

Health and Well Being/ Pastoral Care

We also commenced with the Healthy Happy Minds Programme (a pilot programme).

This allowed St. Patricks to employ a qualified counsellor to support children on a 1:1 basis. Parents were given the opportunity to put their children’s names forward. The programme also facilitated a Lego Club.

We were delighted, to be able to locate a qualified counsellor to ensure that this programme was available for all pupils.

The Well Being Programme, which was also as a result of COVID, assisted in the creating of St. Patricks Sensory Garden. The Well Being II programme is assisting in the creation of two more colourful outside classrooms, picnic areas, buddy benches, we are looking forward to the arrival of the rainbow coloured benches and seats.

The Well Being II programme also allowed us to provide the Ignite Well Being Workshops. They were enjoyed from P4-P7. Primary 6 and 7 also took part in the Sports + Wellbeing Programme delivered by Physical Education teachers from St. Louis.

Student Teacher Training Placements

St Patrick’s is always delighted to host student teachers.

This year we have Mrs Moyra Madden in Primary 1, Miss Maeve Kelly in Primary 7 and Miss Orla O’Hara in Nursery.

We wish them every success in their student Placement.

New Play Resources

* Primary 6/7 games for Friday Golden Time.
* Basket Ball Nets
* P1-P7 Skipping ropes and variety of balls

Thank You to the P.T.A for the contribution they made towards these resources.

Curriculum

During January and February, we completed the Engage II programme.

This is extra COVID funding provided by The Department of Education for extra teaching and classroom assistant support for a short period of time to assist and support in the learning and teaching.

Extra reading support/ intervention continues to take place by Mrs Mairead McErlean and Mrs Aine Doran (classroom assistant), supported through Engage2 money.

After Schools/ In School Clubs

P7- Table Tennis (Ballymoney Brough Council)

Nursey- Gymnastics (in school)

P7- Lego Club (in school)

P6+7- Sports & Wellbeing with St Louis (in school)

P7 girls- Gymnastic/ dance (in school)

P7 boys- Basket Ball (in school)

P5- Science Club with University of Ulster (in school)



Transfer Pupils

Congratulations to the pupils who took part in the Transfer Procedure. Well done!

Thank You to Mrs McAuley and Mrs Marshall for the preparation of the pupils.

Catholic Schools Week

23rd Jan-30th Jan

Each class took part in class activities, for example Primary 2 did a Grandparents Day and Primary 4 completed a “Helping Hands” display.

Thank You to the staff and pupils for the contributions to make Catholic Schools Week a success.

Questionnaires

Thank You to everyone who took part in the school questionnaires of the Breakfast Club and School/Parents/Communications.

We have very positive and some constructive suggestions. The results of the questionnaires will be visited in March/ April Half- Term Newsletter.

School Tempest Photographs

School photographs took place on Thursday 10th February. This included individuals, siblings and staff photos.

Class photos and any mop up photos will take place in 3rd term.

School Visitors

Primary 6 and 7 pupils enjoyed talks from, Miss O’Neill (acting) Principal from St Louis and Mr Paul McLean Principal of Cross and Passion.

Credit Union

A Big Thank You to the credit union for the donation of £1,000, which will go towards the purchasing of more iPads we really do need.