

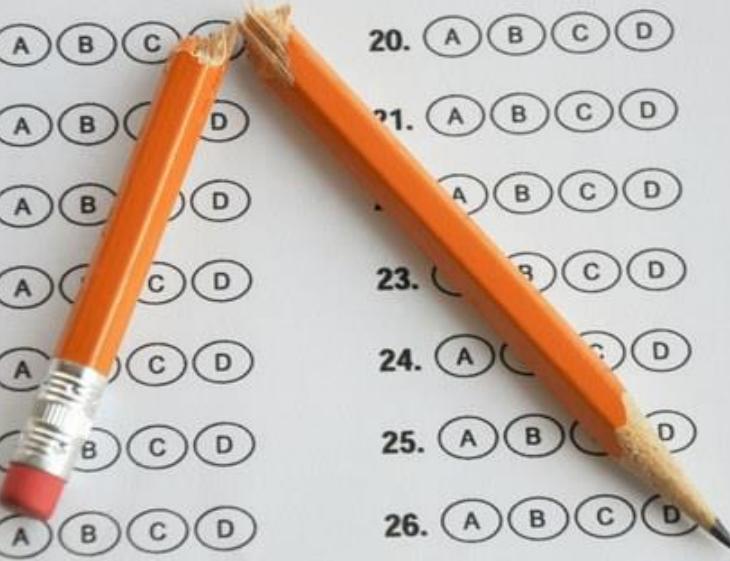


## **FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

February has gone past in a flash and Springtime is almost upon us! Another busy month here in Our Lady of the Missions. Over the last few days we have welcomed inspectors from Education Scotland across our school community. Initial feedback has been positive and the children were a credit to us and their families. Thank you for supporting us by completing questionnaires and taking part in focus groups. Watch this space for the published report.

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Children at Primaries 3, 5 and 7 have completed Standardised Tests in Literacy and English and Numeracy and Mathematics. This is one aspect of a wide range of assessments which are carried out on an on-going basis throughout the year at all stages in the school. The scores for each child, along with information about what the scores mean will be included in the end of year reports.

## STEM Week



We will continue to build on opportunities to develop STEM education during the week beginning the 11th March. We have many visitors and exciting activities planned for all of our pupils across the week.

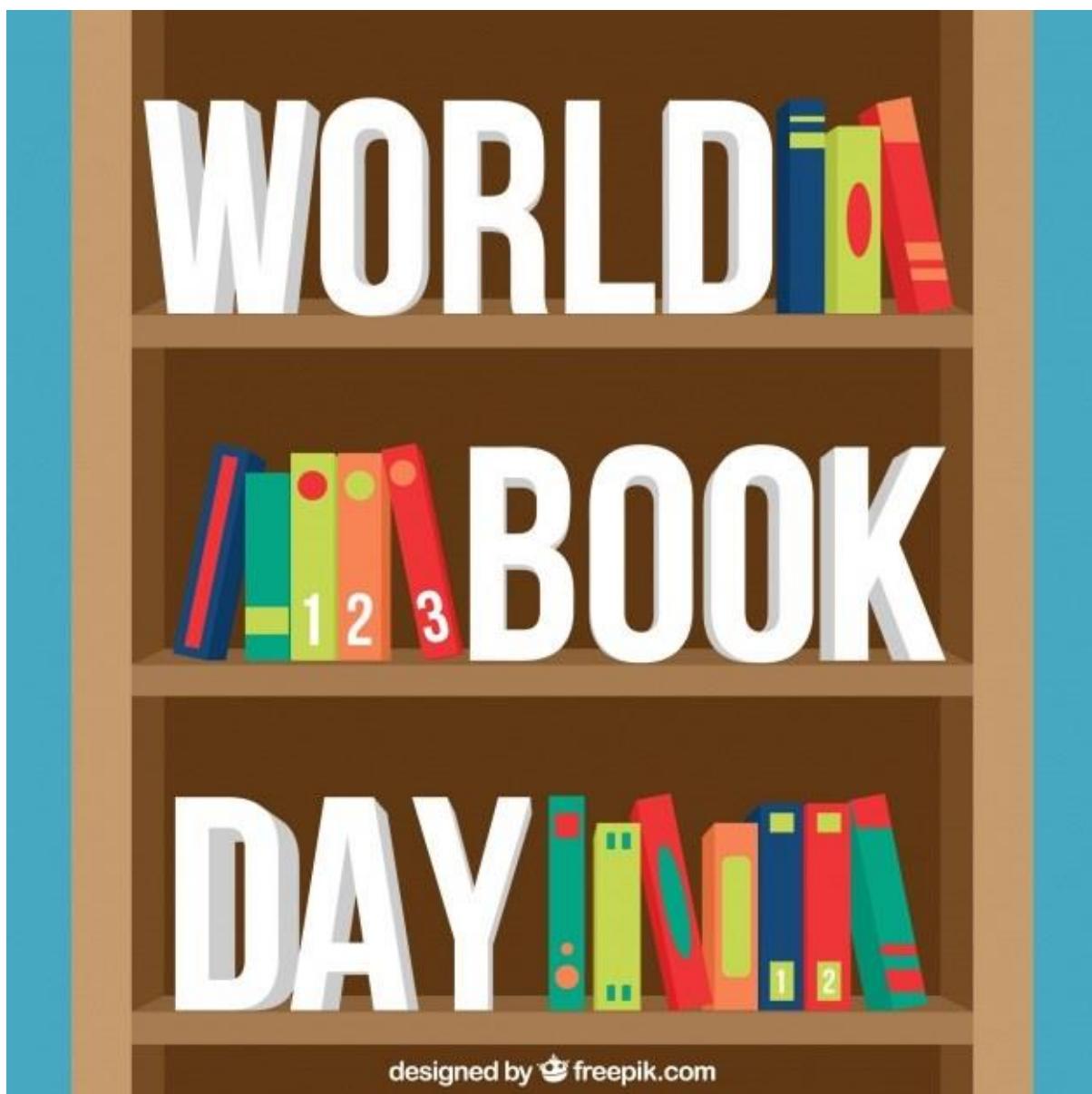
Keep an eye on class blogs and Twitter for updates.

## Parents' Evenings



Parents' Evenings are scheduled for Wednesday 27th March and Thursday 28th March. We will be utilising the online booking system which will be 'live' shortly. Further information will be sent soon.

## World Book Day



We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March in the school. Pupils can wear costumes (or even pyjamas) if they wish. We do not want parents to go to the expense of buying costumes. Please bring a book to read on the day...and a cuddly toy.

## Thornliebank Together Grant – vote for Our Lady of the Missions to win £5,000 - 16th March - save the date!



Please come along to Thorntree Hall (Main Street, Thornliebank) on Saturday 16th March any time between 11am and 3pm to vote for our projects to win up to £2500 each. The PC/PSA have applied to buy fun playground equipment for all the children to enjoy. Our Guardians of the Garden pupils would also love to replace the greenhouse burnt down by vandals as well as investing in benches / cold frames etc to get growing again and work with the local community.

There will be 20 groups competing for funding on the day and we will have stalls for both our projects.

Groups with the largest number of votes will get a share of a £25000 grant from East Renfrewshire Council for local community initiatives. Our applications count as two separate groups so we are hoping for two votes from everyone who is able to come along.

All pupils over the age of 8 at Our Lady of the Missions can vote, as can staff at the school.

Parents / relatives / friends of Our Lady of the Missions can also vote if they live / work in Thornliebank; or volunteer at school or at another Thornliebank project/club; or take part in local clubs or initiatives in Thornliebank.

It will be a fun day for all with children's activities and lots to see, including other fantastic local projects you may have not come across. Please pop in and support us on the day!

## Parent Council



The Parent Council exists to help support the work of the school's leadership team, and to help represent the views of parents and carers to the school and to East Renfrewshire Council.

The remaining Parent Council meetings for this year will take place on Thursday 21st March and Thursday 23rd May at 7pm in the school's Junior Department. All parents/carers are welcome to attend meetings of the Parent Council.

Between now and the summer we plan to continue our work to improve the school playground (for which we will need some eager volunteer helpers), and we also plan to work on improving the parking, road safety, and transport issues which concern the school.

To keep up to date with our work please add yourself to the Parent Council's email list at this address: <http://eepurl.com/ggTZWH>.

Many thanks

Chris McLaughlin (Chair)

Lorna McIntosh (vice chair)

## PSA

The Parent Staff Association are busy planning a range of events for the coming months, including a special Summer Fayre at Holmwood House to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our school. This will take place on Saturday 8th June. Volunteers will be required for this, further information to follow.

## Football News



### **OLM teams prepare for new game session with visit by St. Mirren F.C. players**

The OLM 09s & 11s year groups were treated to the appearance of Mihai Popescu and Laurențiu Corbu from St Mirren FC who popped along to the club's new training facilities at GHA on Monday night.

The children enjoyed engaging with the players, asking various questions about team positions, best goal scored etc.

Popescu & Laurențiu were equally pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the OLM children and delighted to pose for photographs at the end of another tough training session as the children prepare for the start of the ERSDA Saturday games.

The 2009s also benefited from the players donating St Mirren match tickets as a raffle prize for the forthcoming race night fundraiser on the 2nd March.

### **OLM Girls Football**

The OLM club are interested to hear from parents of girls in OLM who feel that they want to explore the possibilities of setting up a girls team to play games against similar girls teams in East Renfrewshire. Parents should get in touch with Murdoch MacDonald (07764949750).

## Euro Quiz



What a successful morning we had at the Euro Quiz Competition! There was a buzzing atmosphere and our four pupils had great fun! They were all exceptional participants and proud representatives of our school. A big thanks to Mrs McNeil for her preparation and support with this event.

The quiz was not easy, some of the questions were quite tricky.

We were delighted to come second out of fourteen schools! We scored the high score of 41 out of 55.

Well done Hannah, Aaqib, Sandy and Eilidh, terrific talents!

## Cross Country Event



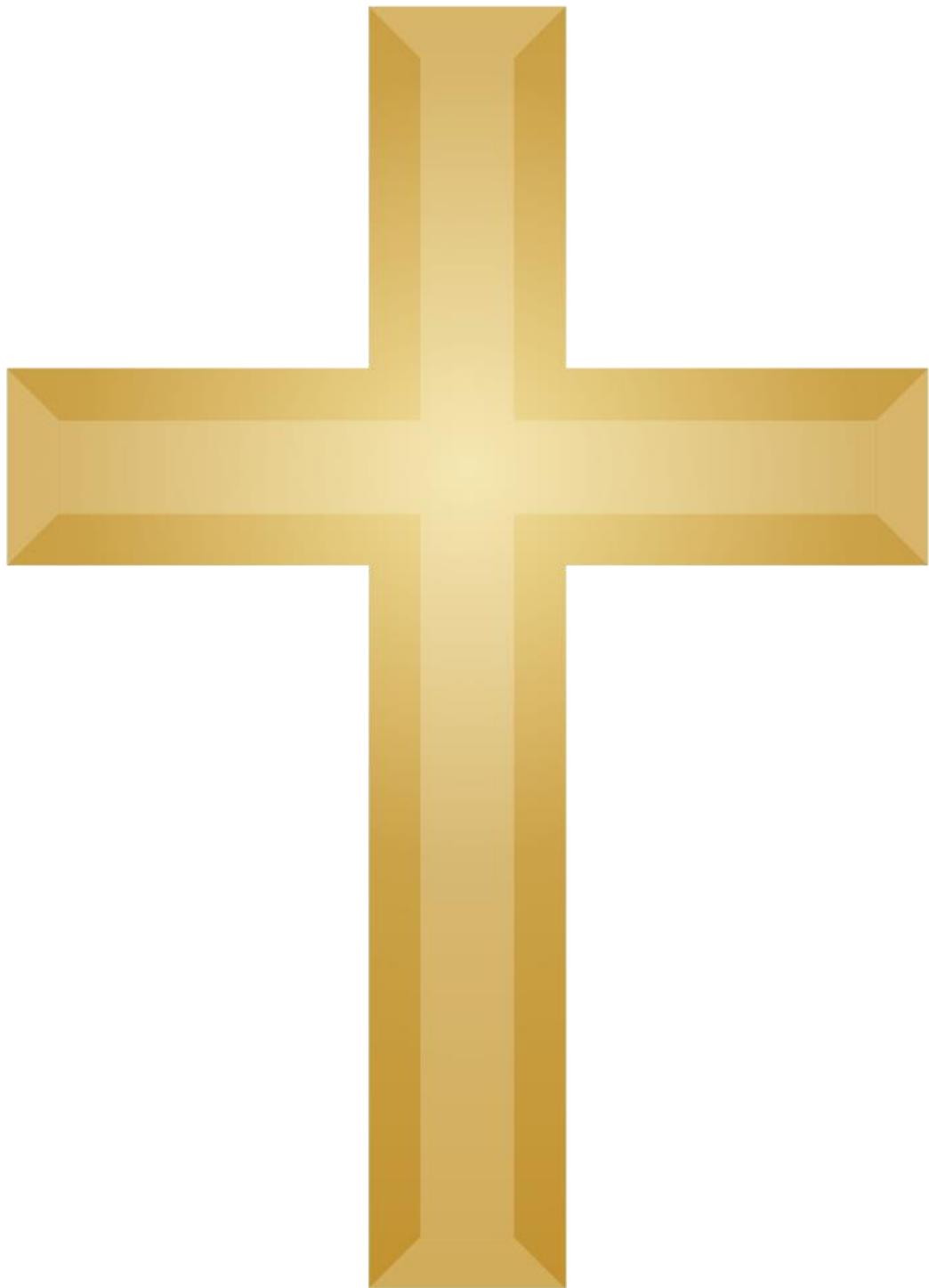
Our Cross Country teams were a credit to us on Tuesday of this week. All of the pupils involved did themselves and the school proud. Congratulations to our boys' team of Shay, Joseph, Leon and Franco who were third out of all of the schools involved and our girls' team of Saoirse, Lucy, Isla and Hannah who were second place out of all of the schools. What an array of talents displayed.

## Individual/Families Photographs



John Wilson photographers will take Individual/Family photos on Monday 18th March and Tuesday 19th March. Pupils should wear formal uniform including shirts and ties on these days.

## St Joseph's P4 Mass of Commitment



### St Joseph's P4 Mass of Commitment

Please attend any of the St Joseph's Saturday or Sunday Masses on 2nd/3rd March. Children should wear their own clothes. They should sit with their families and when asked to do so should go forward and receive a copy of the Our Father.

## Cantata



Preparations are well underway and we are looking forward to a wonderful performance from our P6 children and school choir on Friday 8th March at 11am and 1.30pm in Eastwood Theatre.

We still have around 200 tickets available for our 11am performance. Our whole school community are invited to join us at this wonderful showcase of terrific talents. Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay.

## FEIS GHLASCHU 2019



1 - Huge congratulations to Orlaith who took part in the Feis Ghlaschu 2019 at Woodfarm High School on Sunday and was placed 1st in the Under 12 Harp Competition. She competes as a member of Saint James the Great CCE.

## Dates for your Calendar

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March

1st - P7a Class Assembly

2nd and 3rd - P4 Mass of Commitment (Communion) –St Joseph's - All Masses

6th - Ash Wednesday

7th - World Book Day

8th - P6 Easter Cantana

8th - P2d Class Assembly

12th - P4 First Reconciliation –7pm St Joseph's and St Vincent's

13th - P4 First Reconciliation - 7pm Holy Name

15th - P5c and P7b Class Assembly

18th and 19th - School Photographs- individuals/families

27th and 28th - Parents' Evenings

29th - School Closes –**2:30pm**

## April

1st-12th - Holiday

15th - School re-opens

18th - School Closes at normal time

19th - Good Friday - holiday

22nd - Easter Monday - Holiday

23rd - School re-opens

26th - P2a Class Assembly

27th - First Holy Communion - St Joseph's - P4a/b at 10am & P4c/d at 12noon

27th - First Holy Communion - St Vincent's at 10am

28th - Mass of Thanksgiving - 10am at St Joseph's

## May

3rd - P3c Class Assembly

3rd - P7 First Friday Mass

6th - May Day Holiday

7th - In-Service Day- pupils **do not** attend school

8th - School Re-opens

9th - St Mirin's Confirmation  
10th - P5a and P6a Class Assembly  
17th - P1d Class Assembly  
12th - First Holy Communion - 12noon at Holy Name  
14th - SNHS Information Evening for P7 Parents  
16th - P7 Induction Day SNHS  
21st - St Vincent's Confirmation  
23rd - School Closes at normal time.  
24th and 27th - May Holiday  
28th - school re-opens  
31st - P7c Class Assembly

## **June**

7th - P2c Class Assembly  
7th - P4 First Friday Mass  
8th - Summer Fayre  
11th - P7 Leavers' Mass  
14th - P3d Class Assembly  
25th - P7 Leavers' Ceilidh  
27th - School Closes - **1pm**

## Feedback and HT Drop In



Remember if you have any questions or feedback, please send in on the Form below and we will do our best to reflect on or answer queries.

### [Feedback form](#)

Head Teacher drop in is on the first Thursday of every month at 3.15pm. Please feel free to use this time for informal discussions.