



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

St. John the Baptist PS 02890614546

May 2019

A Wonderful Day for The Parish of St Michael the Archangel

On Saturday 18th May, our Primary 4 pupils, children from Cranmore Integrated P. S. and a pupil

from St Teresa's P. S. made their First Communion in St Michael the Archangel Church. Father Ciaran Feeney celebrated the Mass, and



praised the children for the creative art work, which was displayed around the church. He also told parents that they should be very proud of their children, who have shown respect and reverence in the church throughout the year, when they attended weekly Masses. The service was enhanced by beautiful singing, both from the Communicants and from Mrs Mc Crystal's Choir.

Representatives from each class formed a Marion procession and left white roses on Our Lady's altar. The new Acting Principal, Mr Chris Donnelly, gave a short talk about the warm reception which he has received from the school community, and how he is looking forward to getting to know all pupils and parents. After the Mass, everyone was invited to the Parish Centre for refreshments, the chance for a chat, and a visit to the photographer.



Another First Communion Day is over, but the wonderful memories and experiences will last a lifetime.



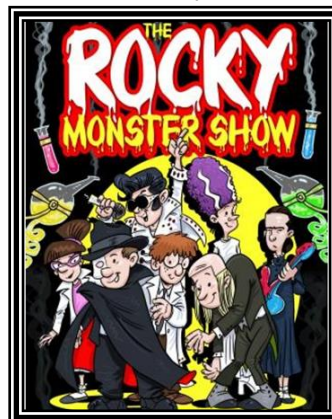
Trocaire Total

A whopping **£911.92** was raised for the Lenten Campaign.

We can't thank pupils enough. There were several

children who raised incredible amounts for the Trocaire appeal. Everything was a bonus - but we would like say a massive well done to the pupils of P.3KB, P.4KM and P.2CD. They deserve special recognition.

"The Rocky Monster Show"



P.7 End of Year Show is "The Rocky Monster Show".

The show will be held on Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th June at 7pm. Tickets will go on sale at the school office on Thursday 30th May.

Thank you for supporting our May Book Fair. £ 1680 was spent which has raised £ 1008 of commission to be spent on independent readers.

Dates for your diary

- P.4-7 Sports Day - Wednesday 29th May 9.30am
- (Woodlands Playing Fields)
- P.1&2 Sports Day Tuesday 4th June 9.30am (Canteen Playground)
- P.3 Sports Day Tuesday 4th June 1pm (Canteen Playground)

2018/19 School Closures for Pupils

Please note the school will be closed on:

- Thursday 23rd May (European Election)
- Monday 27th May (Bank Holiday)

Radius/Young Enterprise Shared Project- Our Community



Radius Housing and Young Enterprise are working with P.5 on a Shared Education Project this term with Taughmonagh Primary School. The project is called "Our Community."

The Shared Education Project is being funded by Radius Housing as part of a wider programme of community engagement and educational outreach associated with the redevelopment of the former Visteon factory site which will see the creation of 244 new high quality social and affordable homes in the Blacks Road/Finaghy Road North area. This ambitious regeneration project will also create commercial employment space, a purpose built community facility and extensive, high quality open space provision.

More information on the plans can be found at:

<https://www.radiusvisteonregeneration.com> or by contacting

regeneration@radiushousing.co.uk.

We hope that the children of St John the Baptist PS and Taughmonagh PS will come together on a number of occasions (as they progress through P5, P6 and P7) to undertake the shared learning modules below, which relate to the work of Radius and the redevelopment of the former Visteon site.

- P5 Module- Our Community
- P6 Module- Our City
- P7 Module- Our World

The P.5 children have had a super time working with Bronagh from Radius Housing on workshops based on the theme of Our Community. Our seminar with Taughmonagh Primary took place on Friday 10th May.

Outstanding Sporting Achievements in SJB!

Girls' Gaelic Glory



The girls' team retained the Mary McAleese President's Cup after an astonishing comeback from a fine group of footballers.

There was great defending throughout from Rosie, Aine and Rebecca, with Niamh and Clodagh kicking into gear in the second half. After that the team really clicked and Laoise scored a vital goal to retain the title. Congratulations girls and Mr. Pollock!

Cross Country Champions



An exceptional performance from our runners, with Clodagh Mervyn winning the West Belfast Cross Country Championship! The girls' team came

3rd and the boys' team finished 6th in their respective team events.

Massive thanks to Mr McCrystal.

BasketBall Champions



SJB Basketball team currently sit top of the 'Sport Changes Lives; Belfast PS Legacy League' after having recently scooped the annual Andersonstown Tigers Tournament for the third year running. Well done boys and girls and huge thanks to Mr Morgan.

Reconciliation Day in St. Michael the Archangel Church



On Thursday 11th. April, Primary 3 children from St John the Baptist Primary School and Cranmore



Integrated Primary School celebrated First Reconciliation.

It was a beautiful day, both inside and outside the church building! Lots of family members and friends attended the service. Father Feeney conducted the service with great reverence. He had invited six priest friends to help out, and they thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the children. Mrs Mc Crystal's talented choir added to the lovely ambience.

After the service there were reports of pupils being seen in quite a few locations, including: Maple Moose, Airtastic, the Beechlawn Hotel, Pizza Hut, McDonalds, Lisburn Swimming Complex, and having a barbeque in the back garden. Well done to all the P3 pupils!

The Sky's the Limit

Our P.6 had an amazing day participating in the Bombardier/Sentinus -Flight workshop. During this incredible visit the P6s got to pick the brains of aeronautical engineers and employees of one of the world's leading aeroplane manufacturers.

The children were able to make some of their own flying devices and test their flight capabilities in our playground. There were plenty of crack landings!



School Council Update- by Michael Monaghan and Blessing Nich



School and Eco Council have been working on a reduce single-use plastic waste competition. We collected all the one use plastic in our school. There was a lot of plastic! Guess how many single-use water bottles we collected over three weeks? Over one hundred! We encourage all parents, staff and children to support our campaign to reduce one use plastic in our school. Please use reusable water bottles in our school, this will save a ton of plastic waste each year. Did you know most plastic is not recycled in our world and a lot of plastic waste makes its way into the ocean and enters the food chain causing distress and death for many sea creatures?



Check out our mascot 'Renee Reusable' the reusable water bottle and our video on Twitter and please **REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE**. We will continue to recycle plastic in our school.



