



March 2024



A Warm Welcome to Fr Brennan

They say that when one door closes another opens. And so this is the case with our Parish of St Paul's. Fr Devlin has taken up his new posting in the beautiful countryside of the parish of Dunloy and Cloughmills. We wish him every success.

We are delighted to welcome to our parish Fr Darren Brennan as our new Parish Priest. Some of our P4 pupils and their families have already met Fr Brennan at the recent Do Tis in Memory of Me mass two weeks ago.

Fr Darren Brennan, PP of St Paul's Parish



We are very much looking forward to getting to know Fr Brennan in the coming months especially as our P4 pupils prepare for First Holy Communion and our P7 pupils prepare to say goodbye to St Clare's at their leavers' mass in June.

Trocaire

Each year we choose Trocaire as our nominated charity and never has it been more important to raise funds for our partners. Once more the amount raised so far from the pupils in the school is almost £2000. Some pupils are making a very special effort e.g. Eamon Andrews who is spending a lot of his free time in school doing press ups!!! What a guy.

Unexpected Mixed Messages

Once again we are so sorry regarding the messages around our faulty heating system. Although it is still not working at 100%, a patch-up job means that we have heat, warm water, and cooking facilities. We are most grateful to Dolores and her team for the way which they rescued our dinners on Monday. We are very blessed with our wonderful kitchen staff who deliver the highest of quality services each and every day.

Our Stella is a Northern Ireland Dance Champion

Following hot on the footsteps (or should we say dance steps!!!!) of our dancing world champions from last year, we have a newly crowned champion of modern dance Stella You P3A. The Northern Ireland Championships were held over the weekend in Belfast and we are so delighted to see her wonderful routine which was recorded by Mum. Well done Stella, another proud ambassador for the school

Boys Gaelic Football

Last Wednesday our Boys Gaelic Team took to the Davitts pitches for their first round of games for the Cumann na Bunscoil championships. We are starting to find our feet this season with all the hard work of our after schools coaches Mr McAteer and Miss Welsh alongside the watchful eye of Michael and all the coaches from Davitts GAC. In very competitive matches, St Clare's were victorious in the local Derby against St Paul's PS and narrowly lost out to the boys from St Kevin's PS. We would encourage as many boys and girls to take up the challenge and join our Gaelic football after school Club on a Tuesday and our Hurling club with Mrs Cushman each Thursday.

For your
Calendar

Disco for the end of term will take place on
Wednesday 27th March, see details below.

School will close at 11.00am on
Thursday 28th March (Holy
Thursday) for the end of the term.

Condolences

Our thoughts and Prayers go out to our caretaker Mr Jim Brennan following the death of his beloved mother Teresa last month. She will be so much missed by her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Important Dates for the Diary

Term three is always a busy time of the year in schools and this year is no different. Below we are enclosing some important dates which you may want to keep in your diary.

27th March- Easter Disco (See Poster Below)

28th March- School Closes for end of term at 11.00am

8th April- School begins for all pupils at 9.00am

*25th April- School allocation for Primary and Nursery schools

6th May- School Closed Bank Holiday

11th May- First Holy Communion for P4 Pupils at 11.00am

18th May- School Allocation announcements for Post Primary Schools (P7 pupils)

27th- 31st May- School closed for half term

*Allocation of Primary School places will be given to parents by e-mail while allocation for Nursery places will be allocated to parents via letter in the post.

Measles

Please see poster regarding immunization against Measles. Having been eradicated completely in recent years, there have now been some confirmed cases. It is vitally important that the MMR vaccination is received by all our children to protect against this potentially serious disease. Remember it is more than just a rash!!

Talk Boost

We are delighted to have begun a new literacy initiative for our foundation stage pupils and at a special assembly on 25th March, Mrs Corey and Mrs McAvoy, who co-ordinated the programme, gave participants a very special certificate to mark their achievements. We are so proud of every one of them. Well done boys and girls.



World Book Day

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who took part in our very special World Book Day celebrations on Thursday the 7th March. The sight was incredible and so many characters were represented. It was great fun and thanks for the efforts made.



Green Day at St Clare's

All the pupils had a wonderful day last Friday celebrating our Patron Saint. Green was the colour of the day and our pupils and staff did-not disappoint. We had lots of fun with Irish dancing, Irish song and special performances especially from Miss Kelly. See photos below for a glimpse of the fun that was had.



Award Winners for February and March



St Patrick's Day Celebrations



MEASLES

It's more than just a rash

Get vaccinated with MMR

The Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination is the safest and most effective way to protect against these diseases. You need **two doses** of MMR to be fully protected.

For anyone aged 12 months to 25 years who hasn't had one or both doses, catch-up vaccination is available.

For more information,
see www.nidirect.gov.uk/mmr



 **immunisation**

Protect your child. Protect yourself.

EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH



WEEKS SERVED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 February 18 March 15 April 13 May 10 June 2 September 30 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Corn of the Cob & Chips Ice-Cream, & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Cottage Pie Spring Greens / Butternut Squash Oven Baked Potato Wedges Summer Fruit Cheesecake	Beef Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce Or Bolognaise Green Beans / Baton Carrots Steamed Rice / Pasta Spirals Date Cake & Custard	Roast Gammon & Gravy Cabbage Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Delight	School "Chippy Day" Chicken Goujons / Nuggets Beans Chips Frozen Fruit Yoghurt
26 February 25 March 22 April 20 May 17 June 9 September	Baked Sausages Baked Beans Chips Ice-Cream & Two Fruits	Pulled Pork / Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Coleslaw & Oven Roasted Garlic & Paprika Wedges Jaffa Cake Pots	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo Garden Peas / Diced Carrots Mashed Potato Vanilla Sponge & Custard	Roast Pork & Gravy Broccoli & Cauliflower Mashed Potato Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Beef Burger / Bean Burger in Bap Corn on the Cob / Coleslaw Chips Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge
4 March 1 April 29 April 27 May 24 June 16 September	Beef Bolognaise OR Lasagne Sweetcorn / Broccoli Pasta Spirals / Roast Potato Chocolate Cookie	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo Mushy or Garden Peas / Baked Beans Chipped Potato Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Diced Carrots & Green Beans Steamed Rice Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Roast Beef & Gravy Baton Carrots Mashed Potato Golden Krispie Square	Hot Dog / Veggie Dog with Tomato Ketchup Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chips Ice-Cream & Fruit
11 March 8 April 6 May 3 June 26 August 23 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Baked Beans & Garden Peas Chips Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit	Beef Ragu Italia Sweetcorn / Diced Carrots / Coleslaw Oven Roasted Potato Wedges / Rice Vanilla Sponge & Custard	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Garden Peas / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Roast Potato Arctic Roll and Peaches	Roast Turkey & Gravy Garden Peas & Carrots Mashed Potato Banoffee Pots	Chicken Goujons & Sweet Chilli Dip Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob CHIPS Fruit Muffin & Apple / Orange Juice

MILK, WATER, BREAD &
FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR HAVE SPECIAL
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY

MENU SUBJECT TO
PRODUCT AVAILABILITY



EASTER SCHOOL DISCO

Nursery P1 P2 P3 from 6pm- 7pm
P4 P5 P6 P7 from 7.15 - 8.15
Adm £2
Tuck Shop Available

Wednesday 27th
March

323 Cupar St, Belfast BT13 2SE