

Principal's Update 28.4.23



Dear Parents,

It is great to have reached the end of another very busy and purposeful week. We would like to thank you all for ensuring your children were in attendance to complete our annual tracking assessments for P4-7.



In the past week our classes have resumed our strong links with Poyntzpass P.S. as part of ongoing Shared Education work. Our pupils must be congratulated on their wonderful behaviour and manners. As Principal it is so lovely to hear staff and members of the wider community compliment our pupils on their lovely manners and overall behaviour.

P1/2 have had a fabulous day at Fort Evergreen with the P1/2 group from Poyntzpass P.S. We hope you have enjoyed the postings on our school Facebook page, as well as class pages on our website.



P7 Trip to Stormont



Our P7 pupils also had an amazing day out yesterday visiting Stormont as part of their Shared Education experience. They got to visit the inner chamber and have the opportunity to ask lots of questions. Look out, because we could definitely have some future MLA's in our midst, who have wonderful ideas for our future.



CONGRATULATIONS

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:



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

SCHOOL Uniform

Parents we ask that you please ensure your children are wearing the correct school uniform. Please can you assist us and check your child, when full school uniform is worn that all pupils do so with black school shoes. On PE days, pupils are permitted to wear the school PE uniform/ O'Neills only. Leggings are not permitted.

Thankyou for your continued cooperation in this matter.



We hope you have enjoyed viewing the photos on our school Facebook page of all our pupils who participated in the 'World Daily Mile Day'. All pupils participated as a recognition of the positive benefits that daily physical activity has on physical and mental health.



As we lead into another weekend, which I know many are looking forward to with the Bank Holiday with **no school for pupils until Tuesday 2.5.23**, we remind all our pupils of the theme of kindness.

Pope Francis' words were reiterated at whole school assembly today and we commend those pupils, who always go that extra mile showing that little bit of kindness.



We can choose to cultivate kindness. Those who do so become stars shining in the midst of darkness.

— Pope Francis, 'Fratelli Tutti':
On Fraternity and Social Friendship

"Kindness is the universal language that can be spoken by everyone."

-Unknown

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.