



Steelstown Primary School & Nursery Unit Monthly Memo to Parents – Mar/Apr 18



Don't Miss These Dates!!

Fri 9 March	9.30 a.m. Football Blitz at St Joseph's Boys' School	
Fri 9 March	1.00 p.m. Gaelic Blitz at Templemore	
Mon 12 March	3.00 p.m. Netball Match – St Anne's PS v. Steelstown PS	
Tues 14 March	10.00 a.m. Nursery pupils at Forest School in The Playtrail	
Fri 16 March	School Closed for Staff Training	
Mon 19 March	St Patrick's Day Holiday	
Tues 20 March	P6 Young Enterprise Programme	
Fri 23 March	10.00 a.m. Nursery pupils at Forest School in The Playtrail	
Sun 25 March	11.00 a.m. "Do This in Memory" Mass (P4) – Year 4 pupils and families	
Mon 26 March	P7 Visit to Fab Social – Digital Fabrication	
Wed 28 March	STEM Project	
Sun 15 April	11.00 a.m. "Do This in Memory" Mass (P4) – Year 4 pupils and families	
Fri 20 April	5.00 p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation	
Mon 23 April	10.00 a.m. Nursery pupils at Forest School in The Playtrail	



Easter Holidays

School finishes at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday 28 March and re-opens on Monday 9 April

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Primary 7 pupils will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 20 April at 5.00 pm. Family photos and refreshments will be available in school afterwards. Photographer will take photographs in school of classes and individuals on Monday 23 April



Charity Focus - Trócaire

Our charity focus from now until Easter is Trócaire. Roisin O'Hara visited our school last month and gave a talk and presentation to all classes about Trócaire and the important work the charity is involved in in places like Sierra Leone.



Trócaire

St John's Ambulance - Steelstown Badgers

Congratulations to our Steelstown Badgers who won the St John's Ambulance Drama competition recently. Many thanks to Miss McCafferty, Mrs Hutton and the team who work so hard with the children. Their success goes on and on!! Well done boys and girls!!



STEM Workshops



We were delighted to welcome to our school, 13 staff members of Seagate on 22 February who came to deliver STEM workshops to our P5, 6 & 7 pupils. The children participated in fun-filled science, technology, engineering and maths lessons.

World Book Day

Thursday 1 March was World Book Day and pupils and staff came to school dressed as their favourite book character. Thanks to the parents who made such an effort with their children's costumes and the staff and children who really got into the spirit of the day. Check out the website for more photos!



Families Connect Programme



Our Families Connect Programme for Y1 and 2 families (lead by Mrs Crampsey) got underway this year again commencing with a coffee morning. We were overwhelmed by the large numbers that have signed up to participate in this very informative and worthwhile programme.



School Policies

The following policies have been updated/newly written for Steelstown PS. Key Policies are available on the website www.steelstownps.com. If you wish to receive a hard copy of any policy please contact the office.

Whole School Policies

- Administration of Medication
- Attendance
- Bereavement
- Data Protection
- Disposal of Records
- Equal Opportunities for Children
- Equal Opportunities for Adults
- ICT & E Safety
- Inclusion & Good Relations
- Reasonable Force
- Safe Handling
- Safeguarding Information for parents
- SEN
- Staff Well-being
- Managing Violent & Abusive Visitors
- Students running away from school
- Use of Mobile phones

- Nursery Policies
- Anti-Bullying Nursery Appendix
- Assessment
- Behaviour Management Nursery Handbook
- Child Protection
- Curriculum (Nursery)
- Dinner
- Health & Safety Nursery Appendix
- Intimate Care (Nursery)
- Learning & Teaching (Nursery)
- Outdoor Play
- Parents as Partners
- Positive Behaviour
- Settling into Nursery
- Special Needs Nursery Appendix
- Transition from Nursery to Primary

Safeguarding Team: Designated Teacher for Child Protection – Miss Hegarty (VP): Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection – Mrs Gillen (Principal): Nursery Designated Teacher – Mrs McLaughlin: Chair of Governors – Mrs S Heaney: Designated Governor for Child Protection – Ms C McLaughlin.

In the interest of Child Protection children cannot be excused from the playground. If a child is to be removed from school during the school day he/or she must be 'signed out' by an adult at reception.