



## Newsletter

### 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Dates for Your Diary	
Bank Holiday Week-end	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
P7 Trip	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Sport's Days	Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> June

### Milk Money

Milk Money for June is due. It is £4.00 for the month. Please send in a sealed and labelled envelope to their teacher.

### Sports Days

We regret that it is still not possible for us to invite parents to our Sports events for the current year. It is not possible for us to guarantee the social distancing required to enable us keep classes intact and Covid-safe until the end of June. We very much hope and anticipate that we will return to a normal Sports Day for 2022.

### PTFA

With all our social gatherings cancelled for this school year, funds have been decreasing. As well as buying additional items for classes, the PTFA supplies prizes for Athletics and Accelerated Reading to encourage participation. Whilst we have been permitted by the EA, for one year only, to purchase resources for outdoor play from money normally spent on Breakfast and After Schools clubs the prizes have continued. To replenish the account, it is planned to hold a number of

events – our annual **Teddy Bears' Picnic** for Nursery P1, P2 & P3



and a whole-school sponsored

**DANCEATHON**

event during June.

Details will be shared after the break.



### Easing of Covid-19 Restrictions

Like the entire population we are delighted that restrictions on our daily lives are easing. However, the guidance and expectations for keeping safe and ultimately keeping our schools open have not yet changed since earlier in the year. This means that until the Minister of Education, who is guided by the Public Health Authority in this respect, advises otherwise the procedures and practices we have adopted remain in place. Whilst this does restrict us from having some routine events, it has kept our school going as normally as possible to date. We fully appreciate your support throughout and acknowledge that there are things that parents and the wider family are missing, but we are doing our best to ensure the children still get access to fun summer activities.

### The Formative Years

Parentline NI is running FREE sessions on how parents can support their children through their formative years

#### Session 3: Fussy Eating

Parentline NI is delighted to have Dr. Kirsty Porter from Nutrition4Kids deliver this session for parents.

This workshop will help you navigate the often challenging process of getting your child to enjoy a wide variety of family-friendly meals. Dr. Kirsty helps you strike the balance with making food fun, providing a healthy and balanced diet, all in a way that works with your busy lifestyle

**When: Monday 7th June 2021**  
**Time: 10am via Zoom**

For more information or to book a place call free 0808 8020 400

Coming soon -  
 Session 4: Managing Transitions

Facebook.com/parentlineni

**Wishing everyone a sunshiny happy break.**



## Mathletics

Congratulations to all our latest **GOLD** certificate and prize-winners - **Connie**

**Hegarty P1H, Rionnah Deazley P3L, Maya Catterson, Dylan Forbes, Max Hamilton, Lexi Millar & Alex Patterson, all P4K, Amirah Deazley P5C, Robert Williamson P6C, Ryan Smirnov P5McG and completing a long list of achievers - Erin Brown & Hannah McCoach P7C,**

**Raffle Winners for May are: Thomas McCaughey P1H, Khal Rushe P1S, AJ Laughlin P2C, Tammy Gibson P3L, Jayne Annesley P4K, Isabella Roche P5/6C, Coran Doherty P5/6McG & Rhys Brolly-Neeson P7C**



## Confirmation and First Confession/ Sacrament of Reconciliation

Primary 7 children from Miss Walsh's RE class are working hard with their final preparations as the day they will celebrate their Confirmation draws closer. This important event in their and their family's life will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00p.m. in St Theresa's Church, Sion Mills.

Primary 4 children from Mrs Kingh's R.E. class will make their First Confession/Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. They will go to St Theresa's Church, accompanied by their teacher during the school day. First Holy Communion is planned for October.

From 17th May - 28<sup>th</sup> June we are taking part in the national **'EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM'** campaign to help raise an awareness of the importance of eating a wide range of vegetables. In school we will be learning about a new vegetable each week, finding out where it comes from, how it grows, how we can cook it and the wide range of recipes they can be used in. We would ask you to promote this learning at home and continue to encourage your children to try eating a wider variety of vegetables.

Week 1- carrot

Week 2- peas

Week 3- broccoli

Week 4- tomatoes

Week 5- sweetcorn

Week 6- peppers



## Primary 7

### Business Beginnings



Primary 7 pupils are now in the production phase. They are promoting their products throughout the school. An outdoor sales event will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. This event will be carefully planned to ensure social distancing and adherence to Covid-19 restrictions for schools. Primary 7 families will be invited to purchase items. These products will also be available for all pupils to purchase on the day. Teachers will forward details including prices on Seesaw next week.



## Daily Mile Challenge

As you are aware Sion Mills PS staff and pupils are strong advocates for the Daily Mile; it

has brought numerous benefits to our children.

Along with hundreds of schools across Northern Ireland, Sion Mills PS signed up to the Southern Trust's promotion of the Daily Mile Challenge, a celebration of this worthwhile addition to schools'



provision. The date of the main event is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May but, as many schools like ourselves are closed tomorrow, schools have been completing the challenge over the past few days. See the website [physiocal.activity@southerntrust.hscni.net](https://physiocal.activity@southerntrust.hscni.net) for photographs from tomorrow.

## Eat Them to Defeat Them



Heather Keatley, our Catering Unit Supervisor, has been really pleasantly surprised at how happy the children are to sample and eat the focus vegetable. Carrots were the focus in Week 1. We are reliably informed by the pupils that they were hard to get in some

local shops because they were sold out!!