

Principal's Update 26.1.23



Dear Parents,

We hope this correspondence finds you all well. We have had another very busy and successful week in school, particularly as it is Catholic Schools Week. We look forward to our P7 pupils presenting a whole class assembly on Friday 27.1.23 to mark the end of this special week in our school calendar.



Congratulations to our Head boy/girl and Deputy Head boy/girl for proudly representing our school at one of the main launch celebrations for Catholic Schools Week 2023, in St. John the Baptist Church Drumcree in Portadown. A special thankyou to Darragh, Niamh, Shay and Isla.



All classes throughout the week, have continued to celebrate and mark Catholic Schools Week. We hope to publish their work in the coming days on our school website.

School Admissions 2022/23			
Information for parents/guardians			
Please see below key dates in admissions for year 2022/23. For parents/guardians the first date of note is the publishing of admissions criteria of schools on the EA website.			
STEP ONE	Pre-School	Primary	Post-Primary
Admissions Criteria Published on Website	17 Dec 2021	17 Dec 2021	12 Jan 2022
STEP TWO	Pre-School	Primary	Post-Primary
Online Applications Open	10 Jan 2022	10 Jan 2022	1 Feb 2022
STEP THREE	Pre-School	Primary	Post-Primary
Online Applications Close	28 Jan 2022	28 Jan 2022	23 Feb 2022
STEP FOUR	Pre-School	Primary	Post-Primary
Notifications of Applications Outcome	28 April 2022 Stage One 16 June 2022 Stage Two	28 April 2022	21 May 2022
For more information on the admissions process please visit www.eani.org.uk/admissions			



ONE DAY TO GO

Pre-School and Primary Admissions

APPLY ONLINE BY NOON, 28 JANUARY, 2022



Reminder: Tomorrow at noon the portal for Primary school admissions closes at 12 noon. P7

Parents - Post Primary admissions – Please note the portal opens on **1st February 2023**



Our **Friends of St. Joseph and St. James's** are hosting a **Pub Quiz** as part of this terms fundraising. This is taking place in **Rices Hotel on Friday 27.1.23 from 9.30p.m.**

We ask you to please support this event as all proceeds are for our school. A raffle will be held also on this evening where there are lovely prizes to win. We look forward to seeing you all there.



We were absolutely delighted to hold our first school debate for pupils from P4-P7 on Wednesday 25.1.23. This was a fantastic event, led by our P7 pupils under the guidance of Mrs Shortt our Language and Literacy Coordinator. The debate focus centred on discussion that generated great passion on whether, 'mobile phones should be permitted in schools'.



Everyone had the opportunity to give their opinion and contribute towards a final vote. Suffice to say the team representing the argument 'against mobile phones in schools' were the overall winners, having won the majority of pupil and staff votes. Well done to everyone involved.



A special congratulations to Marielena, one of our P7 pupils, who was awarded overall 'Most Promising Speaker' at this event by Mrs Shortt. Well done Marielena, very well deserved indeed.

Yours in continued partnership

C. Wadsworth and staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.

Friday message for Catholic schools Week:

