



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

St. John the Baptist PS

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March 2019

Poetry in Motion

What amazing Literary talent we have in P.5LMcC! This talented bunch were selected to participate in Poetry in Motion. They performed the poem "Animals" at the Ulster Hall on Tuesday 12th March. This was written by our very own Sophie O'Brien. Sophie's poem has now been published in – "The Colour of Light"- Poetry in Motion Schools 2018/19. Check out our Twitter account @SJBPS11 to hear the children's rendition of Animals. We have no doubt you will be as impressed as we were. **Congratulations Sophie and P.5LMcC!**

Animals

They bark they miaow
Some are soft
I wonder what they are thinking
Where do they go when we are gone?
The animals that live in Africa lions are feisty
Cats are too.
Cheetahs run fast prairie dogs too
Spiders are creepy what do they do?
They bite they kill why are they like this
Koalas are cute pandas eat bamboo.
All of these animals are cute, lions too.
Except spiders, they are creepy, weird too.

By Sophie O'Brien
St. John the Baptist Primary School

Religious Dates for your diary

Confirmation – Friday 29th March

@11am in St. Michael the Archangel

First Confession parent meeting in

school at 2pm Thursday 4th April

First Confession– 11th April at 1pm
in St Michael's Church.

First Holy Communion Meeting in

school @ 2pm Tuesday 16th April

Holy Communion Ceremony – Saturday 18th May

@11am St Michael the Archangel



Holidays 2017/2018- School Closures for Pupils

Thursday April 18th at 11am- Close for Easter

New Term begins Monday 29th April

Please note the school will be closed on the following dates in May- Thursday 2nd May (Election Day), Friday 3rd May (Exceptional Closure), Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday), Monday 27th May (Bank Holiday)

Antrim Ladies Visit SJBPS

Antrim Ladies come to SJB to celebrate 'GAA DAY!!' On the 25th of March players from Antrim Ladies will be in SJB coaching and inspiring our pupils. Antrim Ladies are currently top of Division 4 in the national league and need our support. We are asking for £1 per child or whatever you can donate to aid the squad in their league and championship campaigns. Up the Saffs!!



World Book Day

Thank you to all the children who made such an amazing effort to dress up as their favourite book characters on Friday 8th March. The school was buzzing with excitement! From Gangsta Granny and The Cat in the Hat, not to mention Oompa Lumpas! We had an amazing time bumping into our characters from our well-loved children's books and novels. It is great to see that the love of reading is alive and well at SJB



We are very proud of SJB!

Show it in the way we present ourselves in our uniform and when we're wearing our uniform in public areas.

Full school uniform is for the benefit of our pupils. We want our pupils to take pride in their uniform.

Black shoes ONLY. No trainers accepted.

School ties are required.

NO nail varnish or coloured dyes in hair
Make sure names are on all items. It helps us to give them back to the right pupil.

Jewellery is kept to a minimum for health and safety reasons. No earrings for boys.

Sensible haircuts please. Thank you.



Parental Concerns

If you have a concern about your child, contact your child's teacher via the school office. They will arrange an appointment. Emergency situations are different and are treated so. For e safety concerns please note there is also a range of advice and support for parents is available at the following websites

www.nspcc.org.uk/ & www.ceop.police.uk

Our safeguarding team is also available;

Child protection / safeguarding- Mrs Maguire or Ms Bell (Designated Teacher for Child Protection) Mrs O'Kane (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)

Ms E McBurney (Designated Governor for Child Protection and safeguarding)

Health and safety issue or attendance- Mrs Maguire

SEN- Ms Bell

In event of a parent wishing to make a formal complaint there is a parents' complaints procedure which must be followed. It is available through a request to Mrs Maguire or on the school website.

Green Day at SJBPS

On Friday 15th March we marked St. Patrick's Day by dressing up in green and having a celebration of Irish Culture. Everyone; both pupils and staff alike got into the spirit of the day! Our assembly hall was a sea of green! All of the children participated with Irish poems and prayers. Our P.6 pupils (and teachers!) looked fantastic in their hand made Irish Hats! We also had ceili dancing and finished off with a lively rendition of "The Rattlin' Bog" ably led by our P.5s and Mrs McCrystal.



