



Week beginning Monday 14th June 2021 Newsletter

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Through this week in school all pupils will be engaging in a series of Sporting activities as we have a Sport's Week in school.

Unfortunately, we are unable to host our usual Sport's Day with parents in attendance but all races and activities will be run through school. The planned schedule for this week for Sports is as follows;

Monday	P2 and P6
Tuesday	P1 and P7
Wednesday	P4
Thursday	P5
Friday	P3

As ever, keep up to date with all that is going on in school through our school website.

First Confession

Congratulations to our Primary 3 boys and girls who received the second of their sacraments, the sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to Father Neeson and Father McManus for such a lovely service.



P4/5/6 Summer Scheme

Unfortunately all places are now taken up for our proposed Summer Scheme. We had hoped to be in a position to open this up to Primary 3 but there are no available places.

More details of our Summer Scheme will be issued over the next week to those who have expressed an interest to attend.

Contacting the School

If contacting the school about any queries or issues, please remember that the first point of contact is by phone to the school office: 028 427 28278. School e-mail is info@stmarysps.portaferry.ni.sch.uk

We will pass on messages to your child's teacher when received and get back to you as soon as possible.

Literacy Service Newsletter - Fourth Edition

It is time for the next exciting edition of our Literacy Service Newsletter. The fourth edition is 'All about school Transitions'. It is packed full of good ideas help inspire, support and challenge all our children and young people to be the best they can be. Please click on the link below to access the latest edition:

<https://sway.office.com/z2hEZEwqfUAAuoZE?ref=Link>



Applications for Free School Meals for 21/22 school year.

It may seem a little early to be raising this but applications have to be made for free school meals annually. As of 7th June Free School Meals applications are available online. Information is available on this and school uniform grants at:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Portaferry GAC

Our After School's Hurling continues for the next three weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Tuesday	P4/5 - 3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday	P6/7- 3.00-4.00pm
Thursday	P1/2/3- 2.00-3.00pm

Portaferry GAC will be running their annual Cul Camp from, Monday 5th - Friday 9th July 2021.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

During the month of June the focus is on "Being a Good Friend to Others." This week our Pupils of the Week were:

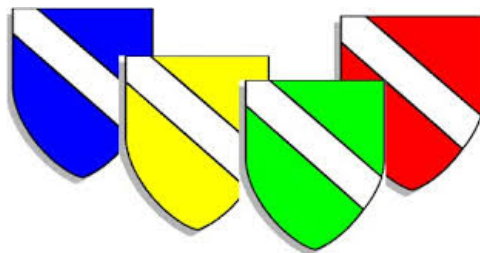
P1	Mya
P2	Kobi
P3	
P4	Ronan
P5	Ronan
P6	Aoibhe
P7	Katie Mae

This week we also gave out Bronze certificates for achieving 40 House Points to Emily (P5);

Silver certificates for achieving 80 House Points to Enda (P4), Dawson (P4), Jamie (P4), Ava (P4), Luis (P4), Conor (P5) and Aine (P5);

Gold Certificates for achieving 100 House

Points to Feidhelm (P4), Amy (P4), Sean (P4), Niamh (P4) and Rachel (P4). Well done to everyone.



DINNERS

This week's menu is contained below. Dinners cost £2.60 per day and must be paid at the beginning of each week in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and days on which they wish to have school dinner

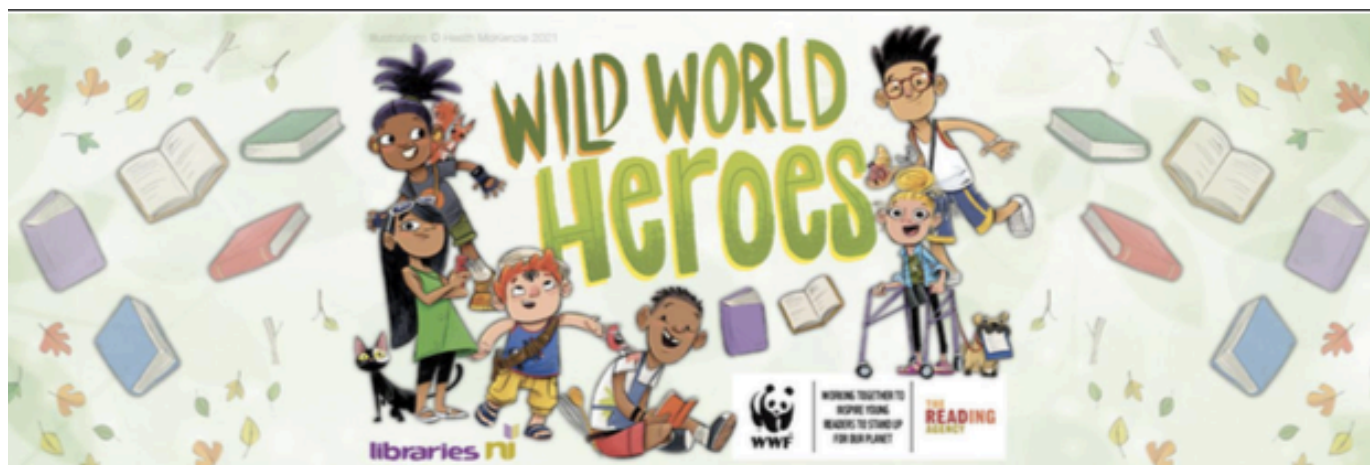
Monday	Fish Fillet, mash potatoes & peas/ <i>Chocolate sponge & custard - Fresh Fruit</i> Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Tuesday	Pasta bolognese with crusty bread. <i>Muffin - Fresh Fruit</i> Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Wednesday	Roast Gammon, Gravy, Stuffing with two veg Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes <i>Ginger biscuit - fresh fruit</i> Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Thursday	Chicken Curry with boiled rice & naan bread. <i>Strawberry milkshake, fresh fruit & jelly</i> Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Friday	Happy Friday Meal Chicken goujon Wrap with Chips & salad <i>Frozen Yoghurt & Fruit</i> Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink



IFA Summer Camp

Summer soccer week will be hosted in Portaferry from 2-6th August. A promotional flyer will be sent home during the week.





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Dear Principal

Introducing Libraries NI Summer Reading Challenge 19 June until 18 September 2021

Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021; a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with WWF UK.

Get ready for Wild World Heroes, arriving online and in libraries across Northern Ireland this summer.

Children age 4 to 11 can join the World Wide Heroes for this year's Summer Reading Challenge to discover how they can make a difference to the environment.

Produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries, we're teaming up with WWF for a very special nature themed challenge that will inspire children to stand up for the planet.

The challenge will feature amazing books, awesome rewards and plenty of ideas for taking care of the environment.

How does it work?

The Summer Reading Challenge will take place from **19 June until 18 September**. Children can sign up at their local library, choose their reading goal then read any books to collect special stickers and other rewards along the way – all for FREE. There is a digital platform too, so the fun can carry on at home!

Children can read whatever they like in their chosen format – fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audio books and eBooks. Everyone who completes their personal challenge will receive a certificate and medal.

Events and activities will take place throughout the summer online and possible face-to-face depending on guidelines issued by the Northern Ireland Executive.

Why should children take part?

Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays if they do not have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure.



The Reading Agency's annual Summer Reading Challenge really helps by getting over 700,000 children regularly into libraries over the summer, with thousands more taking part online.

There is no other free reading activity that involves so many children, introduces families to their library, encourages children to choose books freely and independently and is endorsed by parents and teachers.

There will be more information on the Libraries NI website www.librariesni.org.uk and social channels over the next few weeks so please keep a look out for further updates. In the meantime, if you need any further information email our Senior Children's Services Manager Valerie Christie at cypteam@librariesni.org.uk

We do hope you get involved.



Connect with us
www.librariesni.org.uk



EDUCATION RESTART



EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE AND HELPING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

EVERYONE SHOULD CONTINUE TO:

- ✓ **Wash** hands regularly
- ✓ **Cover** coughs and sneezes
- ✓ **Wear** a face covering where necessary
- ✓ **Practise** social distancing
- ✓ **Follow** the latest public health advice

WHAT SHOULD I NOT DO?

- ✓ **Don't** send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms or if they have been identified as a close contact
- ✓ **Don't** allow your child to use public transport unless you have no alternative
- ✓ **Don't** gather at the school entrance/gate
- ✓ **Don't** allow your child to share food/drinks with friends

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- ✓ **Do** let the school know if your child will be absent due to COVID-19 symptoms
- ✓ **Do** follow the advice given if you have been contacted by the PHA Contact Tracing Service
- ✓ **Do** encourage your child to socially distance if it is possible
- ✓ **Do** encourage good hand hygiene
- ✓ **Do** use alternative transport if you can
- ✓ **Do** walk or cycle if it's safe and appropriate to do so
- ✓ **Do** use park and ride or other car-parking facilities (if available), and walk the remainder of the journey to school
- ✓ **Do** avoid parking close to or at the school gates
- ✓ **Do** encourage the use of face coverings on school transport and in post-primary schools/settings
- ✓ **Do** encourage and supervise your child to carry out a COVID-19 test if they have been invited to participate

FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS, CAN BE FOUND ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S WEBSITE AT: WWW.EDUCATION-NI.GOV.UK

