start to the school day.

Single child: £1.00

Two or more children from the same family: £2.00

- **ASC/EASC**

ASC - **Fee £2.00/day for each child.** (NURSERY – P3 1.45pm – 2.35pm)

EASC (NURSERY – P7 2.35pm- 6pm) - **Fee £8 per session (2.35pm up to 6pm)/£5 per ½ session (2.35pm up to 4pm.)**



- Congratulation P7 Poets!**
 A large number of our P7 children recently received great news that the poems they wrote earlier this year have been chosen for publication in a book showcasing young writers' work called ***Once Upon A Dream – Scotland and Northern Ireland Voices***. This is the 25th year this national competition has been run and they received in excess of 35,000 entries nationwide.
- Irish News GAA Primary School of The Year Award**
 We have been nominated by Annaclone GAC for the 2017 award for our work as a school in promoting Gaelic Games around Europe through our ERASMUS+ programme. Watch this space...
- Shared Education**
 P5 enjoyed an Eco-Friendly day to Tyrella Beach were the two schools worked closely together in the cold and wet to ensure the beach was clean and tidy for all those who visit. P7 will be working closely with Fairhill this month and our two Nursery Units also work together during the summer term
- PTM/PTE Testing**
 Children from P3-P7 will begin two weeks of standardised testing from April 27 in both Maths and English. The results of which are relayed to parents in the end of year report (pupil profile).
- P6 Literacy and Numeracy Booster**
 Afterschool classes will now continue with Mr O'Neill on the dates below.
 Tuesday 2 May
 Monday 8 May
 Monday 15 May
 Monday 22 May
 Tuesday 30th May
- IZAK 9**
 P6 had the opportunity to pilot the new IZAK9 maths resource that we will be using in school next year. The resource creates opportunities for children to discuss mathematical reasoning and the processes involved in problem solving. This is an innovative resource and one that the pupils greatly enjoyed using. All classes P1-P7 will use this tool in 2017/18.
 See more at: <http://www.izak9.com/>
- PA Fundraiser – Save The Date Saturday May 27th 2017**
MAKE-UP MASTERCLASS & DISCO
 The PA are organising an event this year to help support the school's need for play space and equipment for our children. The proceeds of this event will make the school environment richer and better for all of our children. Tickets are reasonably priced and selling well. Contact the PA committee for more details.
- School Calendar Change**
 School will now be **open** for children on Tuesday 30th May but will now **close** on Friday 23rd June.

- **General Election 2017**

The school has been notified by the electoral commission that they once again we are be a polling station. The school will therefore now be closed on **Thursday June 8th**.

- **Play Space**

Weather permitting children can now play safely on the school grass field until the end of term.

- **Names on School Uniform**

Please ensure that you have your child's name on their school jumper. Due to the warmer weather children remove and mislay their uniforms more frequently during this term and to prevent their uniform ending up in lost property please can you ensure the name is clearly written on the tag.

- **Passport Forms**

We are now entering peak travel season for holiday makers. For those wishing passport forms validated and counter signed by myself – please get them in as early as possible so I can get them turned around and back to yourselves without further delay. (Please allow 2-3 days.)

Calendar May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st SCHOOL CLOSED	2nd P7 Shared Ed	3rd P7 Shared Ed	6 th	7 th
8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th P3 Assembly	12 th P4 early finish.
15 th P6/P7 Girls Soccer Blitz	16 th	17 th	18 th P7 Assembly	19 th
22 nd th	23 rd	24 th P7 Confirmation	25 th P6 Assembly	26 th
29 th SCHOOL CLOSED	30 th	31 st P7 NSPCC Workshop	1 st P4 Assembly	2nd

Note: P4 Holy Communion Saturday 13th May

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