**Curriculum Nov/Dec 2022**

**Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) visit to St. Patrick’s**

St. Patrick’s self-nominated to take part in the inspection process, with the focus on **Planning, Teaching and** **Assessment**. The school had a visit from the District Inspector and an Associate Inspector on Wednesday 16th November. The school was delighted with the outcome of the Inspector’s visit, as it allows us to **quality assure** the Planning, Teaching and Assessment in St. Patrick’s. Feedback from the Inspectors was extremely positive, and we have asked them to visit in the 2nd or 3rd term to consult with them on other areas of the curriculum.

**ETI Quality Assurance of the Planning, Teaching and Assessment in St. Patrick’s** gives the parents and wider school community, confidence in the learning and teaching in St. Patrick’s as the school continues to work hand in hand with the Inspectorate to continually improve all aspects of our school.

**St. Patrick’s Journey so far with the District Inspector Gillian McEwen:**

Gillian McEwen referred to the journey she has had so far with St. Patrick’s Loughguile. The Child Protection Inspection in 2018. The 1st covid visit in 2020 where she reviewed the planning and assessment that was being put in place. The visit in May during covid to discuss how pupils were achieving in literacy in Foundation and what gaps etc we had discovered. Assessment measures put in place during covid were also reviewed as was an example of a remote lesson.

At all times St. Patrick’s had robust data both quantitative and qualitative with very good intervention in literacy and numeracy. She said that the leadership was thorough and not superficial and that there was a great awareness of where the school was at, and we were on the right track. We have asked Gillian McEwen to visit in the second term to work with the Vice-Principal on Child Protection and review the updated Child Protection file and other areas of the curriculum.

St. Patrick’s Interaction with the ETI over the last five years – evidence of continued Improvement and Quality Assurance from the ETI

2018/2019 – Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspection

2020/2021 – October 2020, St. Patrick’s requested a visit from the District Inspector for guidance on Remote Learning and for quality assurance from the ETI. May 2021 – District Inspector requested a visit to us, as the inspectorate were reviewing literacy in Foundation during covid, gaps identified etc. This was a very successful visit with the inspector extremely satisfied of robust planning and assessment in place.

2022/2023 – The Inspectorate requested schools to voluntarily self-nominate themselves for inspection on an area of their choice. St Patrick’s self-nominated for an Inspection visit choosing Teaching, Planning and Assessment. Our visit took place on 16th November 2022

Peace Proms 2022/2023

St. Patrick’s is absolutely delighted to be taking part in Peace Proms again this year.

We had our 1st visit to the SSE Arena on Tuesday 8th November. It was a fantastic experience. Check out our Facebook page for a short video of the event. The Peace Proms choir continue to practice as we look forward to the Grand Finale in the SSE Arena on Sunday 26th February.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

A big thank you to the kitchen staff for a lovely Christmas dinner on 18th December 2022.





School Christmas Raffle

The school raffle took place after the P6/P7 play on Tuesday 20th December. The raffle raised £584.00. Thank you to the sponsors of the prizes and everyone who supported the raffle.

Thank you to:

TeamKit - £50 voucher

Aidan Gillan – sqft surveying £50 cash prize

Garry Connolly – Anzac Ballycastle, Christmas drinks hamper

McMahon’s shop – food hamper

Scenic Inn - £30 voucher

Drinks and chocolates from staff and others

Christmas Carol Service

What a lovely day Tuesday 20th December was in St. Patrick’s Loughguile.

The P1 – P5 pupils hosted 2 Christmas Carol Services in the school and the P6 and P7 pupils performed their play “Children of the World”.

Thank you to everyone involved for making this such a special occasion.





PTA Events

Many thanks to our hardworking PTA for continuing to raise money for school funds. In December they organised a raffle for heating oil (many thanks to Casey oils for their contribution). They also organised a fantastic school Christmas disco!

Thank you!!

Nursery

Nursery were also very busy in December with a visit to the post office to post their Santa letters and putting on their nativity play!!

Well done Nursery



Shared Education 2022/2023

After not being able to take part in Shared Education because of covid, St. Patrick’s is delighted that this school year sees P5, P6 and P7 take part in a complete Shared Education Programme with Broughshane P.S.

P5’S dates are 10th January, 13th March, 14th March, 15th March, 28th March and 30th May. P5’s programme investigates the life of St. Patrick’s and the pupils get the opportunity to create an Animated Picture on the life of St. Patrick. Parents will get an opportunity to view the finished Animations.

P6’s dates are 23rd November, 1st February, 1st March, 29th March and 7th June. The P6 programme includes teambuilding activities, Problem Solving, ICT and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) lessons.

P7 dates are 25th January, 14th February, 19th April, 26th April, 3rd May, 10th May, 16th May and 7th June.

The P7 programme involves a Dragon Den scenario whereby the children have to design and market a product which they have created. They will have to make a presentation to the “Dragon’s Den”

After School/ In school clubs

P1 – P7 Hurling/Camogie in school with Dominic (Sept – Dec)

P6 – Swimming in Joey Dunlop leisure Centre

P6 – St. Louis P.E. Programme 15th Nov – 20th Dec

P7- Transfer Club Sept – Mid Nov – after school



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