



# Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.

## - NEWSLETTER -

Issue: December 2023

### SCHOOL CLOSURES

#### Christmas Holidays

- ★ The school will close at 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2023.
- ★ It will reopen after the holidays on Monday 8 January 2024

All holidays are on our website.

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

This month the parish priests will hear confessions from our Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6 & Primary 7 classes in the school.



### NON UNIFORM DAY

On the final day of term, if parents want, children can wear their own clothes to school. They can include something with a Christmas theme including a Christmas jumper if they have one. A voluntary contribution to charity can also be made.



### P.T.A. PANELS



Thanks to money raised by the P.T.A. we have been able to update the interactive boards in all the classrooms and our IT suite. Fund raising supported by the children, their parents, family and friends meant the remaining 9 classrooms have had their boards replaced since the summer. These modern 75" Clevertouch Panels are very versatile and replace the original interactive whiteboards that had become obsolete.

Each board costs just under £2,700 to buy and install. The 9 new boards were made possible through a contribution of approximately £24,000 from the P.T.A.

The boards are extensively used on a daily basis and are a good investment towards the children's learning.

### MOVIE & BOGGIE

P1 & P2 will have a special event in the school hall on 21st December. There are rumours that a special visitor will be taking time out of his busy schedule to pay them a visit. Ho! Ho! Ho!



A charity, to consider is the parish Saint Vincent de Paul. We have a SVP donation box in the school foyer. Alternatively, you can make a direct bank transfer into the charity's bank account (sort code: 950679 account number: 10265292) or send a cheque, payable to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.



### NEW PLANTING



Children from all our classes planted our winter flower boxes that are now displayed at the front of the school.

This is one of a number of ways we have been improving the grounds of the school through putting in new plants.

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## Primary One Admissions - September 2024 -

The school held an Open Morning for prospective parents on Tuesday 12 December from 10.00am to 11.30am. The Principal's Address, to those in attendance, began at 10.15am and was



followed by a short concert by the children.

A school Prospectus, Admissions Criteria and other relevant documents have been posted on the school's website:

[www.parklodeschool.com](http://www.parklodeschool.com)

There is also a video uploaded on the website that will give a feel for what we get up to in the school - 'Virtual Open Day'.



The application procedure for September 2024 opens with the online portal available from 12 noon on Tuesday 9 January 2024. The portal can be accessed on the Education Authority's website: [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) until 12 noon on Friday 26 January 2024.



### ECO TEAM

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Eco Team's 'Recycling Clothes Week'. Over 6.5 tonnes of clothes was brought in and this raised £4,000 for eco projects around the school.



## CONFIRMATION DATES

St. Gerard's Parish Priest has confirmed the date and time for our P7 Confirmation ceremony as follows: Thursday 22 February 2024 @ 11.00am.

Due to construction work being carried out at Saint Gerard's Church, Confirmation will take place at Clonard Monastery.



## FIRST COMMUNION DATES

The Parish Priest has still to confirm the dates and venue for our P4 First Holy Communion ceremonies.

### FIRST CONFESSIONS

Our P3 First Confessions will take place in the school hall close to Easter. The dates for each class are due to be finalised after Christmas at which time parents will be notified.

## PANTOMIME



In December our P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 classes went to the Waterfront Hall to see the pantomime Rapunzel.



What do you get if you combine a Christmas tree with an iPad? A pineapple.

What did one Christmas tree say to another Christmas tree? Lighten up!

How does a snowman lose weight? He waits for the weather to get warmer.

What falls at the North Pole and never gets hurt? Snow.

What kind of photos do elves take? Elfies.



Parents can now keep up-to-date with what is happening at the school by following us on X at: [@parklodeschool](https://twitter.com/parklodeschool)  
Scan this QR CODE with a smart phone to log on to our X



## NATIVITY PLAYS

Primary 2:

Thursday 7 December @ 1pm

Primary 1:

Friday 15 December @ 1pm

Primary 3:

Tuesday 19 December @ 1pm

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our band, upper strings, guitars and choir put on a wonderful concert that was well attended by their parents, family and friends.



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Principal and Staff of  
Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.,  
Park Lodge wish all the children and their families a very  
Merry Christmas.

