



### Easter Closures

The Easter holidays will begin with a 12.00noon school closure on Holy Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. The children will return to school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Staff will be in school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April on an exceptional closure day working on curriculum matters. The school office will be open as normal on this day.

### Next Year's Holidays

Please note that the next school year will start earlier than normal on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018. This concerns P2-7 children. New P1's will start on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This will allow us to manage closures throughout the year in a more organised way given that our normal school calendar is disrupted by the fact that 1<sup>st</sup> September is a Saturday and the 30<sup>th</sup> June is a Sunday. A full list of closures will issue shortly.



Mr. C. Killough's class told us all about St. Patrick during their assembly last week.

### Primary 3 – First Confession

Congratulations to our Primary 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. They were a credit to the school and their families. Thanks to Fr. Damian and Fr. Paddy for their support both on the night and with preparations beforehand. The children received a pair of Rosary Beads which were blessed by Fr. Damian.

### Monday Morning Mass

P7 pupils will attend Monday morning Mass next week. As they will be walking to the church they will require suitable footwear and a coat.



### Numeracy Trail

Some of the boys and girls took part in a Numeracy Trail around the school this week. They had to find all of the clues that had been hidden.



### Do This In Memory Mass

The next Mass for Primary 4 children and their families is this Sunday at 10.00am in All Saints Church. Children are asked to sit in the reserved seats at the front of the church.

### First Holy Communion – Primary 4

As parents will be aware First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please note that the starting time will be 11.00am.





**Certificate winners from last week's assembly**



**Science Activity**

Some children in P7 had an opportunity to attend 2 science and technology events this week. On Monday we hosted the STEM Challenge in our school when local school teams competed to design and solve a technology challenge. They had to build a bridge that could hold a weight for a specific length of time. Well done to both teams who entered from St. Brigid's and particularly well done to Team 1 who managed to win the challenge. They now go on to represent the school in the NI Final at Jordanstown University in June. A second group of children travelled to St. Colmcille's PS to take part in a similar event whereby they had to design a "zip-line" that could transport an egg safely from one point to another. The teams were mixed across schools for this event. Well done to the children who participated and thanks to the staff of St. Colmcille's for their invitation to attend.



**Students Leaving**

We were delighted to welcome 3 past pupils back to school over the last 6 weeks as students. All 3 are studying at St. Mary's University College in Belfast and we are pleased to have been able to support their learning beyond their school days with us. Good luck to Martyna, Eimear and Aislinn.

**Apostolic Work Collection**  
The children's donations will be displayed in the Parish Centre after masses on Sunday. Thanks to all who contributed.

