



Farewell and Good Luck to all our P.7s

On Tuesday 18th June Mrs Crumley's class led a very funny and moving Leavers' Assembly to provide an opportunity to say goodbye and support our P.7 children. On Tuesday 25th June we bade farewell to our P.7 pupils when we celebrated their Leavers' Mass in St Patrick's Church. Although we are sad to say goodbye to our P.7 boys and girls who have been with us since P.1, we know that there will be amazing opportunities and experiences waiting for them in their post primary schools which they will transfer to. The staff of St Patrick's wishes all of our P.7 boys and girls lots of luck, success and happiness in the years ahead as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. Our placements are as follows.

School	Number	School	Number
Thornhill College	27	Lumen Christi	22
St Columb's College	19	St Brigid's College	18
St Mary's College	17	St Cecilia's College	9
St Joseph's Boys' School	3	St Patrick's and St Brigid's College	2
Oakgrove College	1	Foyle College	1
Loreto College	1		

Mr Devlin, Mrs Mc Connellogue, Mrs Mc Sheffrey

Remembrance Garden and Service

On Monday 24th June, Fr McCaughey led a beautiful Remembrance Service in the garden of our school grounds. Representatives from the whole school community were present. We remembered all our deceased colleagues, parents, family members and friends of St Patrick's Community. Our garden has a



specially dedicated bench and is a place where we can visit to remember and pray to our deceased relatives and friends. **Mr; McConnellogue (Vice Principal)**

Have a Good Summer

To all of our pupils, have a great summer. We look forward to seeing all of you back again in September. Stay safe!

Mr Devlin, Mrs Mc Connellogue and Mrs Mc Sheffrey.

Last Day of School

pencils – tiny
erasers – flat
glue – empty
folders – fat
crayons – broken
desk – neat
memories – forever
year – complete

Book Appeal

Could we kindly request that all books are returned to St Patrick's so that we can replenish our stocks? Many thanks.



St. Patrick's Netball Team

This year St. Patrick's Netball team were unstoppable in the North West League. The girls began the year with a 3rd place finish at their first tournament in St. Mary's College. As the year progressed the team, comprising of all the girls who attended Netball Club, were unbeaten. They played 10 matches in the league and topped their section. This 1st place finish meant they went straight through to the North West finals which were held in Foyle Arena on 22nd May. At this tournament they played the best in the North West which included Broadbridge P.S., Lisnagelvin P.S., St. Mary's Strabane and Eglington P.S.. The team was impressive and won the Primary School Cup for the first time. This win meant the girls went onto the NI Primary Schools Final. Here their unbeaten run came to an end but they didn't give up without a fight and just missed out on the semi finals on goal difference. All the girls played with heart and have hopefully begun a new Netball legacy in St. Patrick's. Good luck to all the P7 girls who leave us and hopefully you will build upon what you have learnt here and will play Netball in your new schools. To those who won't be moving on - Netball starts again on Thursday morning 5th September at 8:30am. All P6 and P7s welcome and don't forget to practise over the summer. Happy Holidays!

Miss P. Smith and Miss Woods



School Council

The Department of Education (DE) encourages schools to have structures in place which allow pupils to have a real say in issues that affect them and to know that their opinions count. There are a number of ways in which schools can choose to help achieve effective pupil participation. Here at St Patrick's we have a very active school council. Children bring suggestions to the table and these are discussed with other school council members, Mrs Adlard, Mrs C. Doherty and Mrs Mc Sheffrey.

Congratulations to our new P4 Council Members who were recently elected by their classmates. We wish them luck in their new roles.

Lacey Marie Maguire	Sienna McCallion
Farragh Crossan	Beth McLaughlin
Tom Duddy	

Thank you and farewell to our outgoing P7 Council Members:

Maebh McCallion	Faye Leonard
Niamh Casey	Adam Doran

Safety Awareness

A big congratulations to all those who took part in our P.6 Cycling Proficiency Programme.

Well done, everyone and safe cycling!



Soccer Success

We were so proud of our Girls' Soccer Team who were winners at the 5 a-side Tournament at Bay Road Pitches. Onwards and upwards girls.



St Patrick's Walk to School

On Friday 21st June lots of our staff, pupils and parents joined in St Patrick's initiative to encourage and help our pupils to get more active and reduce congestion and pollution on our roads.

Walking to school helps children learn vital road safety awareness and orientation skills. We would like to thank Miss Quinn for organising the event which was so well attended.



Lumen Christi Netball Tournament

Our P.6 girls had a brilliant day out at Lumen Christi on Monday 24th June 2019. The girls participated in a range of activities including a Netball Tournament, Art, Drama, Home Economics and Dance. They were accompanied by P.6 teachers Mrs D. Moore , Mrs J. Kerr and our classroom assistant Mrs Parsons. Our girls did really well in the Netball Tournament, coming away as runners up to Broadbridge. They received certificates and medals. Lumen Christi provided the pupils and staff with yummy lunches! We would like to thank Lumen Christi for their kind hospitality.



P.3 Irish Talent

The primary 3 year group produced an Irish talent show to complete their recent topic 'Ireland'. Many budding artists entertained us by singing Irish songs, dancing reels and jigs and with their unique 'Paddy Dancing'. Irish jokes were told, poetry recited and hurling and Gaelic skills demonstrated. Musical performances included tin whistle playing as well as concertina and banjo playing. There was much 'craic agus ceoil'. Congratulations to all the participants who showed such courage in performing to the year group and showing us their budding skills related to Irish culture. Parents, keep nurturing their flourishing talent. What is an Irish spider known as? Where would you always find gold? Answers available from our P.3 children.

(P.3 teachers)



NI Schools Home Energy Design Competition 2019

Congratulations to Emma McCourt/Quigley for achieving second place in the Home Energy Design competition, which was run by the NI Housing Executive! Our P7 pupils had to design and draw their very own Eco-friendly house. Emma won £250 for the school and a trip to W5 for her whole class!

Mrs Adlard

(ESD Co-ordinator)



The Religious Life of the School

Our Primary Four Children received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May. It was a beautiful ceremony and we were so proud of our pupils who were so immaculately turned out for the Sacrament. Thank you to Miss Cullen for preparing the lovely choir which added so much to the occasion.



Our Primary Seven children attended the 'Fan the Flame' Mass in Celtic Park on Thursday 6th June with all the other children in the Derry Diocese who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. It was, as always, a moving occasion as this Mass marks the end of the primary education of these young people, an important milestone in our P.7 children's lives.

May I take this opportunity to thank all our class teachers, their pupils and classroom assistants for their wonderful assemblies during this academic year. Thanks to all the staff at St Patrick's for their assistance in delivering RE throughout the school and Fr Mc Caughey, (parish priest) and Kathryn, our youth worker.

Mrs Comey (Religious Education Co-ordinator)



PDMU

Our school introduced a new programme for the foundation years this year; 'Families Connect' a 'Save the Children' initiative. A group of primary one parents and their children attended weekly sessions for eight weeks. Mrs Mc Sheffrey and Mrs Comey facilitated the course and they would like to thank all the parents and children who were involved for their commitment and dedication to the programme. They would also like to express their gratitude and thanks to Ms Pat Carlin from GSAP who was a great support to them as a mentor. We are looking forward to welcoming a new group of parents and children to our next sessions in the next academic year.

What a year St Patrick's has had of sporting achievements. The Girls' Gaelic Team were silver medal winners at the All County 5 a-side Indoor Championship at Meadowbank narrowly missing out on the win.

The Boys' and Girls' Mixed Gaelic Team were finalists in the Colmcille Cup.

The Boys' Gaelic Team were finalists in the All County Outdoor Championship at Owenbeg.

The Gaelic teams will re-group again in September 2019 after saying goodbye to our P7 boys and girls who have had a fantastic year of Gaelic football. We will be welcoming new recruits from our current P5 children to join us in September.

Mrs E. Kelly and Mr Maguire (Gaelic Coaches)

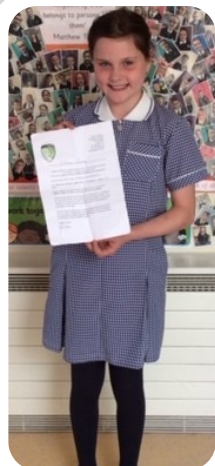
Girls 5 a-side Gaelic Team who won the Derry City Indoor Championship at Steelstown.



Niamh Casey won Best Player Award for St. Patrick's at the N. Ireland Primary School Finals in Lisburn.



Clara Casey was the Laochra Gael Winner at the Tower Shield, Celtic Park. Here is Clara with her invitation to take part in the Mini Sevens at Croke Park on 11 August 2019 during the All Ireland Semi Finals



Shannon McCartney Laochra Gael Winner at the Girls' Outdoor Championship at Steelstown



Girls' Gaelic Team who won the Derry City Outdoor Championship at Steelstown



Boys and Girls Shield Winners at the 9 a-side Gaelic Tournament in Celtic Park.

