



Newsletter

7th May 2019



Dates for Your Diary

First Holy Communion	Saturday 11 th May in St Theresa's Church, Sion Mills
Spring Into Summer Fair	Friday 17 th May
Election Day	Thursday 23 rd May
Bank Holiday	Friday 24 th – Tuesday 28 th May
P7 Residential Trip to Dublin	Thursday 30 th – Friday 31 st May
Sport's Day	Wednesday 12 th June

Please Note: The school will be closed from Thursday 23rd May to Tuesday 28th May, inclusive. This is a change to the previous holiday arrangement due to the European

A letter went home with your child today where you can identify a time when you could be available to help on the day of the **Spring Into Summer** Fair.



PTFA – Summer Fair

Plans are well underway for the 'Spring Into Summer' Fair. The PTFA are meeting this evening at 7.00p.m. in the school Staffroom. ***If you can help in any way please let any member of staff or PTFA know.*** We hope you have seen the posters made by the children in various locations around the village.



Mrs Campbell's class' Bottle Stall was such a success at last year's Summer Fair that they are organising it again. If you have bottles that you could contribute, please send in to Mrs Campbell. A letter has gone out with further explanation.



Nature Ninjas

Huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs Kingh and the Nature Ninjas who were awarded their 3rd Eco School Green Flag at the end of their Assessment Day on Friday (3rd May). The assessor, Ruth Van Ry was very thorough and is currently the manager of Eco-Schools NI. She first of all looked through the scrap books that the Eco team had compiled showing photos and snippets of writing about the achievements since Green Flag 2 Assessment. Then she was taken on a tour of the school and grounds where the Ninjas could show Sion Mills Primary School's eco-friendly developments that matched the scrap book information. Ruth was delighted with all the work she could see.



Nature Ninjas pictured with Eco Schools assessor Ruth Van Ry receiving our third green flag.



Mrs Kingh's class are very proud of the art work they have created with their partners from Strabane Primary School during their Shared Education Project. The classes travel to the Playtrail in Derry on Friday as part of this project.



Just some of the recent work carried out by our Nature Ninjas



Mathletics

The cinema ticket winners for April are: Eden Hill P1S, Blake Matthews P3K, Rebecca McKane P3McA, Conn Kelly P4K, Sophie McNulty P5KC, James Roche P6VC



The children in the upper playground are loving the newly created outdoor classroom/natural play area.



Student Council, Nature Ninjas & Primary 7

Traffic Management Campaign

We are really delighted by the coverage in the Strabane Chronicle and Strabane Weekly News of our meeting with six of our local election candidates on Wednesday 17th April. The good news is that some things will happen in the near future to improve safety at the drop-off and pick-up times.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, a representative of Roads Service NI and an officer from Community Policing met with Niamh Greenstreet, Conor McClintock and Keelin McCrea to hear at first-hand the school's concerns. While some of the ideas suggested are not possible due to our school's location the following will happen as soon as can be arranged, possibly before the end of this school year.

So look out for:

A raised platform across the school gates to slow traffic around the corners;

Guardrails and double yellow lines around the corners;

Repainting of all road markings and signage.

Meanwhile the Board of Governors continue to lobby the Dept. of Education for a longer lasting solution to this traffic problem using the extensive grounds at the front of the school.

However, both visitors commented that it remains a responsibility on drivers to be fully vigilant and also on adults collecting children to pay attention to road safety and also to measures taken to ensure safety for all.



Our super Student Council, Eco Team & P7 take our campaign to the local council candidates.