

## **Thank you!**

A MASSIVE thank you must go to our Parent Council who have contributed hugely to every class trip this term. They have also donated money to fund our new playground games and to support the plans for Children's Day. Another thank you to the Saint Vincent De Paul (SSVP) who have, once again, supported the school in the cost of the P7 residential trip to Dolphin House and also donated funds towards Children's Day. We couldn't give our children these experiences without you, so thank you very much!

## **Twitter**

Remember to access our Twitter page. Our most up to date information is available on here and you will see the tremendous variety of tasks, activities and experiences the children are all having on a daily basis. Please give us a wee like so that we know that parents are accessing this information.

## **P2/3 Youth Music Initiative**

Both Primary 2/3 classes have been receiving an input from South Ayrshire Music Services this term. The project is called Music Heroes and all schools in South Ayrshire have benefited from this. The project aims to support children to develop confidence in the foundational music skills of pitch and rhythm. The children have loved all the singing games and songs so far and demonstrated these well during the P3 assembly.



## Sacrament of First Holy Communion

11 of our pupils have been celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in different parishes across the month of May. The children have worked very hard to prepare for this special occasion and they represented their families wonderfully during each Mass, looking amazing! Congratulations boys and girls and we wish you the very best on the next step of your faith journey.



## Nursery Transition

Our preparations for our new P1 pupils are well under way. School staff have now visited all the nurseries and the children have participated in our informal transition project where they heard the story of 'The Dragon who went to School' and had fun making dragons and castles. We had a great turnout at Access Hour where our new families got the chance to have a look around the school, meet school staff and receive information about moving to our school. Children will attend formal 'bump up' sessions on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June and we look forward to seeing them again then!



### Primary 7 Transition

Our Primary 7s have been working through their transition timetable with visits to QMA and visits from QMA teachers including guidance teacher Mr Wood and Art teacher Ms MacDonald. Our P7 children all found this very useful as it helped to allay some of the fears and anxieties they were experiencing. They are all looking forward to getting to know their peer group, making new friends, and meeting their new teachers.

They will be visiting QMA again on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June for their bump up days and religious retreat and we wish them all the best of luck during this time.

### Bump Up

Our whole school bump up will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June from 9:15am-12pm. Pupils will have opportunities to visit their new classroom, meet their new teacher and try out their new stage. We also welcome our new P1s on this day too. Moving on to a new class or new teacher can sometimes cause a little anxiety, but we are hopeful that by the end of their transition day activities, they will feel relaxed and ready for the new challenges and experiences that moving on can bring! A list of teachers for next year will come out soon, as we are still awaiting confirmation of our staffing for next session.

### QMA Sports Day

Well done to our P6 and P7 relay teams who represented St. John's at the QMA sports day. Despite the weather, our P7 relay team went on to win the cluster primary schools' race!



### Access Hour

Another great turn out for our final Access Hour of the year. We welcomed our new P1 parents and spoke to them about life in St. John's. We can't wait to see our new P1s in August. Thank you to the P7s who helped again with promoting good attendance. Thank you to our Parent Council for coming along to recruit some new parents. We look forward to seeing all the new recruits at the next Parent Council meeting.





## Sports Day

After a very successful Sports Day at the Riverside Arena, Ayr Academy last year, we will be hosting this year's event there again. Timings for each stage are noted below. We hope to see as many parents/carers there as possible, cheering the children along.

Let's keep our fingers crossed for lots of sunshine on the day!

9:30 - 11:00am	P1-3	<b>(New P1s are welcome to join us)</b>
11:00 - 12:30pm	P4-5	
12:30 - 2:30pm	P6-7	



## P1-3 Trip

To celebrate our wonderful year together, P1-3 will be visiting Pirate Pete's on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June followed by a fun day organised by their teachers. Children will leave school at approximately 9.15 to ensure they arrive for a 10am start. They should wear comfy clothing and a school polo-shirt/jumper, so they are easily recognisable to staff when we arrive at the venue.

## P4-7 Trips

To round off what has been a busy and exciting year at St John's our upper department will be going on their summer trip.

P4-5 are going to Dean Castle on the 13<sup>th</sup> June for a fun and hopefully sunny day out. The children in this year group have selected a couple of activities to take part in whilst there - pond dipping and den building - whilst also having the opportunity to explore the grounds.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> June, P6-7 have an exciting morning of activities provided by QMA at the school, followed by a UV party at Shoot Soccer. As always - we hope for wonderful weather!

## Pupil Voice

Our Pupil Voice groups have been working hard all year, meeting on an almost weekly basis. On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, we held our own 'Showcase' for the children to share all their work and learning from the year. All their fellow pupils were very impressed with the work that has been happening in the school.



## Bikeability

Throughout May our Primary 5 children have been undertaking Bikeability Level 1 and our Primary 6 children have completed both Level 1 & 2 during April and May.



All children have shown great enthusiasm and determination to improve their cycling skills at all levels and will each receive a certificate of participation.

## Play Park

Many of our children are enjoying the playpark and MUGA afterschool, it is great to see them all having fun in the sun. Can we please ask that you remind children who are unsupervised to be extra careful around the younger children who are also playing in it.

## Mary our Mother

During the month of May, we have been learning all about Mary's significance within the Catholic faith. The children have been learning about special Marian prayers within the classes. Our P4-7 pupils have also been praying decades of the Rosary during their afternoon Faith and Achievements assemblies. Some of the senior pupils have been demonstrating their leadership skills by helping to lead the Rosary for children in their department. All the classes have shared their learning on Mary at each of their stage assemblies this term.




## Launch of New House Saints & Children's Day Celebrations

We are currently in the midst of having the most fantastic day enjoying a wide variety of activities and having fun celebrating in our new houses.

Lots of pictures will be posted on our Twitter page so please look out for them.



### Advance notice of Diary Dates

June		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Recording of West FM Advert	During school hours
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	QMA Cluster Cup (Football)	3.30-4.30pm at QMA
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	P6-7 Transition Festival	QMA during school hours
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	Riverside Arena
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	P2/3 Show Rehearsals	St Margaret's Cathedral (during school hours)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Council Summer Fayre	Playground after school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Religious Retreat	QMA
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Bump Up Days at QMA	QMA
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Transition Disco & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Parent/Carer Info Evening	7-8.30pm at QMA
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P2/3 Show	1.30pm St Margaret's Cathedral
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	P4-5 School Trip to Dean Castle	During school hours
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Residential Trip to Dolphin House	Group 1
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	P6-7 School Trip to Shoot Soccer	During school hours
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	P7 Residential Trip to Dolphin House	Group 2
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	P1-3 School Trip to Pirate Pete's	During school hours
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Valedictory Mass	10am St Margaret's Cathedral
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Trip to ARK at The Citadel	During school hours (10am-12pm)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS (1pm)</b>	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	In-Service Days (Staff Only)	School Closed
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>School Re-opens to pupils</b>	<b>Welcome Back</b>