

# St Patrick's Primary School

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## ***Progress Through Partnership***

28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well done to all those children who impressed their teachers with their reading since the start of January. Twelve lucky children got a £5 gift voucher to spend at the book fair! Congratulations! The Book Fair is open until Wednesday.

We are continuing to focus on reading, homework, and presentation for the rest of the year and we hope to give many more prizes to those children who are putting in superb effort and doing the best they can do. Parents as you know your children will need your help with checking and signing, so please get in touch if there is ever a problem with this. All homework and reading diaries must be signed by an adult every night.

Last week our P7 boys travelled to St Colman's College for an outdoor hurling blitz, winning all their matches, and although it was extremely cold they arrived back to school very happy boys. Thanks to St Colman's College for giving the boys a great morning of sport.

On Wednesday we took some of Mrs O'Neill's Primary 7 class to St Theresa's Church in Banbridge for the Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service. It was a special event where we came together with all the Catholic schools in the area to celebrate the very important role Catholic schools play in building our communities. The children represented our school with pride, answering the responses and joining beautifully with the singing. Thanks to Mrs Savage and Miss Magee for their help on the day. All our classes participated in this wonderful celebration through the live stream in the classroom.

Mr Trainor's Primary 5 class performed a wonderful assembly for the rest of the school and a prayer service for the parents on Friday to celebrate the end of Catholic Schools Week and celebrate how we share our talents with each other. Thank you Mr Trainor and Primary 5!

On Friday, four of our Primary 6 children took part in the first chapter of the Dromara and Drumgooland Credit Union Quiz. Charlie, Zara, Odhran, and Harry did us proud delivering a very high score but unfortunately were pipped at the post, coming second in the heat. An excellent performance from all 4 children. As well as being winners, their behaviour and manners were commented on by others in attendance! Congratulations!

The PSNI visited our school on Thursday as part of their WAU topic of 'People who help us' linked to our Catholic Schools Week – Communities of Service! The children thoroughly enjoyed asking the police lots of questions and even got to sit in their patrol car and switch on the beacons! Many thanks to our local community police for giving up their time to visit us.

## **Transfer to Post Primary in Year 8 Enrolment Dates**

The Year 8 admissions portal opens at 12 noon on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and closes at 12 noon on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. Please look at the notification on our school website for further information.

Looking ahead to next week I would like to invite our Primary 4 parents to attend their children's First Penance Service at 1:30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Further information will be sent to you this week.

Please read the Week at a Glance attached to this notification for this week's events.

Kind regards

Geraldine Smith  
Principal