



# MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



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Dear families and friends

It is time once again to let you know what is happening in school!

## SUPPORTING AUTISM NI WITH SUPERHERO WEEK

Thank you for supporting our recent SUPERHERO dress up for Autism NI. You raised £170.



## REMINDER SCHOOL CLOSURES

School will close for **St. Patrick's Day** break on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon.

We return to school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Our **Easter** holidays begin on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 12 noon. We return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



# FUNDRAISING FOR UKRAINE/CEILI DANCING

We have been practising our Ceili dancing over the last three weeks. Sharon Kelly has been putting us through our dances and we are enjoying it so much. On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March we will have a Ceili to showcase our dance moves. We will record this for you and send it out through the website. The children can dress up in all things green for the celebration. This is optional.

Please send in £1 which we will add to our fundraising for Ukraine. Thank you in advance.

## PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS-30 & 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2022

We are looking forward to welcoming you back for face-to-face meetings. I hope you have been in touch with the class teacher to book a time to call in and meet. If you have any questions, please call the office on 028 71341419.

## FIRST CONFESSION-PRIMARY 4

Mrs Kyle and the P4 children have been busy preparing for their First Confession which takes place today Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 2.00pm in the chapel. You can view the celebration on the parish webcam-see link below. Thank you to everyone who helped the children prepare for this sacrament.

<https://watersideparish.host/>



## CONFIRMATION-PRIMARY 7

Our Primary 7 children will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 at 2.00pm in St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road.** Father Canny will confirm the children this year.

We have been provided with the following information from the parish:

- The Maximum Group total is 12 per Candidate (1x Candidate +2x Parents +1x Sponsor +8 Others).
- A photographer may be arranged by each School and is the only person with permission to take photos while the Sacrament is administered. (Miss Kerr will take photographs and send to the parents)
- Family members are not permitted to take photos or videos during the Ceremony.
- The school will organise seating plan, readings and choir.
- The Candidate's Sponsor will accompany them forward for the Anointing with Chrism.

More details will follow closer to the time.



## FIRST COMMUNION-PRIMARY 4

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 11.30am in St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road.



## WORLD BOOK DAY 2022 THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH



The children had a lovely day celebrating WBD 2022. Thank you for getting them all dressed up for the occasion. Kerrie came and took photos for The Derry News. Have a look at the selection of photos below. There are others shared on the school website.



















# HISTORIC BLUE PLAQUE

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022, The Ulster History Circle commemorated Redmond Friel, composer, arranger and church musician. A Historic Blue Plaque was erected on the front of our school building in recognition of his time at Chapel Road PS as a pupil, teacher and principal. In attendance was the Mayor, family members and former music pupil Phil Coulter who spoke about how Mr Friel had inspired him to follow a career in composition and music.

Mr Friel was an outstanding church musician, choral conductor and inspired arranger of Irish traditional melodies. His interest and love of Irish music spanned over 65 years and when he died in 1979, he left behind a musical legacy, which is unsurpassed. We were proud to accept the plaque and add another piece of history to our wonderful school.

Happy St Patrick's Day from everyone at CRPS.

Thank you for your continued support in all that we do.

**Mrs. Bacheta and staff**





