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Visit from Children's Commissioner

It was a wonderful experience for the school community on Monday when the NI Children's Commissioner for Children and Young People Chris Quinn came in for a visit. He was interested in finding out more about the great work which the school is involved in regarding the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child through our Rights Respecting School Award and our quality mark as a centre of excellence for Inclusion and Diversity awarded by IQM.

The Commissioner met with all the key stage 2 pupils at a special assembly. Later in the day he tweeted:

"Best start to the week at @ClarePs!
So impressed. So impressed by the young people's knowledge of UNCRC and their commitment to making change".

Later that evening, he wrote on his X account:

"This rights respecting school truly exemplifies Best practices in inclusivity and diversity".

During the visit, Chris had an extended meeting with the Rights Respecting Council and had a tour of the school before meeting with Mrs Logue, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Welsh, Mr Birt and Mr O'Doherty where a wide ranging discussion looked at ways forward to protect



Sacrament of Confirmation

P7 pupils celebrated the Service of Light on Wednesday 22nd January. This followed a day long retreat held by the youth ministry from Clonard. It was also a very special occasion as for the first time, our P7 children took part in a ceremony at Clonard Monastery itself.

On the 6th February, the P7 pupils received their sacrament of Confirmation. This was a beautiful ceremony led by our Parish priest Fr Darren. It was a magnificent occasion thanks to all involved including staff, pupils and parents. A special word of thanks should go to the P6 pupils who also attended all the rehearsals and led the singing at the ceremony itself.

Sacrament of First Confession P3

And next it is the turn of our P3 pupils who are at present preparing for First Confession. There are rehearsals in the church on 7th and 10th of March and the ceremony itself will take place on Tuesday 11th March at 11.00am in St Paul's church. As this is a special day, the children will come to school at the normal time in the morning but after the service they will be allowed to come home with their parents. As we are dealing with smaller numbers than at confirmation, as many family members as you want can attend. A word of thanks at this stage should also go to our P4 pupils who are helping the P3 pupils prepare at the rehearsals in the school.

Ramadan

The season of Ramadan will begin at the end of this month and we wish to assure our Muslim families and friends that we will be assisting the pupils who are observing their fasting during this time. We wish all our Muslim pupils well at this time.

A reminder that First Confession takes place on Tuesday 11th march at 11.00am for our P3 Pupils.

School will be closed on Monday 17th March to allow for celebrations for St Patrick's Day.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents day took place on Friday 31st January at 9.30am in the hall. What a wonderful occasion it was (see the photos below). This was taking place as part of the Catholic Schools Week celebrations. P2 prepared a special assembly and we were thrilled to see so many parents as well as grandparents attend.

It is lovely to, for one day at least, celebrate the important role that our Grandparents play in the daily life of the school. We sincerely cherish this link and we really enjoyed being able to say a big thank you for all that they do. Every pupil got to tell the audience why their grandparent is special to them. We look forward to many more days like this where we can open our doors and celebrate our community.



Do This in Memory of Me Mass

The next Do This in Memory of Me Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion for our P4 pupils will take place on Sunday 23rd March at 12 noon in St Paul's Church. We hope that for the last two masses, all our first communicants attend. The final preparation mass is on Easter Sunday at 12 noon.

Transition to Post Primary

A big thank you to all the Parents who took the time to meet with Mr O'Doherty to complete the transition information for their child in order to gain a place in a post primary school of their choice. There are a couple of parents who did not upload a birth certificate as part of the documentation. The portal has now closed but if you wish to parents can send a copy of the birth certificate to the schools they have chosen directly. This involves only a few children but it is important that this information is passed on.

Curtain Up

It was with huge excitement that the name of this year's school show in June was announced to the P7 pupils. We are delighted with our choice of 'Annie The Musical'. Auditions have begun and the songs will be coming to your house within days. We are so looking forward to putting this show on for you all. Dates for the performances will be announced in the next Newsletter.



Grandparents Day



Visit of the Commissioner



Award Winners



EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH



17 February 17 March 14 April 12 May 9 June	Homemade Beef Bolognese Green Beans & Diced Carrots Penne Pasta or Baby potatoes with Herbs Iced Lemon Sponge Finger	Baked Breaded Whiting & Tataré Mayo Garden Peas and Sweetcorn Chipped potatoes or Baked Jacket potato Forest Fruits Flavoured Jelly with Mandarin Oranges	"Lunch Bunch" Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked mini nan Broccoli and Roasted Butternut Squash Steamed Fluffy Rice or oven baked herb wedges Cheesecake & Strawberry Sauce	Cooks Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy Fresh Selection of vegetables in season Oven baked roast potatoes and mashed potatoes Waffle with fruit salad and Chocolate sauce	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons with choice of dip Baked Beans and Coleslaw Chipped or Baked potato Artic Roll with Summer Berry Sauce
24 February 24 March 21 April 19 May 16 June	Golden crumbed Fish Fingers & a Mayo dip Garden Peas & Baked Beans Mashed potato or Pasta Salad Homebaked Chocolate and Raspberry Brownie	Homemade Beef Lasagne with garlic Bread Batton Carrots & Broccoli Chipped potato & baby potato salad Assorted yoghurt pots and fresh fruit salad	"Lunch Bunch" Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked mini nan Sweetcorn & Spaghetti Hoops Steamy fluffy rice and mashed potato Caramel Apple Crumble and custard	Cooks Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy Fresh Selection of vegetables Oven baked roast potatoes and mashed potatoes Ice cream and two fruits	Cheeseburger Mini corn on the cob with coleslaw Chipped potatoes or Baked Jacket potato Homemade oat biscuit with fresh fruit
03 March 31 March 28 April 26 May 23 June	Oven Baked Cod Goujons with Mayo Dip Peas and Potato salad Chipped or Baked potato Ice Cream Slider and orange wedges	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese Carrots & Broccoli Spaghetti & parsley roasted cubed potatoes Homemade Jam and coconut sponge and custard	"Lunch Bunch" Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked mini nan Mini corn on the cob & Butternut squash steamed rice or oven roasted cubed potatoes Summer fruit salad and yoghurt	Cooks Roast Port with Stuffing & Gravy Fresh Selection of vegetables in season Oven baked roast potatoes and mashed potatoes Strawberry jelly and sliced pears	Chicken nuggets and dip Sweetcorn and Baked beans Chipped potatoes or Baked Jacket potato Homemade Shortbread & Watermelon wedge
10 March 7 April 5 May 2 June 30 June	Baked Cod bites with Mayo Dip Mushy peas and Coleslaw Chipped or Baked potato Chocolate Krispie Square & Orange Wedges	Home baked Margherita or Tex-mex Beef pizza Batton Carrots & Broccoli Oven baked paprika wedges and baby potato salad Cola jelly and chopped fruit	"Lunch Bunch" Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked mini nan Sweetcorn and Roasted Butternut Squash Steamed Fluffy / pasta salad Apple cake and custard	Cooks Roast Beef Stuffing & Gravy Fresh Selection of vegetables Oven baked roast potatoes and mashed potatoes.	Hot Dog with Ketchup Mini corn on the cob and Baked beans Skinny French fries or Baked potato Chocolate cookie and milkshake

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