



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School  
& Nursery Class



## March 2017 Newsletter

### Ash Wednesday/Morning Masses during Lent

Ash Wednesday this year is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Father McGachey will celebrate morning Mass during Lent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.25am and we hope that as many children and families as possible can make it along to these Masses. It is a wonderful way to start each day and helps pupils make their own Lenten journey.

As we will be at Mass on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, there will be no First Friday Mass for March. Our next First Friday Mass is scheduled for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, as we are on holiday during April's first Friday.



### Rookie Rock Stars

As part of our Health Fortnight (27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 10<sup>th</sup> March), our children will be working with the Rookie Rockstars to produce a "Rock Show" on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March (a separate letter has been issued). Rookie Rockstars is an initiative that was created to give children the opportunity to work with professional musicians to learn original songs, record a CD and perform. The programme covers key areas of a Curriculum for Excellence and tackles issues such as anti-bullying, resilience, confidence, self-esteem, and positive relationships.

### Movie Night



Our Parent Council did a splendid job in organising last week's Trolls Movie Night. The night was a huge success and we raised over £600 for school funds. Many thanks to all who organised, attended or supported this event.

We would also like to thank the parent council, who are donating money to the school to purchase new goal posts for the upper school playground and a trolley to carry ICT equipment around the school.

### Parents' Evening

Our recent parents' evening had 94% attendance and overwhelmingly positive feedback. Two parents asked about the possibility of having parents' evening in classrooms as opposed to the hall (because of noise distractions), but for security reasons this unfortunately would not be possible. Another parent asked about the possibility of going round classes to see work and wall displays, but again, for security reasons this would not be possible. Jotters are sent home before parents' evenings so parents are kept up to date with children's progress, and Meet the Teacher Evening in September every year gives

parents the opportunity to see their child's class. An open morning/afternoon is something we may consider at a future point, to give parents a further opportunity to see their child's class.

### **Glasgow Music Festival**



Our choir have been very busy rehearsing for our upcoming Glasgow Music Festival which takes place on the morning of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Their second performance slot is at 2pm so it is quite likely that they will be late back to school; further details will be issued to choir members nearer the time. We will be looking for parent helpers to come along and assist at this event, so if you can help out please contact the school office.

### **Lenten Charities**

As is tradition, each Friday during Lent we will be hosting a theme day, where children (and staff) are encouraged to participate with a voluntary contribution of £1 each week. All money raised will be halved; half of money raised will go to our nominated Lenten charities, and the other half will go towards school funds. During Pupil Voice, we asked our pupils who our Lenten Charities should be and they opted for: St. Andrew's Hospice, Mary's Meals, SCIAF, The Beatson and the Salvation Army.

We also asked children what themed days they would like, and they have decided on:

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Dress as Your Favourite Book Character Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Crazy Hair Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	PJ/Onesie Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Movie Day



### **Dates for the Diary**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Mass at 10am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Primary Reading Quiz
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Dress as Your Favourite Book Character Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Rookie Rockstars Performance
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rookie Rockstars Performance
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	P5 Swimming Block commences
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	PJ/Onesie Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	First Reconciliation (P3 pupils)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Movie Day
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>School closes at 2.30pm for Easter holidays.</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>School reopens at 9am / Nursery reopens at 8.40am</b>