



Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.

- NEWSLETTER -

Issue: Easter 2023

SCHOOL CLOSURES

- ★ Monday 1 May 2023
- ★ Monday 8 May 2023
- ★ Monday 29 May 2023

Holidays for the 2023/2024

Academic Year can be found on the school website.



We hope that our Parents and Guardians are now availing of the Department of Education's new Safer Schools NI App. It provides easy-to-follow steps on how to make your home and devices safer. It also keeps you up to date with current online trends, threats, and risks to your child. It delivers information you need to know on social media and gaming platforms. It also helps you to set privacy and parental settings on platforms. It offers expert guidance and will signpost you to help and support when and where you need it. Recently there have been a few concerns regarding older children from the school using social media outside of school. Children's digital devices should be monitored as online interactions

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH



At the end of March a whole school photograph was taken in the front playground. Children were organised by year groups and arranged on tiered staging before the staff joined them for the photograph. Thankfully the weather held up and the rain stayed away until after the photograph was taken. The previous school photograph was taken six years ago in 2017.

require supervision and support. You should be aware there is a minimum age to use apps like: Snapchat, Facebook, WhatsApp, TikTok and Instagram. Since 2018 the minimum age requirement in Europe for these and similar apps has been 16 years of age. Therefore, most social media apps are not suitable for primary school children.

Download - SAFE SCHOOLS App.



PODCAST



PARK LODGE PODCAST

Keep up to date with what is happening in our school with our monthly Podcast.



March 2023



Our latest podcast for March is now available on the school's website. You will also find our previous podcasts there too. Why not listen in and find out what's been happening.

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CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to our P7 children who made their Confirmation in St. Gerard's at the start of February this year.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Well done to our Primary 3 children who made their First Confessions in St. Gerard's in March.



During Holy Week, the Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7 classes attended confessions for Easter in St Gerard's.

TRÔCAIRE

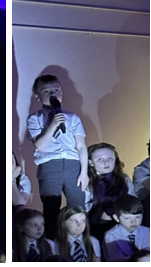


Primary 1 & 2 held a draw for Trôcaire and raised £489. Don't forget to return your Trôcaire boxes to the school or St Gerard's.

THANK YOU!!!

PRIMARY 6 EASTER ASSEMBLY

The Primary 6 children put on a fantastic Easter assembly for the rest of the school. Creating silhouettes on a large sheet children recreated the 14 Stations of the Cross while others read reflections and sang. The assembly provided a perfect way to get ready for the Easter ceremonies of Holy Week.



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Q. What do you get if you cross a frog with a rabbit?

A. A bunny ribbit!

Q. Why don't you see dinosaurs at Easter?

A. Because they are eggs-tinct!

Q. What did the magician say after the rabbit vanished?

A. Hare today, gone tomorrow!

Q. How does a rabbit throw a tantrum?

A. He gets hopping mad!



TRANSFER MEETING

An information meeting about next year's Transfer Tests has been arranged for P6 parents/guardians in the school hall on Thursday 27 April at 4.00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mollie who represented the school and swam her personal best at the Swim Ireland Irish Minor Schools Gala in the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin in March.



Congratulations to Cormac who represented the school at Flahaban's Cross Country League Finals at Mallusk in March.



Congratulations to our quiz team for reaching the National Final of the Credit Union Schools Quiz in the RDS, Dublin.



Congratulations to our P7 netball squad who played in the Belfast Area Finals which were held at the Lisburn Racquets Club.



The principal and staff of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School would like to wish all the children and their families a very peaceful and holy Easter.

