

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019



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DATES TO REMEMBER		JANUARY 2019
Monday 7 January	Community Defibrillator Training: Cargan School @ 7.30 p.m.	
Tuesday 8 January	NSPCC: Speak Out. Stay Safe. Presentations Parent On-Line Safety Workshop: Parish Centre 2 – 3 p.m. Camogie Club begins	
Wednesday 9 January	Speak Out. Stay Safe. Y6/7 Workshop	
Thursday 10 January	Cumann na mBunscol Indoor Hurling @ Antrim Forum	
Friday 11 January	Cross-Country Club Resumes Shared Education begins with Camphill PS (Y4)	
Wednesday 16 January	Assistance with Digital Admissions: Martinstown 10 – 11.30 a.m. Rugby Club (Y4-5) begins	
Saturday 19 January	Shared Education Trailblazer Club with Clough PS (Y6/7)	
Monday 21 January	Final Swim Y6	
Wednesday 23 January	Book Fair	
Thursday 24 January	Cumann na mBunscol Indoor Camogie @ Antrim Forum	
Friday 25 January	Principal / Y7 Parent Interviews Begin	
Sunday 27 January	Catholic Schools' Week: Celebrating the Work of Our Own Catholic Schools	
Monday 28 January	School Closed	
Tuesday 29 January	Shared Education Trailblazer Club with Clough PS (Y6/7)	
Wednesday 30 January	NI Primary Schools' Cross-Country Final, Belfast	
Thursday 31 January	Please Note: No Pupil of the Month Assembly Digital Admissions for P1 Places in September 2019 Closes	
Friday 1 February	St. Brigid's Day & Grandparents' Day Mass @ 9 a.m. in the Church, Grandparents' Assembly in the Parish Hall	

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

The theme this year is **Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Own Catholic Schools.**

This is also a week in which we celebrate the contribution of grandparents and this has grown into an important day in the school calendar. We will have mass on **Friday 1 February 2019 @ 9 a.m.** After mass grandparents, special family members and friends are invited back to the Parish Hall. Every year we like to do something different for Grandparents' Day, so this year Primary 7 (Mrs McLoughlin) will present a special Grandparents' Assembly, after we have all had a cup of tea.



SACRAMENTS

Penance: Tuesday 12 March 2019 @ 6.30 p.m.
First Holy Communion: Saturday 11 May 2019 @ 10 a.m.
Confirmation: Thursday 23 May 2019 @ 10.30 p.m.

PRIMARY 1 DIGITAL ADMISSIONS 2018-19

This year the Education Authority has moved the Primary 1 application process on-line. Applications for places in P1 in

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September 2019 opens on **Wednesday 2 January** and closes on **Thursday 31 January**. If you are having any difficulty applying, then please come to the Martinstown site on **Wednesday 16 January 10-11.30 a.m.** More advice on the application process is available on the school's website.

Applying for a Pre-School or Primary 1 Place for Your Child for September 2019



Find out more about applying for a place at www.eani.org.uk/admissions

Pre-School
Primary

Find out more information about the pre-schools/schools that you are considering applying for

Read carefully the admission criteria for those you wish to apply to

Complete an application online, listing the pre-schools/schools in order of preference. Ensure this is submitted by **midnight on Thursday 31st January 2019**

January 2019

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31st

If you need help contact your local school or pre-school. For further assistance telephone the Admissions Helpdesk **028 9598 5595**

Ensure that you bring your birth certificate and any other verifying information to the **FIRST** preference pre-school/school by **12.00 noon on Friday 8th February 2019**

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SAFEGUARDING

The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting Mary Queen of Peace PS on **Tuesday 8** and **Wednesday 9 January 2019**. They will be presenting an assembly to each of the Key Stages and a workshop for Primary 6 and 7 pupils, which will teach the children how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries.

In addition, the NSPCC has organised a Parent Workshop with O2 to help keep children safe when they are on-line. This will take place on **Tuesday 8 January 2019 @ 2 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall**. The content covered in the workshop is aimed at adults. Parents with children are advised to arrange childcare if possible. The hour-long workshop will help parents, carers and other adults understand their child's online world; build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online; and help you know where to go for assistance and advice.



SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

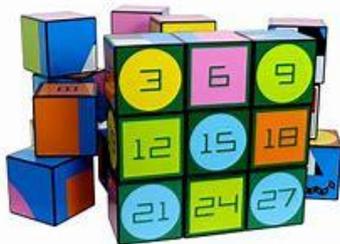
Mathematics

The Parent Teacher Association has secured a £3,000 grant from The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland.

The grant will purchase IZAK9 Maths Cubes.

IZAK9 is a unique and innovative resource in the teaching and learning of mathematics.

It is an immersive, multi-media rich, active learning device designed to challenge pupils' problem solving and thinking skills.



SCHOOL CLUBS

We have camogie (Mrs McAlister), hurling (Mr McKenna) and cross-country (Mr Conlon) clubs ahead of big competitions this month. There are also three exciting new clubs: Rugby (Y4/5 Council), Trailblazer Shared Education Club (Y6/7, Mrs McConway) with Clough PS and a Growing Club (Y5). Look out for another new club next month – Drama (Mrs McLoughlin).

Growing Club

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council have generously accepted Mary Queen of Peace's application to create a **Growing Club** within our school. Primary 5 pupils will work alongside volunteers from the council to create raised beds, a wildflower garden and wild bird area. The club will begin towards the end of January and will last for 6 weeks. This is a very exciting opportunity as we make small steps towards achieving our Green Flag.



SHARED EDUCATION

Trailblazer After School Club

A number of Primary 6/7 pupils will participate in an 'Wheelworks' project funded by T: BUC Together: Building United Communities. Our pupils will join with pupils from Clough PS to create an app which will highlight the facilities and tourist opportunities in the Glenravel/Clough area. Beginning on **Saturday 19 January 2019**, the children will have a Meet and Greet Day before they begin their joint venture. The children will then meet every Tuesday, alternating between the schools, until the end of March. This is an excellent opportunity for Shared Education as well as a platform to enhance an important area of our School Development Plan: ICT Film & Animation



Shared Education with Camphill PS

Following on from a very successful 'Get to know you day' at the Sports Hut in November, Camphill PS and MQP Year 4 classes look forward to beginning their Shared Education project this term. Dates of when and where the children will meet are posted on the website calendar. The first session will take place in Mary Queen of Peace PS on **Friday 11 January 2019**. We look forward to welcoming the children and staff from Camphill PS to Glenravel.

We have chosen 'Friendship' as our theme. Over the next ten weeks the children will come together to share their skills in ICT, music, literacy and art to explore the idea of Friendship. Our Y4 children are incredibly excited to meet up again with the children from Camphill PS and if Day 1 is anything to go by we think this Shared Education project will be a great success for all involved. The project will end with a Celebration Assembly which we will invite family and friends to. More details to follow.



MUSICAL

Key Stage 2 (Y5-7) will stage the musical Annie later this year. Auditions will begin this month. Good luck everyone.



WEBSITE

December was a very busy month in the school and on the website. A total of **1, 067 users** logged on to the website and made **3, 086 visits** to www.mqpglenravel.com in December.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform can be ordered on-line, directly from the supplier at any time during the school year. We ask you to continue to support the school by ensuring that pupils wear black shoes as part of the uniform code.



1. Log on to www.schooltrends.co.uk
2. Find our school (BT43 6QH)
3. Choose items for ordering
4. Deliver to home address