

## **BULLETIN – MARCH 2022**

- CLOSINGS:** Thursday 17 – Friday 18: St Patrick's Holiday  
Thursday 14 – Friday 22 April: Easter Holidays  
School closes on Wednesday 13 April at 12.00 pm for Easter Holidays (No school bus at this time). School re-opens on Monday 25 April for Summer Term.
- SACRAMENTS:** First Confession Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7pm  
Service of Light (P7) Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 7pm.  
Confirmation Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm  
First Holy Communion 21<sup>st</sup> May 11am.
- IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> World Book Day  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> last session of P6 /7 Drug / Alcohol Awareness and Prevention Programme  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> P5 Young Enterprise Programme  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> P7 commence 'Reading Rooms' Transition programme.  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> final 'Nurture in Five' Session for all classes.  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March Green Day (everyone invited to dress in green).  
Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March – 'Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week' (details to follow)
- NEURONIMO:** Classes continue to use the Neuronimo mental health and well-being programme from the 'Reverse the Trend Foundation', to develop lifelong skills, which will help children cope with the challenges they may face now or in the future. We encourage parents to log into the programme for use at home. There is a link specifically for our school:  
<https://www.neuronimo.co.uk/enroll/1620225?th ug=2f5b910e>
- TARGETTED SUPPORT:** We continue to offer extra support to children to ensure that they reach their full potential. This support includes Literacy, Numeracy, Language, Well-being, Nurture, Lego Club, the Healthy Happy Minds Play Therapy Programme. Study clubs, targeted work in class, support with transitions, extra reading sessions, help to learn books, dyslexia friendly classrooms, a range of assistive technology and extra ICT licences, many of which can also be accessed at home. We also continue to welcome a range of peripatetic support and advice including for those pupils with dyslexic tendencies, social, emotional, behavioural issues, Speech and Language, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, physical difficulties etc.
- SCHOOL AND ECO COUNCILS:** Our School council continues to gather pupil opinions or concerns and share the pupil voice. The ECO-council is also active and influencing change for the better. One of the recent achievements is the introduction of recyclable and compostable packaging of school dinners.
- SCHOOL GARDEN:** We look forward to developing our poly tunnel and garden area as Spring approaches. Help from parents or grandparents would be much appreciated, particularly in reviving our poly tunnel. Please contact the school if you are willing to volunteer.
- TRAFFIC CONGESTION:** I again urge those who drop off and collect pupils by car, **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS STOP.** Careless parking makes it very difficult for the bus drivers to safely collect and dispatch the pupils in their care. Pupils who travel by car are dismissed via the church gate, where we ask parents to take responsibility for their child's movement through the carpark.



**CHILD: PROTECTION:** The Designated Child Protection Teacher is Mrs Leonard. Miss McGuigan and Mrs Kelly are the Deputy Designated Child Protection Teachers.

**STEM ACTIVITIES:** We continue to promote and develop STEM, pupils have recently participated in NI Science Week programmes. P7 have already begun their Young Enterprise Business Beginnings and other classes from P4 -6 will soon commence their programmes.

**HEALTHY EATING:** Thank you for your continued support in Healthy Eating. We encourage all pupils to bring a refillable water bottle to school. **Remember, think 'HEALTHY' when packing your child's lunch – NO NUTS, crisps or chocolate please!**

**UNIFORM:** Please mark all uniform (especially jumpers) with your child's name. Trousers should be plain navy with NO MOTIFS / STRIPES.

**PLACEMENT STUDENTS:** Welcome to Miss Crudden, Mr Fox, Miss Wilson, Mr Mullaney, Miss McCaughey and Mr McLoughlin, who are all currently on Teaching Practice / placement.

**Many thanks to all parents for their support. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries,  
P Kelly  
PRINCIPAL**

## Peripatetic Coaching / Tuition and After School Activities March / April 2022

Class	Day	Time	Activity
P1	Wednesday (to commence mid-March) Fridays	Afternoon Morning	Relax Kids Mandarin
P2	Mondays (to commence mid-March) Wednesday (to conclude early March) Fridays	2-3pm Afternoon Morning	Small Group Language Club Relax Kids Mandarin
P3	Friday Friday	Morning Afternoon	Mandarin Forest Schools
P4	Tuesday Tuesday Friday	After School Afternoon Morning	ICT Relax Kids Mandarin
P5	Tuesday Thursday Thursday Friday	After School Morning After School Morning	Lego Club Violin ICT Mandarin
P6	Tuesday Thursday Thursday Friday	After School Morning Maths School Morning	Irish Club Violin Maths Club Mandarin
P7	Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday	Afternoon After School Morning Afternoon	Reading Rooms Transition programme Gaelic Club Violin Mandarin.