

Newsletter

14th June 2019



Dates for Your Diary	
Big School Days for P6	Wednesday 19 th June Strabane Academy Thursday 20 th June Castlederg
P7 Parents' Lunch	Thursday 20 th June 11.30am.
Feast of Football	Tuesday 25 th June
Leavers' Assembly	Wednesday 26 th June at 9.15am With a cuppa in the Youth Wing for parents afterwards.
Summer Holidays	Friday 28th June

Mathletics



The cinema ticket winners for **May** are: Isaac Griffin P1S, Max Hamilton P1/2H, Riley McNamee P2W, Ryan Speak P3K, Harry Donaldson P4McA, Isabella Roche P4K, Molly Hoynes P5KC, Eimear Murphy P6VC and Jamie McBride P7McG.

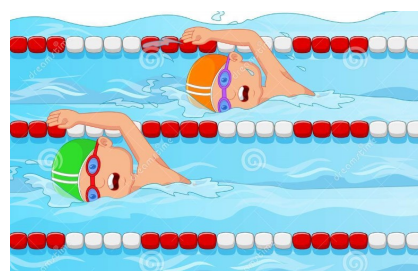
Our **GOLD** Mathletics winners are: Ryan Speak P3K, Rebekah McKane P3McA, Noah Sheen P4 McA, Leah Craig P5VC, Matthew Galloway-Doherty P5VC, Katie McCrea P5KC, Cormac McGill P6KC, Caoimhe McGrinder P6KC, Thomas Holmes P6KC, Brooke Barr P6VC, Conor McClintock P6VC and Matthew Russell P6VC. **What a long list of successful achievers!!**



Congratulations Lucy Jo and Louise

School Trips

P1S, P1/2H & P2/3K Summer Trip	Friday 21 st June
P3/4McA & P4/5K Summer Trip	Monday 24 th June
P5/6VC & P5/6KC Summer Trip	Tuesday 18 th June



Swimming Gala

Congratulations to Abi Moore, Tiana Moore, Alice McKay, Keilith Devine, Mia Callaghan, and Conor McClintock from Primary 6. They represented the school at the recent Strabane area swimming gala and three pupils, Tiana Moore, Alice McKay and Abi Moore won through from the heats to the final. We are delighted that Abi swam herself to a silver medal in the Front Crawl. Well done everyone. Once again our pupils did themselves, their family and their school proud.

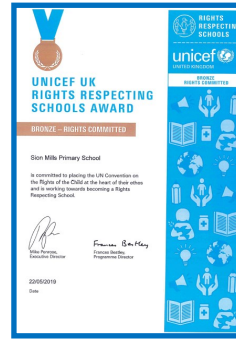
STEM Aware

On Monday 20th May, Paul from STEM Aware, facilitated a 'Lego Challenge for Parent & Child' to bring to a close the Extended Schools' project. The pairings were provided with materials, and the challenge was, to build the longest bridge that would support the most weight. Lucy Jo Millar and her Mum won the challenge and, with that, a handsome voucher for the Movie House Cinema. Well done.

Participants had a thoroughly enjoyable fun evening and, whilst there was a disappointing turn-out, hopefully next year 'word of mouth' will spread the news that this is fun learning.

UNCRC Rights Respecting School Award

Congratulations to Mrs Sproule and our newly appointed steering group on achieving the first step on our Rights Respecting School journey. The steering group have decided to call themselves 'Ambassadors', so we expect you will be hearing lots from them in the new school year. Their job will be to make sure everyone in the school keeps working towards achieving the targets set on our action plan to reach the silver award. For now we are absolutely delighted to have a BRONZE



Mrs Sproule, and the RRSA Ambassadors. (Missing from photograph Tiana P6.)

Right of the Month – June

Article 31

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

'Peace Building through Music'

P5/6VC enjoyed a workshop 'Peace Building through Music' with Andrew from Derry City & Strabane District Council (DCSDC). We had an opportunity to play some instruments and learned that people come from different cultures and may even speak different languages but that music is a common language. We enjoyed learning about the famous flautist, James Galway, who is from Belfast. We listened to Andrew play Amazing Grace and the theme from the Titanic on his flute. Finally, we had a whole class performance of The Sailor's Hornpipe.

This input from DCSDC along with drumming last week has been a wonderful opportunity to link with the UNCRC Right of the Month for June.



Sport's Day

What a wonderful day we had on Wednesday at Sport's Day. Thankfully the weather was fine and everyone's behaviour was exemplary. The supervisors commented at our prize giving assembly today that they were mightily impressed by the sportsmanship demonstrated by the boys and girls, helping others, cheering each other on etc.

Congratulations to every single participant and to all those who won medals. Photographs will soon be uploaded for viewing on the school website. A huge thanks once again to the PTFA who helped out with amplification and also provided the welcome cuppa in the Youth Wing.

Thanks also to the staff who organised the events and especially to Jonny Martin who put such effort into making sure the activity area was safe and secure for the children.



It's not too late to come along to the Walking Group.

Check out Apple Podcast (search for Parenting NI in the podcast app on iPhone or iPad) or Podbean at <https://parentingni.podbean.com> where you can hear a 15 minute podcast on Walking and Health by Emma Lyttle from Parenting NI. Sion Mills PS gets a mention!