

March 2019 Newsletter St. Laurence O'Toole's P.S

Confirmation



World Book Day





Green Day in School!





Friends of St. Laurence

O'Toole's P.S.

Three of our parents have contributed an Easter Hamper to Friends of St. Laurence O'Toole's Fundraising Group. The children have been given sponsor sheets and we would be delighted if they could make a big effort to collect money for school funds. School currently makes use of the Accelerated Reader programme. The licence for Accelerated Reader is due to expire at the end of the year and it is very expensive to renew. The children in Foundation/KS1 currently use the Bug Club E-books. Again this subscription needs to be renewed annually. As school budgets are limited at the moment, we would love to be in a position to retain both these effective reading resources. Therefore, any funds which we raise this year will go towards the renewal of the licences for Accelerated Reader and the Bug Club E-books.

Also, an afternoon tea has been arranged by the *Friends of St. Laurence O'Toole's P.S. for Saturday 8th June in the Belleeks Country House.*

More details about the event will follow. However, please do keep the date free so that you can come along for an afternoon treat with family and/or friends whilst at the same time supporting your primary school.

School Council

World Book Day was held on Friday 8th March. Our School Council requested that children bring in a £1 or more to contribute to their funds for the non-uniform day. A total of **£80.25** was raised. Thank you from our School Council and indeed all our pupils for this generous contribution. There have already been a few suggestions made on how best to spend this money!!



In the interests of **Health and Safety**, we must insist that when dropping off and collecting your children from school that you do not park at the bottom of the steps. **This is a set down area only.** If for any reason, you need to come into school (even if only for a few minutes), cars **must** be parked where you are not blocking anyone else. This will allow traffic to flow and should limit the need for anyone having to stop/park on the main road.

We would also like to remind you to use the top gate as the entrance and the bottom gate as the exit to the school.

School Photographer

This is to remind you that the School Photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 17th April.** Children should be in full school uniform. Letter with preferences will be forwarded in due course.

Boys	Girls
Emerald Green jumper (crest) White shirt Navy trousers Navy/Emerald school tie Plain black shoes (not trainers)	Emerald Green cardigan/jumper (crest) White shirt Navy pinafore/skirt Navy/Emerald school tie Navy socks/tights Plain black shoes (not trainers)

On the subject of uniform, only the school tracksuit bottoms should be worn on **PE days** and not navy sports bottoms. Your cooperation with this is most appreciated.

Pupil of the Week Awards

	Mrs. Toner/Mrs Hughes	Miss O'Neil	Mrs. Friel/ Mr Phillips
Week 1	Oisin	Elayna	Danielle
Week 2	Jack	Aoife	Chloe M
Week 3	Ronan	Joseph	Sophie
Week 4	Cathal	Katie	Erin
Week 5	Kyla	Daniel	Grace

Pupil of the Month Erin



Diary Dates

- **5th April:** P6/7 STEM St Paul's H.S, Bessbrook
- **8th April:** children will begin the *Translink Travel Challenge*
- **12th April:** P6/7 Shared Education performance in Mullaglass P.S at 11am
- **18th April:** School will close at 11am for Easter Holidays
- **19th-26th** **School closed** for Easter Holidays
- **2nd May:** **School closed for Elections**
- **3rd May:** Book Fair
- **6th May:** **School closed Bank Holiday**
- **19th May:** First Holy Communion in St. Laurence O'Toole's Church, Belleek
- **13th May:** Assessment Week
- **27th-31st May:** School closed for Mid Term Break

Translink Travel Challenge

Starting **Monday 8th April** children from P3-P7 are invited to participate in this year's *Translink Travel Challenge* which will last for a period of two weeks. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school to work towards becoming more environmentally sustainable by reducing carbon emissions caused by traffic and is a positive step towards reducing car congestion around the school. It is also a healthy and sociable option for our pupils. We will be using the challenge as a means of maintaining our **Eco-Schools Green Flag** award.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Ronan O'Hanlan
Ariana Abu
Jack Beattie
Ronan Boyle
Aimee Hanratty

Reminders

~ £1 Football money on Mondays
~ £4 Milk money for April
~ All homework must be signed
Notes are required to cover absences