






# Saint Vincent de Paul Primary School

June 2023



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26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Welcome to our End of Year Newsletter. We have had another very busy and successful year. The children have enjoyed School Trips, Sports Day, Awards Day, Visits from outside agencies, Swimming, Jujitsu Joe, Football, Jump, Jiggle and Jive, NM Sports, Cinema Trips to name but a few.

We hope that you enjoyed reading and celebrating your child's end of year report. I took great pleasure in reading about all of the children's achievements.

### Attendance

This year you will have been given a detailed Attendance Report for your child. In the new Academic year, we will continue to work hard with our parents and pupils to improve attendance.

Be an Attendance **H.E.R.O.**  
**Here/ Everyday/ Ready/ On time**



Finally, on behalf of the Board of Governors and Staff I would like to wish you and your families a relaxing and safe Summer break. I look forward to welcoming our children back on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of August.

Yours Sincerely

*Bronagh McVeigh*





## New School Update

- Ecology and archaeology surveys currently ongoing on site.
- Topographical survey has been updated to pick up additional retaining wall identified by the ICT.
- Stage 3 report has been submitted for review and a presentation is due to take place on 29/06/23
- NIE have been in touch to discuss a new sub station for the site. EA have met and given them the design information and programme. NIE hope to have a new sub station on site at the same time as the school, so that the new substation will be active whenever the new school opens. They have even suggested matching the appearance of the school.
- Planning application is still anticipated to be lodged on 31/07/23 as reflected in the ICT's current programme.







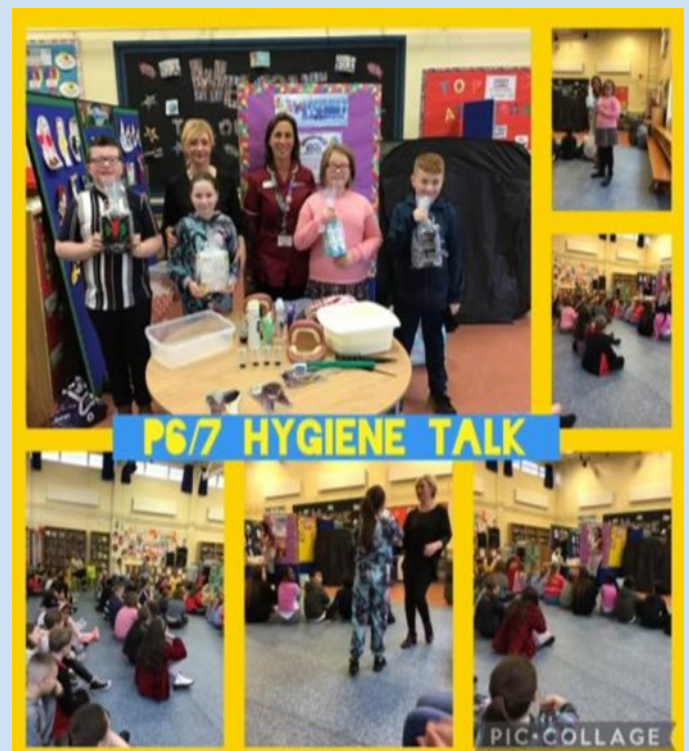
## Enhanced School Nursing Programme

We have been delighted to have been involved in this pilot programme. The support given by our school nurse Angela Evans this year has been invaluable. Angela has worked with all our pupils on a variety of programmes and areas across the curriculum including Personal Development and Safeguarding and Child Protection.



These have included:

- KS2 Hygiene talks
- NSPCC PANTS Programme
- National Smile Month
- The Big Catch Up
- Smokebusters
- Celebrating the NHS
- P1 Health Appraisals
- Parental Support
- Child Protection/ Looked After Children Case Conferences



Angela with her energy, kindness, approachability and enthusiasm has become a well-known support in our School. She has gone above and beyond in supporting our most vulnerable pupils, parents and our staff.



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# School Holidays 2023-2024

New Term Begins	<p>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August &amp; Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 Half Days (NO SCHOOL DINNERS)</p> <p>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 Normal School Day - School Dinners Available</p>
Halloween Mid Term Break	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November (5 Days)
*School Development Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
*School Development Day	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Christmas Holidays	<p>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</p> <p>School finishes at 12.00 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></p>
New Term Begins	<p>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024</p> <p>Normal School Day</p>
Half Term Holidays	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 (5 days)
St Patrick's Day Holiday	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Easter Holidays	<p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024</p> <p>School finishes at 12.00 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></p>
New Term Begins	<p>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024</p> <p>Normal School Day</p>
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
May Bank Holiday/Mid Term	<p>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</p> <p>School reopens Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</p>
Last Day of Term	<p>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024</p> <p>School finishes at 12.00</p>

Please note \*School Development days may be subject to change.  
PLEASE USE THE WEEKS IN OCTOBER AND FEBRUARY TO AVAIL OF FAMILY HOLIDAYS.



# Farewell Primary Seven!



I am sure you join with me in wishing our Primary Seven boys and girls every success and happiness in their new schools. We say a special thank you to Maria LHLC for the fabulous Transition gift packs that the boys and girls received.

School	Number	Boys	Girls
St. Malachy's College	3	3	0
Fortwilliam Dominican College	4	0	4
Belfast Royal Academy	2	1	1
Mercy College	28	15	13
Blessed Trinity College	5	3	2
Hazelwood Integrated College	1	1	0
Boy's Model	1	1	0
St. Louise's Comprehensive College	2	0	2
Edmund Rice College	1	1	0



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# GRACE Award

We are so delighted and proud to have received the first GRACE award in Northern Ireland. Together with Ligoniel Primary School we were presented with the Award at a celebration event in Glenbank Park on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of June.



**Ligoniel Primary School**  
**St Vincent de Paul Primary School**





## Free School Meals & Uniform Allowances Application Process for School Year 2023/24

We are getting ready to launch applications for Free School Meals & Uniform Allowances for the upcoming school year. We will be in touch in due course with full details on the process - but we wanted to communicate a couple of important points ahead of the launch.

### Proof of Benefit Letters

Parents/guardians who are currently in receipt of the below benefits, will need to upload a **Proof of Benefit Letter**, along with their application. Applicants can request this by visiting [this website](#). We ask that you remind your parent community of this requirement, as an application cannot be processed until we receive all supporting documentation for the applicant.

- ✱ Income Support;
- ✱ Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- ✱ Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- ✱ Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit.

### Social Media Toolkit for Schools

To inform parents and to signpost to further resources, a Social Media Toolkit with graphics and messaging is available to download for those schools who wish to share messages throughout the application process. Click the below link to access the resources.



[Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance Applications Social Media Toolkit](#)

### Pupil Lists

Use your most recent EA list of pupils eligible for Free School Meals so you can encourage their parents to submit an early application this year.

### Contact us

Meals and Uniforms staff are available to assist parents and schools.



028 9041 8044



Parents: [mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk](mailto:mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk)



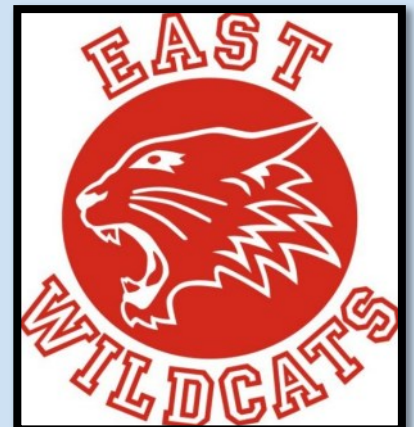
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# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



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# Take Notice

## Be Kind to the Environment

### Tips for Being Kind to the Planet



Use a reusable water bottle - by drinking from a reusable bottle, not only will you save money, but you're minimising the amount of waste that goes to landfill sites!



Litter picking - You might be great at putting things in the bin when you're done with them, but other people may not be! Just make sure you wear the right safety equipment.



Conserve Energy - by turning things off when we're not using them, we can save energy and help the environment.



Recycle - Get recycling both in school and at home.



Ride bikes and walk - Whenever you can, walk or ride a bike instead of using the car. If it isn't a long distance, we may as well get there by doing some exercise.

Encourage others - It's so easy to be kind to the environment – and your kindness will hopefully inspire others to help the planet too! But sometimes people need a gentle reminder, so if you see a friend littering or leaving the lights on, why not share your knowledge so they can be kinder too.



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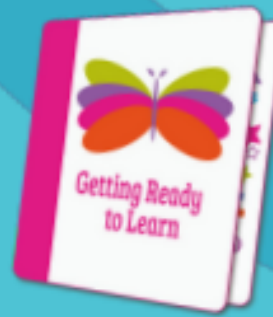
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# Getting Ready to Learn

## Kindness



Kindness begins at home. The traits of kindness do not appear spontaneously in children and need lots of nurturing. The best way to teach kindness is to demonstrate and reinforce it over and over again until kindness becomes the norm. Demonstrate kindness when you are out about so they can watch and imitate you.

### Be Kind to Your Child

Even when you are tired and frustrated try to speak in a kind way to your child. Discipline with love, support them and always be kind. Talk with your child about kindness and how they can show kindness to others.

### Use Play

Spark their imagination with a silly game or story. Have a competition to see who can give a nice big, bright smile. Or for older children play the compliment game, where you gather round in a circle to pass a ball. The child with the ball must give a compliment to the person they are throwing the ball to.

Play with them and include situations where you are encouraging them to think how someone else feels. You can use their toys to show acts of kindness. Simple ideas might include a doll with a bump to their head, then ask your child how the doll is feeling and what they could do to make them feel better. For older children you could use their toys to act out tougher situations such as toys being unkind and nasty to each other. How would they want to be treated. What could they do?

### Show Kindness to Friends and Family

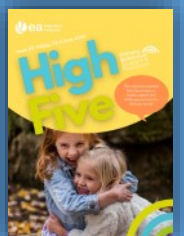
- Encourage your child to say thank you to those that help them. Notice when they do this and praise and encourage them.
- Talk to your child about what makes them happy or sad. This will help them develop an understanding of their emotions. Can your child notice when others are sad too? Use stories to discuss emotions.
- Find ways to let your child know that different things make people feel better. Some people like hugs, but others don't. Help your child learn that it's OK to ask someone what you can do to help them.



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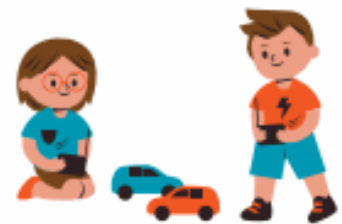
### Show Kindness to Friends and Family

- Point out acts of kindness. If your child helps lay the table you can encourage more of this behaviour by saying, "Thank you for helping me, that's really kind."
- Make a kindness scavenger hunt. Write or draw ideas for being kind on paper and stick it up. You could include activities like giving toys and clothes to charity, or donating books to a younger cousin or young neighbour.
- Spend some time making pictures, crafts or baking with your child and deliver them as gifts to friends and relatives.



### Kindness at School

- Teach your child to be welcoming and kind to all children. They might like to invite someone to play if they are sitting alone.
- Suggest your child lets someone else play with a toy they're using. Sharing may not come naturally to them and may just come with time and practice. Young children often find sharing difficult.
- Your child might want to make cards to thank someone who helps them in school e.g. the receptionist, caretaker, assistant or teacher.



### Be Kind to the Planet

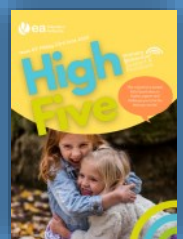
- Show your child ways to be kind to the planet around your home and garden.
  - Get them to help with recycling
  - Switch lights and gadgets off when not in use
  - Feed wildlife in the garden or local parks
- Donate toys and clothes to charity shops rather than throwing them away.
- Walk instead of using the car. Make it an adventure. Come up with ways to help you child notice nature. You could download a nature scavenger hunt or listen for sounds of nature while you walk
- Make a bug hotel for your garden



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# Class News Nursery Ms.Hair



Fun in  
the Sun ☀️





# Class News Nursery Ms Hair





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# Class News P1 Ms. Glover

A year filled with fun in Primary One!



P1G  
2022 - 2023





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**A year filled with fun in Primary One!**





## Primary One Classes of 2023





# Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe



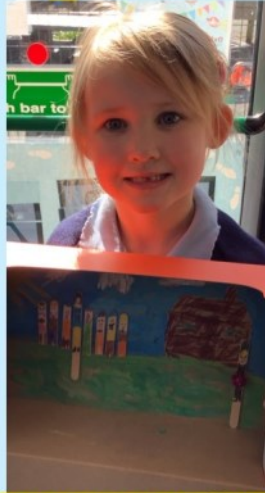
**P1R HAD FUN IN THE SUN**



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# Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe



LOOK AT OUR FANTASTIC STORY BOXES



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# Class News P2 Mrs. McLaughlin



P2 have fun on  
Freezy Friday!



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# Class News P2 Mrs. McLaughlin



## P2L HAVE LOTS OF FUN ON SPORTS DAY





# Class News P2 Ms. Jamieson



*Sunny days  
in P2*

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# Class News P3 Mr. Wisdom

## Primary 3W A Year In Our Lives





# Class News P3 Ms. Kearney





# Class News P4 Mrs. Lally



P4 ENJOYING CIRCUITS



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# Class News P5 Ms.O'Kane



PRIMARY 5  
CELEBRATING ★  
75 YEARS OF  
OUR NHS



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# Class News P5 Ms.O'Kane



 **CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF  
OUR NHS** 





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**SPONSORED WALK 2023**



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# Class News P6-7 Mrs. Forte



## P7 LEAVERS PARTY





# Class News P6-7 Mrs. Forte

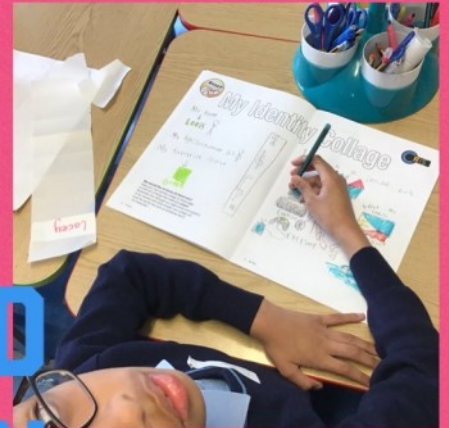


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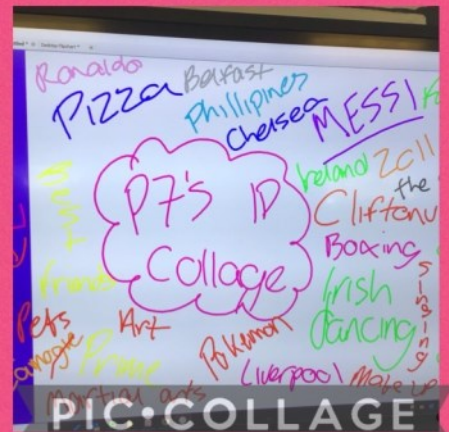
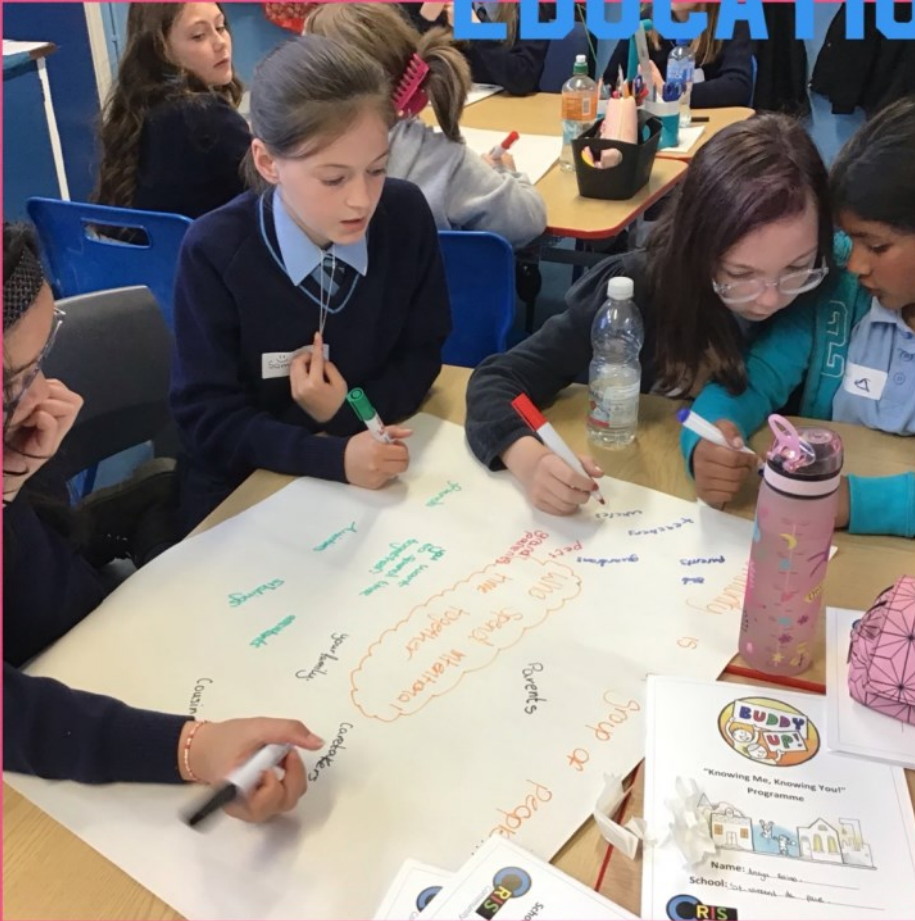




# Class News P6-7 Mrs. Forte



## P7 SHARED EDUCATION





# Class News P6-7 Mrs. Keenan



**AIRTASTIC FUN** 🌟🌟😊



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# Class News P6-7 Mrs. Keenan



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
FOR OUR LOVELY P7S**



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# Class News P6-7 Mrs. Keenan



## PRIMARY 6 AWARDS DAY



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# Class News P6-7 Mrs. McGrath





# Class News P6-7 Mrs. McGrath

I'M A CELEBRITY, GET ME OUTTA HERE!!!

