

# Saint Vincent de Paul Primary School

December 2021



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15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Welcome to our second Newsletter of the year. This term has been a very busy one with the children participating in events to mark World Kindness Day, Pharmacy in schools, Road Safety Week and Anti Bullying Week.

In the run up to Christmas you will find lots of information about events we have planned to celebrate the Festive Season. We look forward to welcoming you and your families to these events.

At this time of year there are lots of "bugs" and viruses about, please read our Parent Childhood Illness Guide for advice on when you should keep your child off school. Remember "Every School Day Matters."

Our School Nurse Angela Evans will be supporting us alongside the Trust this Half Term in carrying out our P1 Health Appraisals and Flu Vaccination Programme. Please ensure that forms are completed and returned on time to school.

Keeping in touch with our parents is SO important- you can keep up to date through SEESAW and the School website. Any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

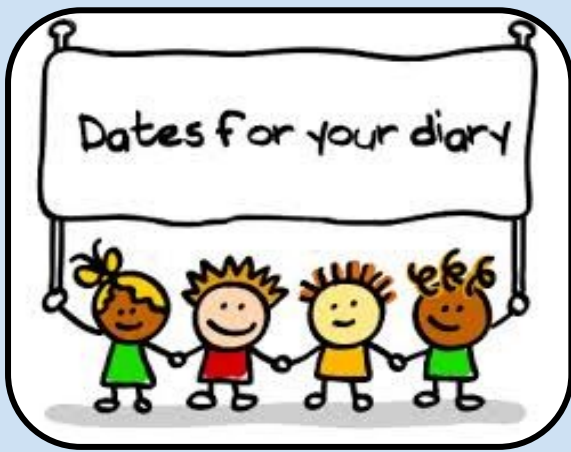
Yours sincerely,

*Bronagh McVeigh*

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Schools of  
Sanctuary



## Important Christmas Dates and Events 2022

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December:** Primary Two trip to the Pantomime in the Lyric

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Primary Three - Primary Seven Movie House Trip

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December:** Nursery Christmas Show at 10.00

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** School Christmas Dinner

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** School Development Day. School closed to pupils

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Primary Three Christmas Show

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Primary One Christmas Show at 9.30

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Primary Two Christmas Show at 11.00

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Key Stage Two Carol Service at 1.30 in the Church

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of December:** Jingle All the Way Christmas Jumper Day- £ 1.00 Non-Uniform Day

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Class Christmas Party Day

### Christmas Holidays

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of December:** School Closes at 11.00 and reopens on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023- **THIS IS A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY.**







*Mrs McVeigh,*

*along with the staff and pupils  
would like to cordially invite you to our  
Nativity performances.*



*Primary Three present for you,*

***Whoops-A-Daisy Angel***

*Tuesday 13th December @10am*



*Primary One present for you,*

***The Sleepy Shepard***

*Thursday 15th December @9.30am*



*Primary Two present for you,*

***Is There A Baby In There?***

*Thursday 15th December @11am*



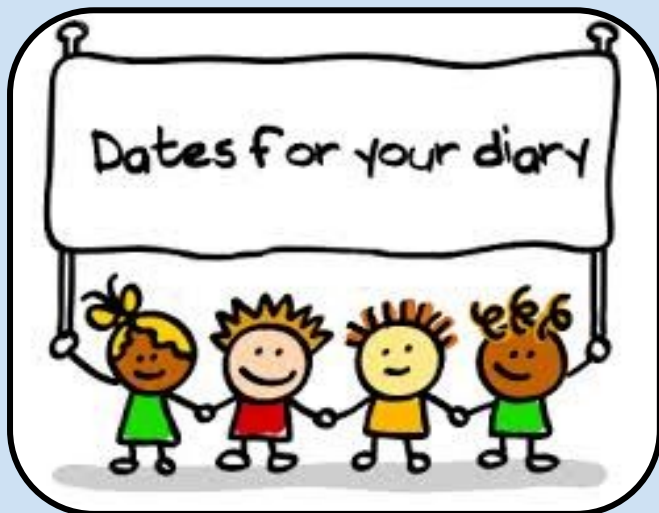
*Our Key Stage Two Christmas Carol  
Service will also be held on*

*Thursday 15th Dec @1:30pm*

*R.S.V.P bmcveigh625@c2kni.net*







School Development Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Christmas Holidays	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December-Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023 School finishes at 11.00am on Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
New Term starts	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 Normal School Day
Half Term Holiday	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 (5 days)
St Patrick's Day Holiday	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Holidays	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April-Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 School finishes at 12.00 on Thursday 06 <sup>th</sup> April
New Term begins	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Additional May Bank Holiday	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
May Bank Holiday/Mid Term	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2023 School reopens Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2023
Last Day of Term	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 School finishes at 12.00



# School Open Day

Thursday, 8th December 2022 @ 1pm



You are warmly welcomed to our Open Day  
On: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 at: 1.00 pm

## *What our Parents say*

"Love this wee school. Teacher and Principal work well with the kids."



"The staff, every teacher I have engaged with, are excellent. I am sure they care about my child and his education."

"It is an amazing school. I am thankful and happy my son goes there."

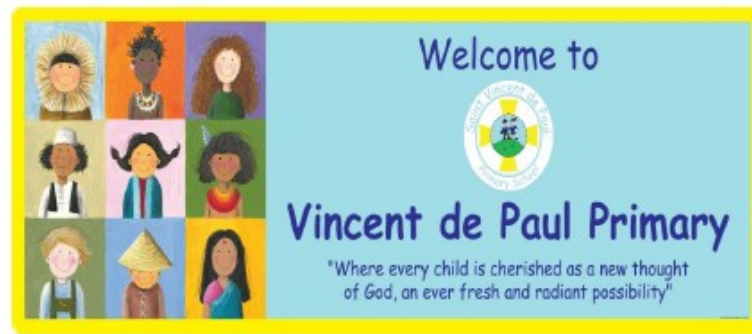
"The school goes above and beyond for the children. They have a brilliant relationship with the kids and parents"



Come along and visit our Nursery Unit and Primary School and see the exciting plans for our new school build.

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# ***Saint Vincent de Paul Primary School Prospectus***

*(September 2022)*



**Click on the image to download a copy  
of our School Prospectus.**





# Open Enrolment

## OPEN ENROLMENT IN PRE-SCHOOL AND NURSERY SEPT 2023

DATE	NOTES
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	EA publishes information on the preschool and school admissions procedure. This can be found on the EA website <a href="https://www.eani.org.uk">https://www.eani.org.uk</a>
<p>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Opens at 12 noon)</p> <p>An application will be treated as <b>punctual</b> if received on or before 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (12 noon)</p> <p>During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria <b>punctual</b> applications are considered before <b>late</b> applications are considered.</p>	<p><b>Pre-school and Nursery applications procedure opens with Online Portal available</b></p> <p>When an application is submitted an applicant must remember to provide their 1<sup>st</sup> preference school any supporting documents requested.</p> <p>In addition to any documents required the applicant must also upload or submit the <b>child's birth certificate</b>.</p> <p><b><u>Pre-school and Nursery ONLY</u></b></p> <p><b>Any applicant in receipt of benefit under the socially disadvantaged criterion must provide verification.</b></p> <p>Published admissions criteria can be accessed at <a href="https://www.eani.org.uk">https://www.eani.org.uk</a></p>
<p>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 1200 noon</p> <p>Online portal will not be accessible after this date or time</p> <p>All late applications will be paper based</p>	<p>Date/time by which parents submit an application (<b>treated as punctual</b>).</p> <p>An application received after 12 noon on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 will be treated as <b>late</b>.</p>
On or before 4pm noon on Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	Deadline Date/ Time for supporting Documents
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Parents receive notification of outcome of application by email where one is held or by letter.

Please note parents will receive notification of the outcome via online portal on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. School will also notify parents by post; letter will be posted on 26<sup>th</sup> April for receipt on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023.



# Open Enrolment

## OPEN ENROLMENT IN PRIMARY ONE SEPTEMBER 2023

DATE	NOTES
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	EA publishes information on website about Primary One admissions procedure and admissions criteria for schools. admissions procedure. This can be found on the EA website, <a href="https://www.eani.org.uk">https://www.eani.org.uk</a>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Opens at 12 noon)	<b>Primary One applications procedure opens with Online Portal available</b>  When an application is submitted an applicant must remember to provide supporting documents if requested by ANY preference listed.  In addition to any documents required the applicant <b>must</b> also upload or submit the <b>child's birth certificate</b> .  Published admissions criteria can be accessed at <a href="https://www.eani.org.uk">https://www.eani.org.uk</a>
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# Open Enrolment

## OPEN ENROLMENT IN POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 2022

DATE	NOTES
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	GL/PPTC Assessment
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	First AQE Assessment
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Second AQE Assessment
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2022	Third AQE Assessment
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	GL/PPTC Supplementary Assessment
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	EA publishes information on Website about Post Primary Schools.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023	Post Primary Application Process opens with online portal available from 12 noon for parents to apply for Year 8 admission.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Results of Entrance Tests (AQE and GL) received by parents
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	Online Portal closes at 4.00 pm for Year 8 Post Primary Applications.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	<p>Parents receive notification of outcome of Applications via the online portal.</p> <p>Admissions Helpdesk is operational.</p> <p>Schools may choose to notify decision by post.</p> <p>EA notifies parents of children who have not yet secured a place.</p> <p>EA publishes information on website on schools where year 8 places remain available.</p>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2023 (No later than 4.00 pm)	Deadline for receipt of Appeal Forms against Year 8 decisions.





# Do I need to keep my child off school?

At this time of year, it is not uncommon for children or household members to feel unwell. The PHA have shared useful information with parents and schools about when to keep children at home or indeed send them to school. While we do not encourage unnecessary absence from school, it is recommended to keep children who are unwell at home until they have recovered. Please read carefully.

# Do I need to keep my child off school?

HSC

Public Health Agency

<div>Chicken Pox</div> <div>Until all spots have crusted over</div>	<div>Conjunctivitis</div> <div>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed</div>	<div>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</div> <div>48 hours from last episode</div>	<div>Glandular Fever</div> <div>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed</div>	<div>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</div> <div>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed</div>	<div>Impetigo</div> <div>Until lesions are crusted &amp; healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics</div>
<div>Measles or German Measles</div> <div>4 days from onset of rash</div>	<div>Mumps</div> <div>5 days from onset of swelling</div>	<div>Scabies</div> <div>Until after first treatment</div>	<div>Scarlet Fever</div> <div>24 hours after commencing antibiotics</div>	<div>Slapped Cheek</div> <div>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed</div>	<div>Whooping Cough</div> <div>48 Hours after commencing antibiotics</div>
	<div>Flu</div> <div>Until recovered</div>	<div>Head Lice</div> <div>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed</div>	<div>Threadworms</div> <div>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed</div>	<div>Tonsillitis</div> <div>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed</div>	



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## Everyone can be a road safety hero

We all have a responsibility to use roads safely to protect ourselves and others. We can choose safe ways to travel and safe vehicles, obey road rules, travel at safe speeds and educate people about safe road use.

### Parents and carers

Parents and carers can help keep young children safe by:

- Holding hands with them when walking near roads
- Crossing roads at safe places
- Riding with children on safe paths away from traffic
- Making sure children wear a cycle helmet to protect their head if they fall off
- Making sure a child is sitting in a well-fitted, appropriately sized child seat if travelling by car.

Parent and carers can also set a good example by driving at safe speeds, never using a phone while driving, always wearing a seat belt and never driving after drinking or taking drugs.

All parents and carers can help children and young people use roads safely and choose active ways to travel or public transport where possible.

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Find out more about road safety for families at  
[www.brake.org.uk/families](http://www.brake.org.uk/families)

ROAD  
SAFETY  
WEEK

Organised by  
 **Brake**  
the road safety charity

Sponsored by  
 **ARVAL**  
BNP PARIBAS GROUP

**DHL**

openreach

Supporting  
 **THINK**  
Road Safety

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## Christmas Support

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I appreciate that many families will face harsh financial difficulties this year, **please** speak to us if you need any support.

We may be able help in the following ways

Food Parcels

Christmas Dinner

Toys/ Gifts ( children and teenagers)

The only information I need is:

- Parents name
- Child/children's names
- Address
- Phone number

Please contact us *ASAP*, in order that I can contact the right agencies.

I can assure you that this information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of staff you feel most comfortable speaking to.

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Yours Sincerely

*Bronagh McVeigh*



Click on the image below to view details of  
our School Development Plan.



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## Advent Calendar: Tips to keep you stress free during the festive period



### **Day 1: Set a Christmas budget and stick to it!**

We are encouraged to spend our way to happiness at Christmas. But this often leads to us feeling stressed and sometimes in debt. Agree a budget with family and friends for gifts and stick to it.

### **Day 2: Plan ahead**

Planning out what you want to do and who you really want to buy gifts for, also by sorting who you will be hosting on Christmas day will make things a lot less stressful.

### **Day 3: Do a bit at a time**

Instead of having to blitz your Christmas shopping in one weekend, do a little at a time.

### **Day 4: Christmas to do list**

To do lists can be helpful especially at Christmas, but to avoid stress BE REALISTIC of what you can achieve in the time you have available.

### **Day 5: Perfect Christmas or Good Enough?**

Don't put yourself under pressure to produce the perfect Christmas for everyone.

### **Day 6: Dear Santa**

To help with Christmas stress give ideas of some of the gifts you would like to receive and encourage family and friends to do the same with you. Consider doing "secret Santa" with family and friends to cut down on the number of gifts you need to buy.





**Day 7: Remember what Christmas is all about!**

Try not to get caught up in all the commercial images of Christmas and enjoy spending time with the people you love.

**Day 8: Ignore the Christmas adverts**

T.V. Ads can be a source of stress and put you under pressure to have the "perfect" Christmas. Make a cup of tea during the ad breaks or turn them to mute.

**Day 9: Enjoy simple things**

December is the busiest month of the year for most people. Give yourself a break and enjoy some hot chocolate, tea/coffee or mulled juice. Listen to some of your favourite music and chill out for 15 minutes. Feeling recharged you'll be ready to start ticking off that to do list!

**Day 10: Get some Christmas helpers**

Encourage the whole family to get involved in preparations. Helping decorate the tree, coming up with gift ideas or helping tidy the house for visitors. Not only will this ease the burden of the person who is always doing everything but the whole family will feel included.

**Day 11: Enjoy the build up to Christmas**

We can focus so much on making sure Christmas Day is a success that the rest of the festive season can pass us in a blur. Instead enjoy the moments before Christmas day – wrapping Christmas presents in front of the fire, listening to some Christmas songs.

**Day 12: Try a new activity**

Why not try something new over the festive period like going ice skating.



**Day 13: Take a winter walk**

Wrap up warm and take a peaceful winter walk in your local forest park or do a Christmas scavenger hunt.

**Day 14: Indoor Activities**

The weather in winter is not always great. The dark mornings and nights cut down our opportunities for outdoor time. So, consider reading a book, knitting, or doing a jigsaw.

**Day 15: Be creative**

Being creative can reduce our stress levels and is a great way to spend time with other why not try making some DIY Christmas cards to give to family and friends.

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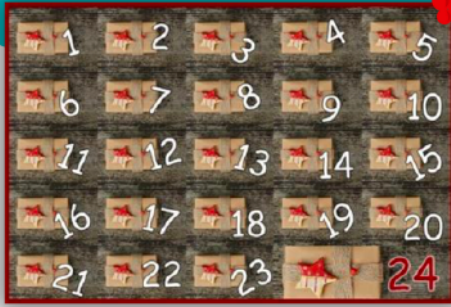
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Click to download the latest  
High Five Magazine produced  
by the EA Primary Behaviour  
Support Team.







**Day 16: Consider helping others at Christmas**

Spread some peace, love, and goodwill by donating or volunteering at a local charity. Pick up an extra gift or food item when shopping and leave it at nearest drop off point to help a family in need.

**Day 17: Play games**

Why not dust off a good old-fashioned board game. Or use materials at home to create new games like pin the nose on Rudolph or Christmas charades.

**Day 18: Get some sleep**

December can often be so busy with lots of busy days and late nights. Remember to take care of yourself and get sleep.

**Day 19: Turn off devices**

Take some time out turn off your devices and listen to some relaxing music, practise some meditation and mindfulness.

**Day 20: Fun with the family doesn't have to cost money**

Remember what you enjoyed doing as a child at Christmas and share this with your family – a board game, charades. Look out for free events in your local area like Christmas tree lights switch on, Santa arriving at the local shopping centre, events in your local library.

**Day 21: Appreciate nature**

Why not take some time out to watch the sunrise or sunset on the winter solstice.

**Day 22: Take notice of your surroundings**

Take a drive around your local area and look at the houses with all their decorations and festive lighting. Choose your favourites.

**Day 23: Spend time with people**

Take time to spend some quality time with those closest to you. Have a Christmas movie night wear some Christmas pyjamas and make popcorn. Snuggle down in front of an open fire or with cosy blankets.

**Day 24: Enjoy!!**

And Finally, just enjoy Christmas and all the special moments created with family and friends.





## Empower Project

The Empower Project is managed by DADS. DADS is a community/voluntary organisation that has helped and supported families and their children on the spectrum for over 20 years.

Empower Project is a Big Lottery funded initiative through the Reaching Out Supporting Families Programme. This programme supports families across Northern Ireland and beyond. The focus of the project is to support children under 12 with Autism, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia, ADHD, Tourette's Syndrome, their parents and the wider family circle to enhance confidence and learn together to develop skills to support their children.

Empower Project offers webinars virtually online. Click here for further information.



D.A.D.S – DYSLEXIA, AUTISM, DYSPRAXIA SUPPORT is a Northern Ireland-based self-help support group for children who have special educational needs, their parents/carers, and their teachers. Founded in 1998 the organisation has supported 100's of families throughout Northern Ireland. 'We support parents/carers and help guide them through the bureaucratic process of assessments, reviews, and statementing. Currently, we are the Lead Partner in the Empower Project'.



Click here for further information on D.A.D.S.





Click here to  
read our  
Anti-Bullying  
Policy



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## What is bullying?

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Being mean, even when  
asked to stop

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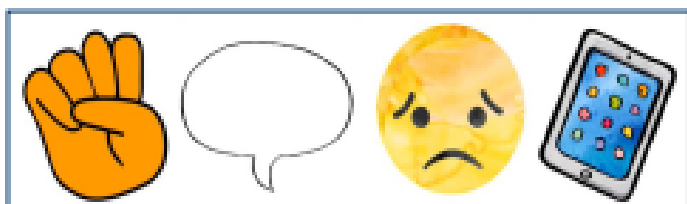
On purpose



**O**

Over and over again

Bullying can be physical, verbal,  
social/emotional and cyber.



## What to do about bullying?



Get away if you don't feel  
safe!



Try to stay calm.



Tell an adult!



Find a buddy!



Tell the bully to stop.

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Congratulations to everyone who took part in all  
our Activities to celebrate  
Anti Bullying Week.



# School News



A huge thank you to everyone. At our Non-Uniform Day to celebrate World Kindness Day we raised £250 for the NI Children's Hospice.





# School News



🌟 Be Bright Be Seen 🌟



Thank you to everyone who took part in our Be Bright Be Seen Day.





# School News



★ Be Bright  
Be Seen! ★



Road Safety Week



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Be Bright 



Road Safety  
Awareness Week



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# School News



## OUR PRIMARY SEVEN HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL CANDIDATES



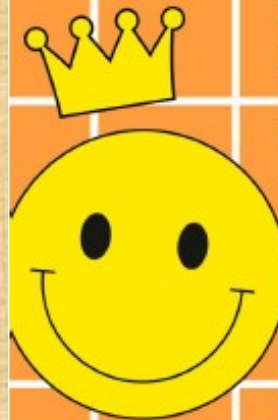
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# School



HEAD BOY  
HEAD GIRL



Play Ground Monitors



Reading Buddies



Library Prefects





# Class News P1 Ms. Glover

## A whole lot of learning



and a whole lot of fun!





# Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe

**LIZ GOUGH**



**WE HAD FUN  
WITH OUR  
LOVELY  
VISITORS**

**HARPER THE DOG**



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# Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe

WORLD KINDNESS DAY



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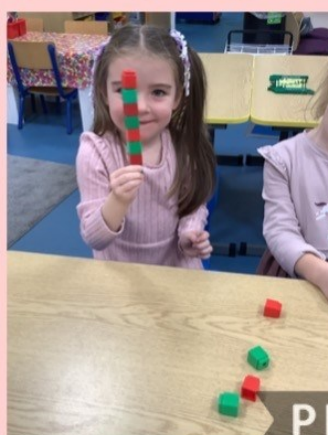
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# Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe



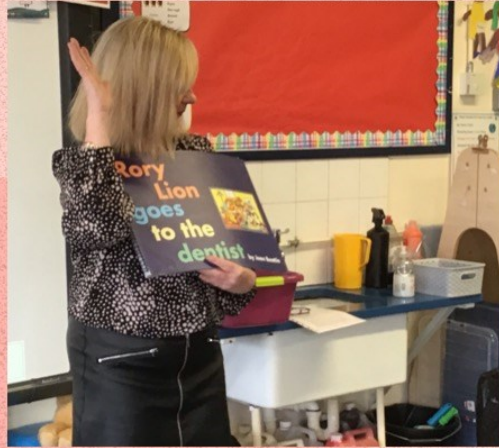
We made  
fantastic  
patterns





# Class News P2 Mrs. McLaughlin

**Primary 2  
Learning how to  
stay healthy with  
Maria and Sonia  
from  
Ligoniel Healthy  
Living Centre**





# Class News P2 Mrs. McLaughlin



# P2L



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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# Class News P2 Ms. Jamieson

HAPPY HALLOWEEN  
P2J



TRICK  
OR TREAT

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# Class News P2 Ms. Jamieson



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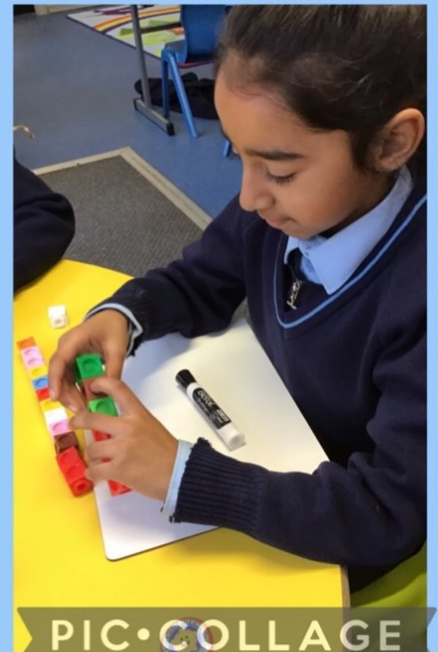
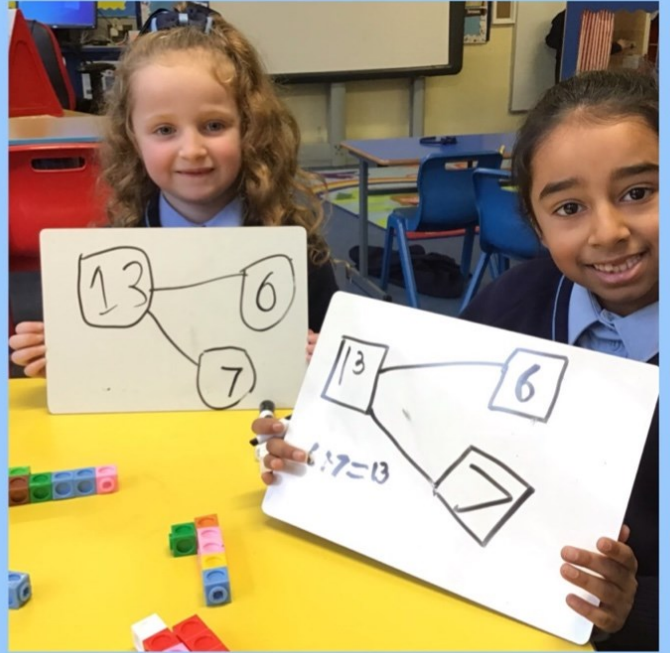


# Class News P3 Mrs. Hair





# Class News P3 Ms.Kearney



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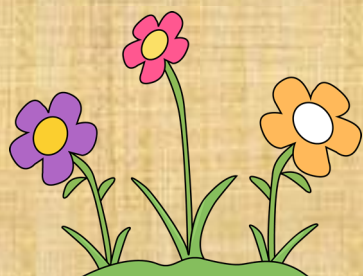


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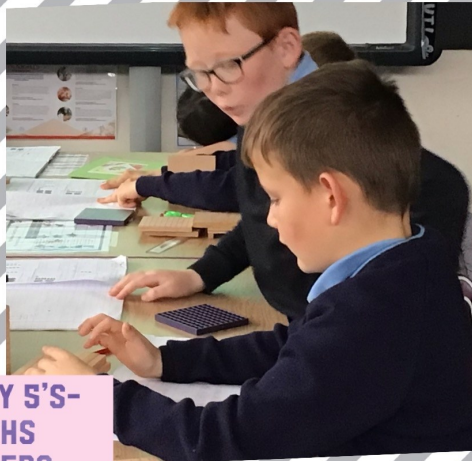
# Class News P4/5 Mrs. McGrogan



School  
Improvement  
Ideas



# Class News P5 Mrs. O'Kane



PRIMARY 5'S-  
MATHS  
MASTERS



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🎵 Recorder practice 🎵  
P5 Mrs O'Kane



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# Class News P5 Mrs. O'Kane





# Class News P6/7 Mrs. Forte



Story Telling with Ms. Gough





# Class News P6/7 Mrs. McGrath

MRS TONER'S TORTURE CHAMBER.



YUMMY GRUBS



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# Class News P6/7 Mrs. McGrath



JOSEPH IS LOVING IT!!

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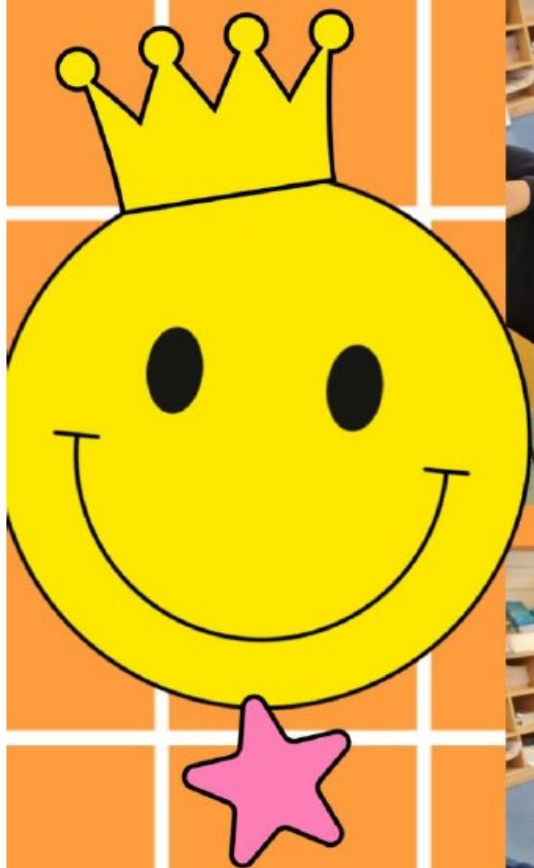
# Class News P6/7 Mrs. McGrath





# Class News P6/7 Mrs. McGrath

ETHAN  
WAS  
SUPER  
BRAVE.





# Class News P6/7 Mrs. McFarland



## P7 PREFECTS, READING BUDDIES AND PLAYGROUND MONITORS

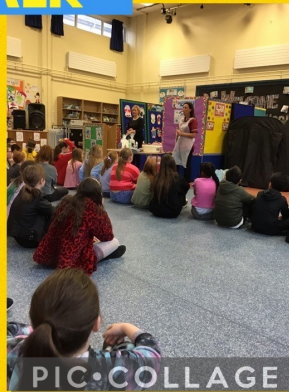




# Class News



**P6/7 HYGIENE TALK**



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**GL BIG BREAKFAST-**



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# Class News P6/7 Mrs. McFarland



HAPPY HALLOWEEN 🎃



FROM P6/7F



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