

Principal's Update 21.4.23



Dear Parents,

What a wonderful start to Term three. Our pupils have made us all so very proud following a very successful week of musical performances in Newry Feis. Their hard work ethic certainly paid off this week. We must extend our sincere thanks to all teachers who helped prepare our pupils for each performance, Mrs Crawley our accompanist for the choir and Mr Murphy our EA tutor for recorder.



Choir Success



Pupils from P5,6 and 7 who sang as part of our school choir won the 'Jack Doyle' Memorial cup and were commended for their ***'Beautiful singing, lovely tone and unified sound'*** by A. *Sherwood the Adjudicator of the competition*. We are immensely proud of all our children who performed as part of our choir and look forward to sharing this with you at our Spring Recital.





As part of our music provision, we are very fortunate to have Mr B. Murphy, our EA tutor for recorder. Mr Murphy has taught Pupils in P5/6 and P6/7 who performed incredibly well, attaining a first place prize in the recorder for P6/7, with Mr Sherwood describing their pieces as '**Very together and rhythmical**'. Our P5 pupils also attained second place in their competition with Mr Sherwood commenting they were '**simply lovely**'.



Congratulations to all our pupils who received the Principal's award this week. Our pupils continue to excel in giving of their very best to all aspects of school work, particularly in helping one another and taking great pride in completing their work to the highest of standards.



Reminders:

Holy Communion- Refreshments

Following our pupil's Holy Communion on **Sunday 21st May**, our 'Friends Of' Committee will assist in helping provide tea and refreshments afterwards to all in attendance at Holy Communion. Our 'Friends Of' committee cannot do this alone and we do require some volunteers to assist us on this day. Can you please email cwadsworth679@c2kni.net if you are available to support us on this day.

We ask all **P4 families** if they wish to attend for tea and refreshments, can you please email Imorrow846@c2kni.net if you will be in attendance and the number scheduled to attend. Can we please ask for final numbers no later than Friday 12th May



In this coming week we are holding our annual tracking assessments for all pupils. It is imperative that all pupils are in attendance in the coming week. We thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

N.B. – See separate notice regarding strike action scheduled- Wednesday 26th April, as issued on 19th April to all parents via the school app.

Wishing all families in our school community a peaceful weekend ahead.

Yours in continued partnership

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