

St. Clare's Primary School Newsletter

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Summer term ends on Friday 28th June at 11.00am

The St. Clare's end of year Disco will take place this Thursday 6th June for all pupils from 6.00pm. for Nursery to P4 and 7.15pm for our Pupils from P5-P7 pupils. Leaver's Ball to take place in the school on Thursday 20th June from 6.00pm-8.00pm. Food provided. Entry is free of charge, our way of saying thank you for the memories.



Leavers Mass



Sporting Success

We couldn't be more proud of our Hurling Team who got all the way to the A' League Final against all the odds only to meet a very seasoned Holy Child PS team in the final. Never before has the school been represented at this level and this is in great part due to the tremendous contribution and support from our friends at Davitt's GAC. In particular, we wish to thank Mickey for his immense contribution to the life of the school and the many hours he has spent working with our players. The link we have established with Davitt's is one which has benefitted the school and many pupils are now proud representatives of the club. We would also like to thank the Davitt's committee for their most generous contribution of £200 towards the costs of our medals for the sports day events which were a great success. This is a truly great collaboration which we are very proud to be a part of.

The Leaver's mass for our P7 pupils will take place on Monday 24th June at 11.30am in St. Paul's Church. In advance of this, all pupils and their parents are invited to a special breakfast at the school at 10.00am. From here we will all travel together to the church where we will say our last goodbyes.

Memorial Garden and Sensory Room

Today Tuesday sees the official opening of our memorial Garden in honour of our dearly departed colleague Eimear O'Neill. We have been privileged to welcome her family and friends to the unveiling of our garden redesigned by Mrs Bell. We also welcome the opening of our sensory room (see details below). Parents are welcome to view the garden from Wednesday morning onwards.

P7 End of Year Trip to Tayto Park

The P7 pupils will visit Tayto Park as for their End of Year Trip on Tuesday 18th June. We know that all the pupils are very much looking forward to this experience.

P1 Induction

The parents of the new P1 intake for September 2019 are invited to a special meeting of induction on **Tuesday 18th June**. It is vitally important that all parents attend this meeting where you will be given the opportunity to meet with your new P1 teacher and additional data will be gathered regarding the needs of your child at this meeting. The following day **Wednesday 19th June** will be a day for the new P1 pupils for September to come and visit the school and meet their teacher for next year. On this day all present P1 pupils will have an early lunch and finish at 12.15pm.

Alice the Musical

If you are looking for a wonderful night out, you should really come along to the amazing musical extravaganza which our pupils have in store for you for our end of year Production 'Alice the Musical'. Based on Lewis Carroll's tale of a young girl who falls upon a magical world of the white rabbit, the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts, the many catchy songs will have you singing and laughing in the aisles. Tickets will be on sale each morning from 9.00am to 9.30am in the school foyer for this wonderful musical experience, tickets priced at £3 for adults and £2 concessionary. Book early to avoid disappointment. **Performances are at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th June and Wednesday 12th June.** This is truly one of the great musicals and we hope that you will turn out in your numbers and support your children.

Breakfast Club

Open from 8.15am to 8.45am Mon-Fri a chance to eat with friends and engage in fun activities at the start of the day.

Bingo Night

The Friends of St. Clare's are running a Bingo night in the school on Thursday 13th June in aid of school funds. Refreshments will be available and more information on this will be sent out later in the week. Spread the word and let's get as many coming along as possible for a night of good craic and prizes. We are so proud of the work of our Friends Association who have raised £5000 this year in order for us to provide a sensory room for the school. This will benefit so many of our pupils going forward and we would invite as many of you as possible to call in to see the tremendous resource that we have for our pupils just opposite the Principal's office. We could not be more proud of the resource that has been created and is an extension to the nurture ethos we have developed in the school.

Superstar Mohammed

We are sure you have all seen the wonderful coverage of our Newcomer Pupils on the BBC in recent days. In particular Mohammed has become an internet sensation with over 2 million views on Twitter. Everyone from the Derry Girls to Gary Linekar has forwarded the news item and it has really put St. Clare's on the map. It says a lot about the ethos of the school and we would like to thank Mrs Brennan for the work she carries out with these pupils. Mrs Brennan has undertaken an intensive diploma course in order to meet the needs of our Newcomer pupils, one of only 10 people to receive this accreditation from Cambridge University. We are very blessed with the dedication of our staff and the story of Mohammed is testament to the amazing work of our teachers and classroom assistants in everything we try to do to meet the needs of all our pupils in St. Clare's Primary School. We wish all our P7 leavers the best of success in their future studies.

P6 Summer School

A reminder that a transfer based summer school will take place in the school run by Mr Henry from Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July from 9.00am-11.00am. Cost per pupil is £10.