

Lissan PS Newsletter

March 2022



Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of March 2022

Dear Parents,

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over this academic year. Sadly, our last term ended with the devastating news of Fr. McGinley's death. Father McGinley was a true friend to everyone in our school community, and supported us with kindness, gentleness and love. We will miss him greatly.

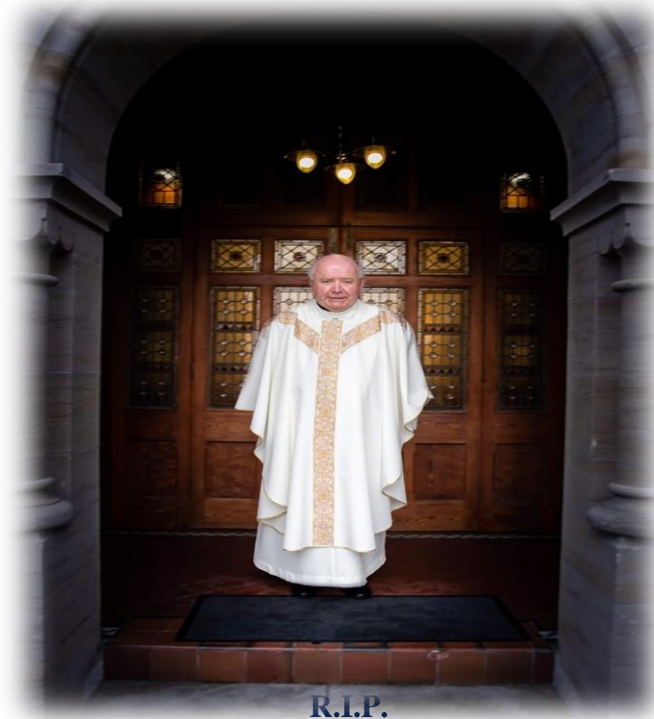
I would like thank all of you for your support throughout Father McGinley's wake and funeral. Undoubtedly, the large turnout at the Church over those days provided great comfort to Father McGinley's family.

As Fr Hughes will now have the responsibility of the parishes of Lissan and Kildress, there will be some changes to the Sacraments and to Masses. We will continue to keep you up to date regarding any change.

If you require any additional information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kindest regards, Mrs McIntyre

(Principal)



R.I.P.

Rev. Father Seamus McGinley

Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 29th April at 5 pm in St Michael's Church.



There are no restrictions on the number of people in the Church, and as such all family and friends are welcome.

Sacrament of First Penance – Wednesday 6th April at 10AM



Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2022

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 21st May 2022** in St Michael's Church at 1pm

Unfortunately, due to pressures on Father Hughes timetable we have to reschedule First Holy Communion.





£500,000 NEW INVESTMENT TO OUR SCHOOL!

Over the last 18 months the school has been working hard on an application to the **Investment and Infrastructure Directorate** to replace two existing mobile classrooms (currently the P2/3 and P5/6 classrooms). These mobiles are in a very poor state, and we have been pushing for them to be replaced with new modular classrooms. We are delighted to announce that our application has been approved. The two “state of the art” classrooms costing approximately **£488,000** should be in place by the start of the new academic year. The new mobiles will each consist of a classroom, toilet areas, handwashing facilities, additional covered outside play areas, a sensory room and extended play areas. These new facilities will undoubtedly be a tremendously positive enhancement of our pupils’ learning environment. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of this project.

School Holidays

Bank Holiday

Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March 2022 (2 days)

Easter Holidays

School closes at 12 noon on Thursday 14th April 2022

Friday 15th April – Friday 22nd April 2022 (6 days)

May / June Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June 2022 (3 days)

Summer Holidays

School closes at 12 noon on Thursday 30th June 2022

Mrs Hagan Retires

On Tuesday 1st March Mrs Hagan officially retires from Lissan PS. On behalf of the Board of Governors, pupils, staff, parents and entire school community we would like to thank Mrs Hagan for her dedication and outstanding contribution to the teaching profession, especially all her efforts within Lissan PS. We wish Mrs Hagan and her family every best wish for the future.

Ash Wednesday 2nd March

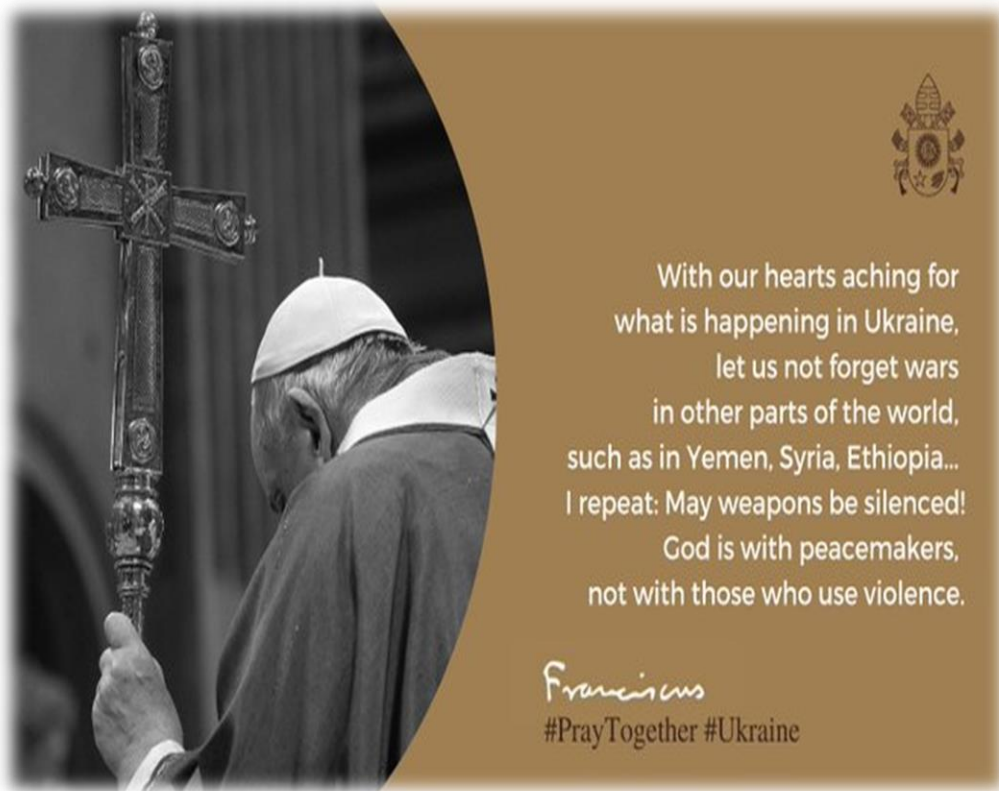
P4/5 and P7 will attend Mass on Ash Wednesday at 9.30am.

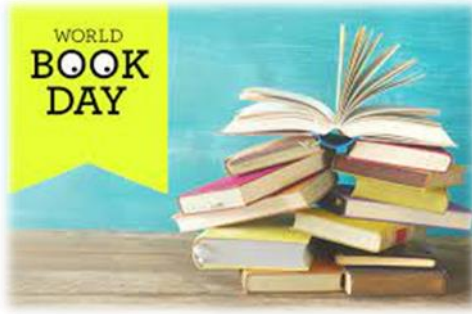
All other classes will receive their ashes in school on Wednesday.



Pope Francis's Invitation to Pray for the people of the Ukraine

"I renew my invitation for everyone to take part on 2 March, Ash Wednesday, in a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in #Ukraine, in order to be near to the suffering Ukrainian people, to be aware that we are all brothers and sisters, and to implore God for an end to the war." Pope Francis





World Book Day – 3rd March

Reading for pleasure is considered the single biggest indicator of a child's future success! It is so important to see more children developing a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them. Spending just 10 minutes a day reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their future success and it is fun for all involved.

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe.

The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.

As World Book Day founder, Baroness Gail Reubuck, recalls *“We wanted to do something to reposition reading and our message is the same today as it was then – that reading is fun, relevant, accessible, exciting, and has the power to transform lives.”*

Next year is the 25th year there's been a World Book Day, and on 3rd March 2022, our pupils will spend the day celebrating their love of reading!

World Book Day continues to encourage children and young people to read for pleasure through its work with authors, illustrators, publishers, bookshops and libraries. Keep an eye on our school website and FB to see all the activities the children get up to on Thursday!



**To celebrate St Patrick's Day the children
can wear something green to school on
Wednesday 16th March**

