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**Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH**

Monday, 4th March, 2024.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- I am delighted to inform you that, having entered the **Schools Challenge for Energy Saving Week** in November, our school has won the winning prize sponsored by **PowerNI**. **£1000** will be presented to our school from **Power NI** shortly. This money will be used to develop our outdoor classroom.
- **March** is the month of **Self - Discipline**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of self - discipline, particularly in relation to Lent. Please speak to your child about this value at home. Check out the display of pupils' work outside the Year 6/7 classroom.
- As you are aware, each month our teachers focus on a particular **Thinking Skill/Personal Capability** in their teaching. This month the focus is on **Managing Information**. Please refer to your child's **Learning Support Sheet** for **March** to see ways that you can help at home. Check out our **TS&PC** display in the main school corridor to see what pupils have been learning.
- Our **Mindfulness Overview** for **March** will be available to view from tomorrow on our school website.
- Your child's **Learning Support Sheet** for **March** will be available on our website shortly. Teachers will notify you by text when they are ready to be viewed.
- Our school is participating in the **Big Spring Clean** on **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Pupils will collect litter around the school grounds, the chapel grounds and the football pitch. Check out our website later in the week for photos.
- **Thursday** is **World Book Day**. Pupils have been completing some creative activities relating to their favourite book. Check out our website for photos towards the end of the week.

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- A member of staff from **Fintona Credit Union** will be calling into school tomorrow to collect savings books and monies from pupils in **Years 5, 6 and 7**. Please make sure that your child has his/her savings book and any monies with them to school.
- All our pupils in **Years 3 to 7** have been invited to the **Knockmany Running Club's Primary Schools' Cross Country Event** on **Friday, 8th March** at the pitches behind **Augher Central Primary School**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by school staff. Please complete the permission slip attached to last week's note.

Pupils are asked to bring spikes/football boots, a change of clothing and a **packed lunch** with them. Please ensure your child has an appropriate number of layers of clothing, depending on the weather forecast for the day of the race. Pupils will return to school before home time. Parents are asked to make a contribution of **£5** towards the cost of the bus.

- Our **Nature Rangers Clubs** continue this week, as follows:  
**Monday (2pm – 3pm):** Year 1/2 with Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Dodenciu  
**Monday (3pm – 4pm):** Year 3/4 with Mrs. Mullin and Mrs. McGarvey  
**Thursday (3pm – 4pm):** Years 5, 6 and 7: Miss. Devine and Mrs. Shevlin  
**Friday (2pm – 3pm):** Year 1/2 with Miss. McNulty and Miss. O'Donnell

Please checkout **Forest School Families** on the **Forest School Website** – [www.forestschooolsni.com](http://www.forestschooolsni.com) and on our school website for fun ideas that all the family can get involved in the evenings and at weekends.

- **Parents of Pupils in Year Four:**  
The **Sacrament of Penance** (First Confessions) will take place on **Thursday, 14th March @ 7pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.

The **Sacrament of the Eucharist** (First Holy Communion) will take place on **Saturday, 18th May @ 12pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in **Eskra Community Centre**.

- **Parents of Pupils in Year Seven:**  
A **Service of Light**, in preparation for Confirmation, will take place on **Thursday**, in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra @ 7pm**.

The **Sacrament Of Confirmation** will take place in **St. Macartan's Church (The Forth)** in **Augher** on **Sunday, 14th April @ 3pm**.

A **Confirmation Practice** will take place in **St. Macartan's Church (The Forth)** in **Augher** on **Thursday, 11th April @ 7pm**.

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- **Sunday, 10th March is Mothering Sunday.** We wish all our mothers and grandmothers a relaxing and enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely,

*Keira McCallan*

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



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