

# Lissan PS Newsletter

April 2022



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

*Dear Parents,*

*Please find some important regarding upcoming events in school.*

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

*Kindest regards, Mrs McIntyre*

*(Principal)*



Congratulations to the P4 pupils who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. They participated beautifully in the service, and we wish them every success as they continue their preparations for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation 2022**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Holy Communion 2022**

<p>The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on <b>Saturday 21st May 2022</b> in St Michael's Church at 1pm</p>
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## **School Holidays 2021/22**

### **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

### **The Verbal Arts Storytelling Sessions**

On Friday 8th April the Verbal Arts Centre will be in school to deliver workshops to P5/6 and P6/7.

The storytelling sessions are delivered by highly qualified Literary guides using a curriculum based around resilience and specific themes such as relationships, bullying and decision making.

Verbal Art's story mappers then add special questions at certain pivotal points of the story so that children and young people have the opportunity to share their opinions and their own stories.

We are sure this will be a really enjoyable day!



# Thank you!!

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March we had a “Non-Uniform”/ Green day in school to raise funds for a local charity. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations. We collected £500 for Charis Cancer Care supporting Niall Falls in his epic challenge across the Sahara Desert.

On the 27th March Niall took part in the Marathon Des Sables - known as The Toughest Foot Race on Earth – he completed the challenge and returned home on Monday.

The Marathon Des Sables is a truly gruelling 250km multistage ultra-race in one of the world’s most inhospitable environments, the Sahara Desert. It is 6 days running across endless sand dunes, rocky Jebels and white hot salt plains, carrying what you need to survive on your back in a rucksack weighing 8kg.

We will be welcoming Niall and Jacqueline Conway from Charis into school soon to present them with the cheque!



## Easter Storytelling

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April we will welcome Catherine from Cookstown Library to school. Catherine will read a selection of stories and poems to all the classes. We are sure it will be a great day!



## Roots of Empathy



On Thursday, P7 welcomed Baby Ollie to their class for the first Roots of Empathy lesson. Roots of Empathy is an award-winning programme delivered around the globe. For twenty-five years, over 1,000,000 children have been learning to respect and care for one another with the themes introduced through their Roots of Empathy baby. Roots of Empathy is a tried, tested and evidence-based programme that increases children's kindness, caring, including, sharing and helping behaviours as they develop empathy, and we are delighted to be able to deliver the programme in school.

**A massive thank you to Ollie's mummy Rebecca Coyle for supporting us in delivering the programme.**



I would like to commend the P4 children for looking so beautiful in their full school uniform on Wednesday during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is important that children wear full school uniform on every day (PE uniform on PE days). We thank you for your support.

*School will close for Easter holidays on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon. Buses will operate as normal. School will reopen for everyone on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.*

*We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter break.*



# **Holiday List 2022/2023**

## **Back to School**

All Pupils return to school on Thursday 1st September 2022

## **Staff Training**

Monday 26th September 2022 (1 day)

## **Mid-Term Break**

Monday 31st October - Friday 4th November 2022 (5 days)

## **Christmas Holidays**

School closes at 12.00 noon on Thursday 22nd December 2022

Friday 23rd December 2022 – Friday 6th January 2023 (11 days)

## **Mid-Term Break**

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023 (5 days)

## **Bank Holiday**

Friday 17th March 2023 (1 day)

## **Easter Holidays**

School closes at 12 noon on Thursday 6th April 2023

Friday 7th April – Friday 14th April 2023 (6 days)

## **May Bank Holidays**

Monday 1st, Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th May 2023 (3 days)

## **Summer Holidays**

School closes at 12 noon on Friday 30th June 2023