

# MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020



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DATES TO REMEMBER		FEBRUARY 2020
Monday 3 February	Y5 Mrs Gormley Final Swim Credit Union Quiz in Ballymena North @ 9.30 a.m.	
Monday 10 February	Y6 Swimming begins	
Monday 10 – Friday 14 February	Foundation Stage (Y1-2) Parent Teacher Meetings	
Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day: Together for a Better Internet 	
Friday 14 February	PTA Disco Ys 1-3 from 2.30 – 4.15 p.m. ; Ys 4-7 3.00 – 4.15 p.m.	
Monday 17 – Friday 21 February	School Closed	
Wednesday 19 – Friday 28 February	Ballymena Festival <i>Good Luck!</i> 	
Wednesday 26 February	Ash Wednesday Services in School Trócaire Campaign begins	
Thursday 27 February	Art Club (Mrs Sharkey) Ys 4-5	

### GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day really is a highlight in our school calendar and is the centre piece of Catholic Schools' Week.

The theme for the week was Living in Harmony with God's Creation. Our pupils captured this in their art work, which decorated the Parish Hall. Each child had their photo in a flower and the roots were decorated with the names of their grandparents/special family members.

Thank-you to Fr Conor for celebrating Grandparents' Day mass with our school community and to the PTA for the refreshments after mass. The children's grandparents were also treated to an assembly, performed by Mrs Gormley's class, which gave everyone a little taste of what school life is like and just how much the children love their grandparents. Thank-you for your fantastic attendance on the day and support for the school. Enjoy the photos and there are more on the school's website [www.mqpglenravel.com](http://www.mqpglenravel.com)

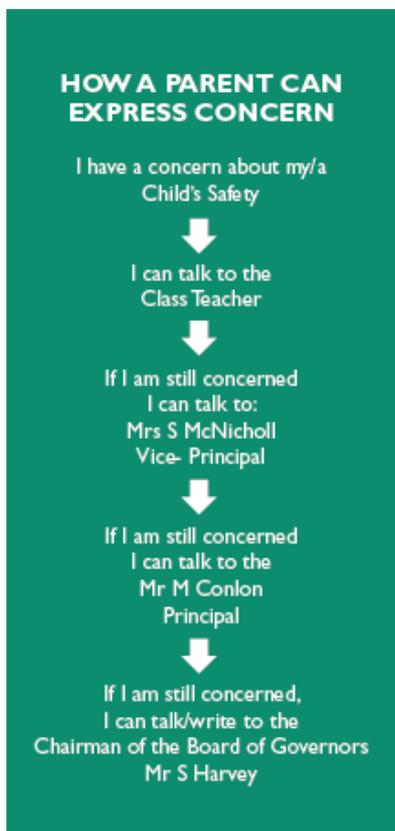
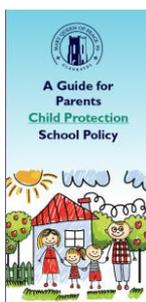


## SAFEGUARDING

With this month's newsletter we have issued our updated:

A Guide for Parents: Child Protection School Policy, following changes in personnel in the school.

If you have a concern, the policy sets out the steps you can take to express your concern:



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council were very busy in January working on making improvements to lunchtime play. The councillors have been consulting with each class on games and activities that can be used during *wet lunchtimes*. The PTA have agreed to donate £100 to each class to start to build a box of activities that can be used during *wet lunchtimes*. The School Council have also met with our Vice-Principal (Mrs McNicholl) for a *get-to-know-you conversation*, which has been published on the school's website.

## MID-TERM DISCO



## BALLYMENA FESTIVAL



Best of luck to all of our pupils who are taking part in the Ballymena Festival and remember to e-mail photos!

## MIDDLETOWN CENTRE for AUTISM

**MIDDLETOWN CENTRE FOR AUTISM**  
PRESENTS A FIVE WEEK TRAINING EVENT FOR PARENTS IN

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PS**

ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE 2 LISNAMANY ROAD  
MARTINSTOWN BALLYMENA CO. ANTRIM BT43 6QH

SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE EVERY TUESDAY FROM  
21ST APRIL 2020 - 19TH MAY 2020

10:30 - 12:30

TOPICS EACH WEEK ARE

- AUTISM AND SOCIAL COMMUNICATION
- AUTISM, LEARNING STYLE AND THE IMPACT OF VISUAL TEACHING METHODS
- AUTISM AND SENSORY PROCESSING
- AUTISM AND THE PROMOTION OF POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
- AUTISM AND ANXIETY MANAGEMENT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BOOK ONTO A COURSE PLEASE VISIT

[WWW.MIDDLETOWNAUTISM.COM](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNAUTISM.COM)

Our School Development Plan (SDP) has identified Autism training as a school priority. We have invited Middletown Centre for Autism (the national centre for the design and delivery of training programmes for parents and educational professionals) to visit the area to provide training for parents and school staff. Middletown Centre for Autism will provide training in the following areas:

- Autism and Social Communication
- Autism, Learning Style and the Impact of Visual Teaching Methods
- Autism and Sensory Processing
- Autism and the Promotion of Positive Behaviour
- Autism and Anxiety Management

in five weekly sessions, from **21 April – 19 May 2020**. Places on the courses have to be booked on line at <https://www.middletownautism.com/>, click on the Training for Parents tab, register your details, select the five training sessions (it may be helpful to filter the courses by selecting the dates 21/04/2020 – 20/05/2020, select Co. Antrim in the county drop down). We would like to extend an invitation to parents and carers to register for the training. If you know of parents or carers outside of the area who would like to attend the training, then you are very welcome to invite them to register for the programme. We want as many people as possible to benefit from the training, in our local community and in the wider area. There will be no charge for the training. Mary Queen of Peace Primary School's role is to facilitate the training.