



St.Patrick's Primary School Sway Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our weekly Sway newsletter.

Thanks to Fionn Watson and Ronan Mc Mullan who helped produce this week's newsletter.

Please find important dates and events below. We will try to give as much notice and information as possible, however there may be times when dates may change, beyond our control.

- ***PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 16TH MARCH, TUESDAY 17TH MARCH AND WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH. ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH. WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A WONDERFUL ST.PATRICK'S WEEKEND!***
- **Thursday 2nd April: school will finish at 11:30am for Easter holidays. This will be a non-uniform day. We ask if everyone could donate £1 for Trocaire. REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO BUSES.**
- Monday 16th March: Staff Development Day- no children in school.
- Tuesday 17th March: School holiday- no children in school.
- Wednesday 18th March: Staff Development Day- no children in school.
- Thursday 19th March Trocaire Thursday. Fundraising events for all classes in the hall run by P7.
- Thursday 26th March: P6 Bun Sale, all proceeds for Trocaire.

- Primary 5 interviews will take place on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March. The Primary 5 class will go home at 2pm on Thursday to facilitate scheduling.
- Monday 23rd March - Friday 27th March: Big Walk and Wheel Week in School. More details to follow.
- Thursday 26th March: Ditch the Stabilisers for P1. Places are limited. Information has already been sent home.
- Thursday 26th March: P2 Assembly at 1:15pm.
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Sacraments: More information will follow closer to the time.

- First Holy Communion: P4 Saturday 16th May at 11am
- Confirmation: P7 Friday 24th April at 11am
- Woodhall Residential: Both P7 classes Monday 27th April- 29th April 2026

Hopefully you find our weekly Sway newsletter useful. We aim to give you a snapshot of life in St. Patrick's, while also providing relevant dates and information. If you have any queries please telephone the school office and we will try to help.

Walk and Wheel to School Week will run from Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March. We plan to meet in Fullan's carpark as usual at 8:30am to walk up together. We would love as many parents and other adults as possible to join us!



IMPORTANT

Please find a copy of the dinner menu.

EAT SMART WEEK THE LUNCH BUNCH					
WEEK BEGINNING	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10th February 20th March 13th April 27th May 10th June	Roast Potatoes with Lemon Sauce Or Classic Shepherd's Pie Steamed Broccoli & Sweet Beans Chopped Potatoes & Baked Beans Selection of Fresh Vegetables	Homemade Beef Burgers or Roast Potatoes with Lemon Sauce with Beef Curry Bacon Cakes & Crispy Beans Fruit Pudding & Fresh Seasonal Salad Mashed Potato Gravy with Cheese	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Rice Lentil Soup Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake with Cauliflower Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Chopped Potatoes Chickpeas and Fresh Spring Peas	Roast Potatoes with Quilling and Rich Gravy Or Creamy Potato Chicken Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Chopped Potatoes Chickpeas and Fresh Spring Peas	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup Or Baked Potatoes with Cheddar Beans or Tomato Sauce & Cheese Feta Lemon Juice Lemon Juice Lemon Juice Lemon Juice Lemon Juice
17th February 28th March 13th April 27th May 10th June	Chicken Salad with Dressing Or Lentil Soup Steamed Broccoli & Sweet Beans Chopped Potatoes & Baked Beans Fruit Pudding with Yogurt and Fruit	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup Or Classic Shepherd's Pie Steamed Broccoli & Sweet Beans Chopped Potatoes & Baked Beans Fruit Pudding with Yogurt and Fruit	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Rice Lentil Soup Or Oven Baked Vegetable Sandwiches with Tomato & Basil Dressing Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Chopped Potatoes Fruit Pudding with Yogurt and Fruit	Roast Potatoes with Quilling and Rich Gravy Or Roast Quorn Filler with Rich Gravy Roast Carrots & Spring Cabbage Mashed Potatoes & Chopped Potatoes Fruit Pudding with Yogurt and Fruit	Cheddar Soup with Tomato Ketchup Or Chicken Curry with Rice Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup Or Baked Potatoes with Cheddar Beans or Tomato Sauce & Cheese Feta Lemon Juice Lemon Juice Lemon Juice Lemon Juice Lemon Juice
24th February 5th March 19th April 2nd May 15th June	Chicken Curry with Quilling and Rich Gravy Or Mighty Mac 'n' Cheese Garden Peas & Spaghetti Hoops Chopped Potatoes & Baked Beans Fruit Pudding	Homemade Beef Burgers Or Spring Peas with Cauliflower Steamed Broccoli & Fresh Seasonal Salad Fruit Pudding with Yogurt and Fruit Summer Fruit Spunge Fridge	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Rice Lentil Soup Or Oven Baked Vegetable Sandwiches with Tomato & Basil Dressing Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Chopped Potatoes Fruit Pudding with Yogurt and Fruit	Roast Potatoes with Quilling and Rich Gravy Or Roast Quorn Filler with Rich Gravy Roast Carrots & Spring Cabbage Mashed Potatoes & Chopped Potatoes Fruit Pudding with Yogurt and Fruit	Baked Pork Sausages Or Chicken Curry with Rice Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup Or Baked Potatoes with Cheddar Beans or Tomato Sauce & Cheese Feta Lemon Juice Lemon Juice Lemon Juice Lemon Juice Lemon Juice
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After School Football for P7 boys continues on Tuesday 24th March . Children must be collected at 4pm. The cost is £20 for 5 weeks. Please click on the link to book directly with from Healthy Kidz.

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/healthy-kidz-st-patricks-ps-rasharkin-term-2-b2-2026-ballymena-b13e4c10-e38a-4e4d-95bc-065912f3346f>

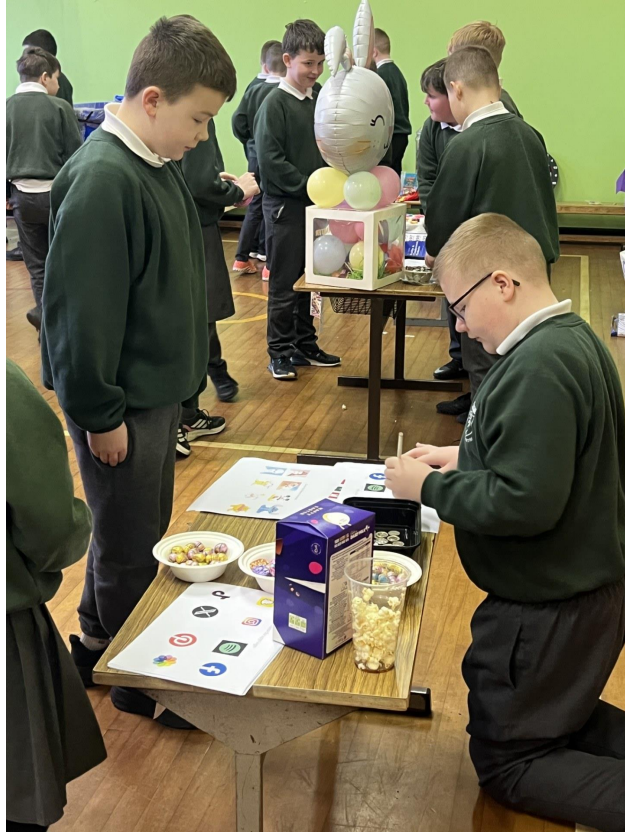


This week Primary 7 got off to a great start raising money for Trocaire. On Thursday morning each class was timetabled to visit the hall where there were a range of stalls, games and treats. Well done to both classes who planned, collected and brought in supplies from home. Many thanks for your generosity. So far they have raised over £480! Please remember events will also run next Thursday 26th March.











On Friday we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with songs, poems and dance in a special assembly. Lots of talent was on display.

















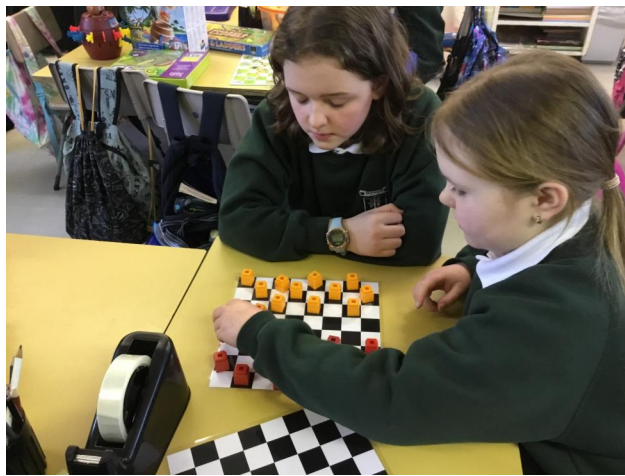
Today we were delighted to see the return of Antrim's Gaelfast coach Gerard Mc Nulty, to school. Gerard will be in every Friday to coach the boys and girls from P5, P6 and P7. Please ensure you always bring PE gear and be prepared for all weather!





On Tuesday afternoon the Games Club continued after school for Primary 6. This club is proving a huge success and the children are thoroughly enjoying playing cards, games and just a little competition!







Please see the attached leaflet for the Easter Camp run by Ballymoney Council in the Joey Dunlop Centre from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th April.



EASTER RECREATION PROGRAMME 2026



Sports
Coaching
Camps



Craft &
Play
Camp



Wednesday 8th to
Friday 10th April



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For pricing and registration details visit causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk and search for Active Kids or scan the QR Code



Easter Sports Camps

Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th April

Camp	Time	Venue	Age Category
Football	10am - 12pm	Ballycastle High School	5-14 years Boys & Girls
Golf (Beginners)	10am - 11am <i>(Friday includes a 'Mini Open Tournament' finish time is 12.30pm.)</i>	Ballyreagh Golf Course, Portrush	8 -14 years Boys & Girls
Indoor Hockey	10am -12pm	Roe Valley Leisure Centre	7-14 years Boys & Girls
Indoor Multi Sports	10am -12pm	Coleraine Leisure Centre	7-14 years Boys & Girls
Indoor & Outdoor Multi Sports	10am -12pm	Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre	7-14 years Boys & Girls
Game of Three Halves	10am -12pm	Dungiven Leisure Centre	7-14 years Boys & Girls
Game of Three Halves	10am -12pm	Glens Youth Club Cushendall	7-14 years Boys & Girls

Easter Craft & Play Camp

Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th April

Camp	Time	Venue	Age Category
Creative Craft & Play	10am to 12pm	Flowerfield Arts Centre Portstewart	5-11 years Boys & Girls



All Camps can be booked via:

1. **Online** at www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk and search for Active Kids.
2. **In person** at Coleraine Leisure Centre, Roe Valley Leisure Centre & Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre
3. **By telephone** - Coleraine Leisure Centre 028 7034 7202;
Roe Valley Leisure Centre 028 7776 4009; Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre 028 2766 026
4. **Cost** - £28 per child/per camp.



**Rasharkin
Community Family
Support Hub**

*Rasharkin
Women's
Group*

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village to
raise a child....*

**Calling all parents
and particularly
parents who have
children with
additional needs**

Come join us and help shape the programmes,
services and support available in the area. We
can do this together. Everyone has a role to

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Facebook - Rasharkin Women's Group

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Training for the following teams continues in Dunloy Indoor Academy on Saturdays.

P1/2 - Football and Hurling - 2-3pm

P3/4 Hurling 1-2pm

P5/6 Hurling 3-4pm



Please remember the importance of being to school on time each morning. All classes from P1- P7 begin their learning at 9am. Any late arrivals must be recorded as late on the school attendance.

Also where possible, please try to schedule appointments after school for children. Again, leaving school early reduces learning and must be recorded on the pupil attendance.

