



Newsletter 5th May 2017

**Enjoy the sun
safely**

Summer Term – Dates for your Diary	
School closure	Monday 29 th – Wednesday 31 st May
19 th May	Teddy Bear's Picnic Sponsored Walk/Run in Baronscourt
8 th June	Election Day
14 th June (provisional)	Sport's Day P1 – P7 Nursery Sport's Day – date to be arranged



Summer Uniform

In the months of May and June children may wear their pale blue polo shirts instead of the shirt and tie. Grey school shorts may also be worn. Alternatively girls may wear blue and white checked school dresses.

Miss Walsh's class visit to Barrontop Farm



On Thursday 27th April Miss Walsh's class joined with Class 3 from Knockavoe to pay a visit to Barrontop Farm. The boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed their trip, participating in feeding ducks, geese and best of all feeding kids (baby goats) milk with a bottle. However the most exciting part of the visit was the tractor ride.

Mathletics

Congratulations to Ruairi McHugh P4K, Connor McLaughlin P6C, Shea McLaughlin P7McG and Aimee McBride P6B who have all recently received a GOLD award in Mathletics. Well done everyone.



First Holy Communion

The children in Mrs McAleer's P4 R.E. class will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion tomorrow, 6th May, at 11.00a.m. in St Teresa's Church, Sion Mills. We wish them and their parents all the best for wonderful day. The children can wear their Holy Communion clothes into school for assembly on Monday morning. Please send a change of clothes with them.

P6/7B Take Up the Challenge

We designed and made products which were then pitched to a panel, Dragon's Den style, hoping to secure an investment. Photos of the project and the products are available on the school website – <http://sionmillsps.com>

Thanks to the students and staff from Ulster University for the opportunity to learn about business, product, place and promotion.

Sion Mills PS Website

<http://sionmillsps.com>

Just a reminder about using our school website to keep up-to-date with forthcoming events, Newsletters, photographs and activities which have been happening in school. You may wish to download the "Schools Ni" App, pictured left, (from iTunes or Google Play) to your phone or tablet. Once installed you can easily access our school.



Word Millionaires

Accelerated Reading

Celebrations all round in Accelerated Reading. Aimee McBride P6 and Lily Harpur join Rhiannon Neeson and Timothy Aiken in becoming Word Millionaires.

Families Together

Time for Children . Time for Parents . Time Together

“WEE WORKSHOPS”

- Handling Children's Challenging Behaviour
- Parenting in a Digital World
- Helping your child deal with Bullying and Making Friends
- Positive Mental health (Self Esteem/ Assertiveness)
- Value of Play
- Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

Are you interested in any of these worthwhile workshops?

Please return the tick sheet or contact school.

Riverwatch Shared Education Trip



P5/6C had a wonderful day with Strabane PS in our final Shared Education meeting of the Water topic. During the visit to the Lough's Agency everyone had a chance to try pond dipping and fishing, as well as exploring the woodland area beside the River Foyle. Some braver pupils also enjoyed helping Michael to dissect a fish! In addition to the fun the boys and girls learned about waterbeasts and carried out some ecological explorations with Michael, one of the educational advisors.

Attendance

All statistics show that children with good attendance achieve better. We urge you to ensure your child/ren attend as well as possible. Good attendance is one of the measures the Department of Education uses to check on schools and the attendance of each child is monitored at least every six weeks. Teachers may be contact you in the next few weeks if there are absences where no explanation was provided.