



Welcome back to the second half of the year. Hopefully everyone enjoyed mid-term and we're looking forward to the longer days and good weather of spring. We are also now entering the season of Lent and we will be supporting Trócaire with our Lenten Appeal. Easter eggs may be sent for our traditional class raffles. Tickets are 20p each and we'll raffle the eggs each Friday before assembly. Thanks in advance for your generosity. We'll have a couple of other fundraising days during the run up to Easter as well. It's a busy few weeks ahead with lots of events in school, so please check in on our school calendar through our website to keep up to date.



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## Speech & Drama 2020

Our annual Speech & Drama festival will take place on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> & Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> – P4 9:10am-10am

P5 10am-11am

P6 11am-12pm

P7 1:15pm-2pm

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> - P1 9:10am-10am

P2 10am-11am

P3 11am-12pm

Awards 1pm-2pm



World Book Day is next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We will wear our PJs to school and bring our favourite books for a 'bedtime' story. Everyone can enter our poster competition. Design a poster for your favourite book. Entry £1 with proceeds going towards our Lenten appeal. First prize in each key stage!

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

## Parent/Teacher Consultations

Further to Parent/Teacher Consultations in October teachers will have follow up interviews with some parents. If you do not receive an appointment letter via your child but wish to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school office to arrange.

Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter. It is a time of reflection as we prepare to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is a time to prepare for the holiest time of the Christian year by fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and other acts of penance. Many people give up something for Lent (a food, watching TV, etc.) or do something to bring them closer to God such as daily devotions or charitable donations.

**PRAY-FAST-GIVE**

**Remember – NO Friday treats during Lent.**

## Sacraments for 2020

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Patrick's Church, Saul - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm

### First Holy Communion

St Patrick's Church, Saul - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11am

Please note that all P3 children will require their Baptism Certificate. Can you also please ensure all P3 and p4 children have supplied a Baptism Certificate to the School.

### Dates for the diary:

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Ash Wednesday

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March – P5 Golf Sessions begin

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March – NI Futsal qualifiers, P5 trip to Castleward

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (Wear your PJs to school), Girls Indoor GAA, After School Activities begin

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March – P1 Parents Assembly

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March – P7 What's Inside workshop

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March – Green Day

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>/Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March – School Closed

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March – P1 Mini's Music (No Swimming P7)

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March – P6 Viking Trip

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March – P5 performing in Ulster Hall

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April – P3 Parents Assembly

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> April – Speech & Drama Festival

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April – Speech & Drama Festival

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April – School Finishes 11.00am

School Calendar is available via our website.

Have you downloaded our School App?

P5

Swimming starts Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April



### Reading Week March 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2020

We will enjoy a reading week as we celebrate World Book Day on Thursday. Spend some extra time reading together each evening and enjoy the time spent with your children and a good book.



### Green Day 2020

As the whole world turns green around St Patrick's Day, we too enjoy our own Green Day. Children may wear their green clothes to school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and share any special talents they may have in the school hall. Singing, dancing, joke telling. We're looking forward to the craic!

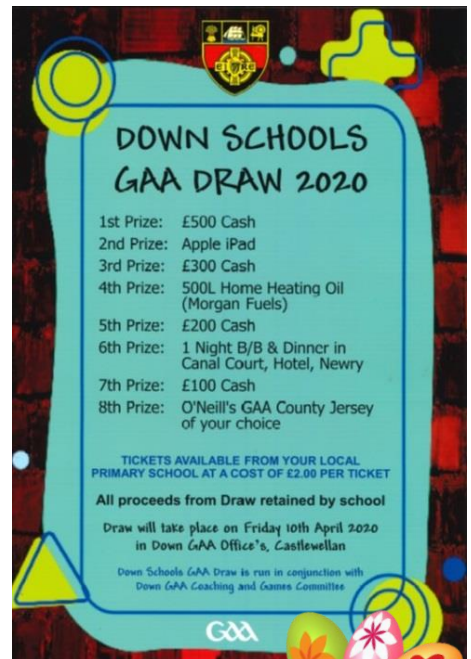


Remind all children to wash their hands regularly and cover coughs with a tissue.

**Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!**



Please drive carefully in and around the school grounds. When traffic is particularly heavy please be patient and remember to keep the laneway clear at all times.

**DOWN SCHOOLS GAA DRAW 2020**

1st Prize: £500 Cash  
 2nd Prize: Apple iPad  
 3rd Prize: £300 Cash  
 4th Prize: 500L Home Heating Oil (Morgan Fuels)  
 5th Prize: £200 Cash  
 6th Prize: 1 Night B/B & Dinner in Canal Court, Hotel, Newry  
 7th Prize: £100 Cash  
 8th Prize: O'Neill's GAA County Jersey of your choice

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL AT A COST OF £2.00 PER TICKET

All proceeds from Draw retained by school

Draw will take place on Friday 10th April 2020 in Down GAA Office's, Castlewella

Down Schools GAA Draw is run in conjunction with Down GAA Coaching and Games Committee

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Congratulations P7 on your Confirmation. Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a memorable celebration. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful class!

Our P7s have opened for business.

Sign It! Designer Plaques are on sale as their Junior Entrepreneur Programme enters the next stage. Flyers have been sent home already this week and they are busy taking orders in school each day. We're a wee bit worried about their new found business acumen as we have overheard a conversation that ended with, "There's no friends in business!"

