



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary & Nursery Class



May 2024 Newsletter

Health and Wellbeing

Our Health Fortnight will take place between the 13th and 23rd May. Throughout this time children the children will learn about maintaining healthy minds and bodies, the great outdoors and creating environments for better health and wellbeing. Mr Maxwell organises this event every year and will send out more information in due course.

Transition to P1

Every year we invite our new Primary One children to visit our school as part of their transition. This gives our children an opportunity to meet their teacher, become more familiar with the school building and meet their new school friends. The children from OLSF nursery benefit from an enhanced transition and have already met the P6 Buddies. The following dates are for all children transitioning to OLSF in August.

29th May 1:15pm– First Induction Day for all children coming to P1 in August 2024

5th June 1:30pm– Second Induction Day for all children coming to P1 in August 2024

Primary Seven

Primary 7 will be participating in the annual 'Wear Yellow Walk' for St. Andrew's Hospice on 1st May.

Our P7 pupils transitioning to Taylor High School will have an opportunity to visit the school on the 30th and 31st May as part of the induction process. Children will be given their new classes and will follow a high school timetable for the two days. Our P7 are also invited to attend the Taylor High School Parent Council Race Night on 31st May in St John Bosco.

Glee Regional Final

Our amazing Glee Choir have made it to the Regional Final and will perform at the Royal Concert Hall on Monday 13th May. Tickets are on sale now. Thank you to Mrs Cahill, Mrs Mushet and Mrs Anderson who have given up so much of their time to prepare the children.

Dance Finals

We are so proud of our dance troupe who have reached the North Lanarkshire Finals (two years in a row). Mr Maxwell will accompany the children on the 14th May to

Airdrie Town Hall where they will perform a spectacular routine choreographed by our Taylor High School volunteers. Tickets will be available for this event and more information will be sent in due course.

Stem Event

Mr Rankin has arranged for 10 P6s or 7s to attend the STEM event at New College Lanarkshire, Coatbridge. The event will take place on the 22nd of May. The children will participate in practical workshops and learn about STEM in the wider world.

Primary One Assembly

Our Primary One children have prepared an assembly for friends and family on 23rd May. The assembly will start at 1:30pm and will be followed by tea/coffee. There is no cost to this event, however donations are welcomed.

RRS Silver Accreditation

We will be welcoming the assessors of Rights Respecting Schools on 17th May and will be hoping to achieve silver status. Mrs Anderson and Mrs Taggart have spent a great deal of time preparing our evidence and we are looking forward to receiving our feedback.

Mass and Sacraments

First Friday Mass will take place on the 3rd May at 10 o'clock. This will be led by Primary 3/4 who will entertain us afterwards at the Coffee Morning. The children from Primary 3 will also join in the singing.

Our next First Friday Mass falls on the 7th June.

The Feast of The Ascension will take place on the 9th May. Father Grant has invited the children over for 10 o'clock Mass.

As May is the Month of the Rosary, Primary 6 will lead each class in the Rosary every day. Children can bring in their own rosary beads for this.

Some of our pupils in P4 have been preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and will be presented for this special Sacrament on Sunday 5th May. The children will also go on a retreat to our grotto led by Mrs Mahon, former PT of OLSF. Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.

Primary One

Primary One will join the nursery for our annual Teddy Bears Adventure on 16th May and will also be going to Ravenscraig for multi-sports on the same day. Expect some tired children that night. Further information of both events to come.

Staff

I am delighted to announce Mrs Lynch has been appointed as our new Principal Teacher and will work on a Wednesday and Thursday. This post will begin in August, however Mrs Lynch will visit the school beforehand to meet the staff and some of

our children. We look forward to welcoming her in Our Lady and St Francis Primary and Nursery.

School Closure Dates

2nd May – Inservice Day (Children do not attend)

6th May – School holiday

24th -27th May – May Weekend, school holiday