



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School
& Nursery Class



March 2020 Newsletter

Rosary/Confessions during Lent

We will be getting together each morning during Lent to say a decade of the rosary. This will be held in the gym hall at 8.45. Due to lack of space it will only be for the children. Children can bring their own rosary beads or use the school rosary beads. We would like to see as many children as possible coming to this. Father Grant will also be hearing confessions from P4-P7 during Lent and will come to the school every week to do Stations of the Cross.

First Friday Mass

First Friday Mass will be celebrated on the 6th March at the new time of **11 o'clock** and will be led by P4/5. This will be followed by a coffee morning in the school gym hall. Donations for our raffle and shop-bought (not free) baking would be appreciated. Our Glee Choir will also perform at the Coffee Morning - prepare to be dazzled!

Parents' Evening

Our recent parents' evening had a massive 97.3% of expected attendance and overwhelmingly positive feedback. We thank you for your continued support.

RagBag Collection

Having a spring clean soon? If so, our Parent Council have organised a RagBag Collection on 4th March 2020. Bags will be sent home soon for you to fill, but you can also add extra bags to it if you are having a bigger clear out. This is a great fundraiser for our school and it's a good excuse to tackle those cupboards/drawers!

Science Week

Following on from last year's successful Science Week, we will be hosting our Science Week during the week beginning 9th March 2020. Children's main focus that week, outwith literacy and numeracy, will be on the Science and Technology related outcomes. Take a look at the photos from this week on Twitter.

Glee Club



Our Glee Club represented our school recently at the Civic Centre. They were amazing, if not a little tired by the end of the night. Thank you Mrs Cahill and Miss Newall for all your preparation and hard work that has gone into this. Our children proudly wore

their new t-shirts (also made by Mrs Cahill and Miss Newall) and they definitely looked the part and sang their hearts out. Move over One Direction and Little Mix.

Head Lice

We are unable to inform parents of outbreaks of head lice so we ask that you are vigilant and check your child's head regularly. If you would like any advice from our Public Health Nurse regarding treatment, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Reconciliation

Some of our boys and girls from P3 will be making their Reconciliation on the 17th March at 630. Miss Ainslie, Mr Rankin, Mrs Watt and Mrs Rimmer have worked hard to prepare the children for this special Sacrament and the children have responded with reverence, respect and commitment. Good luck, boys and girls. A letter about final arrangements will follow.

School Uniform

We are proud to have a beautiful, smart school uniform that all of our children wear each day. Our children are easily identifiable as ambassadors for our school and wear their uniforms with pride. We respectfully ask that you do not encourage your child to wear 'Fitbits' or 'Apple Watches' to school as they are expensive and could potentially get lost or damaged during physical activity. If your child does require to have these devices, they can be left in the school office in the morning and picked up after school.



No Nut Policy

Can we please remind you that we have children in our school with severe nut allergies, and in line with North Lanarkshire policy, our school is a completely nut free zone. This also applies to 'hidden' nuts contained in most chocolate spreads which contain hazelnuts and some Kinder products.



Book Week

We will launch our Book Week slightly early to tie in with World Book Day on the 5th March. We will carry out a few activities on Friday 5th March, however our full Book Week will be 23rd March 2020. More details of this will be on Twitter soon.

Euroquiz

Our P6 children have been studying furiously over the last few weeks to prepare for the Euroquiz Challenge. To learn all the facts required for the competition is no mean feat and requires dedication. We wish the team luck, next Friday 6th March. We know you will do us proud.

Lenten Arrangements

Our children will have one full fun day during Lent, as last year's Fun day was so successful. This event will take place on the 2nd April and will be led by Mrs Crooks, Miss Hughes and P7. This year during Lent we will be supporting SCIAF and MISSIO. The Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal will also run and will be led by Mrs Taggart and P6. Keep an eye on Twitter for more details of this.

Cross Country Finals

The children who have already qualified for the finals will take part in this event on the 10th March. This is organised by Mr Maxwell, who will continue to prepare the children and will send out details nearer the time.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 3rd April

School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break.

Monday 20th April

School reopens at 9am / Nursery reopens at 8.40am