

St. John's P.S. - Where Children Have a Voice

Meet our newly elected leaders, elected by the children for the children. We look forward to your leadership and implementing your vision on how we can improve our school and reach new heights in all that we do.



School Council



Eco School Council



Digital Leaders

Investigative Learning



Our fantastic problem solving resource Izak 9 which encourages reasoning and fluency whilst developing team work and resilience.



Using our parachute to develop cooperative and non-competitive games whilst reinforcing turn-taking and sharing. Playing parachute games also strengthens shoulder, arm and hand muscles.



Our extremely talented musicians and glorious choir showcased their wonderful talents at our whole school assembly. It was a fantastic experience for everyone and we were blown away by the variety of instruments on show. Well done everyone!



Year 3 joined their friends in Killowen P.S. to view an exhibition of owls and reptiles from 'World of Owls'



Dates for Your Diary

- 4th Nov. - School Reopens
- 8th Nov. - Year 5 Assembly
- 11-15th Nov. Anti-Bullying Week 'Change Starts With Us'
- 13th Nov. - Multicultural Assembly
- 5th Dec. - Carol Service in St. John's Church (Y4-7) @ 6.30pm
- 12th Dec. - Y3 Christmas Show
- 18th Dec. Y1 & 2 Nativity
- 20th Dec. School Closes at 12 noon for Christmas Holidays
- 6th Jan. - School Reopens for Term 2

Safeguarding and Child Protection

During Term 1A (Sept.-Oct.), each family received a paper copy of our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. It can also be viewed electronically on our school's website: www.stjohnspscoleraine.com along with our other school policies. If you have a concern about a child's welfare, please speak to Miss McNicholl (Designated Teacher) and/or Mrs McDonnell (Deputy Designated Teacher). Mr. Harry McGill is our Designated Board of Governor for Child Protection.

Open Night

12th December

6.30 - 7.30pm

Come and visit our school, watch a special performance by Year 3, listen to our school choir and instrumentalists and then talk to pupils on their experience at St. John's and view our excellent facilities.



St. John's P.S. Coleraine Community Newsletter

October 2019

Welcome to the first edition of our Community Newsletter in our new academic year. We hope you enjoy reading about what's happening here in St. John's as much as we enjoy sharing our children's achievements and learning experiences.

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Welcome Year 1!

It has been all go in Year 1, as we welcomed our new intake to St. John's P.S. The children have enjoyed learning the routines of their classroom, finding their way around our beautiful school; both inside and out whilst meeting all the staff and other children. Our topic this term was, 'There's No One Quite Like Me,' which is certainly true for all our wonderful children. You're all a fantastic addition to our school!



Year 2

We have been learning about Dinosaurs. We know lots of amazing facts about dinosaurs as we researched information using non-fiction books and the internet. We have a 'shop' in our classroom where we can buy dinosaurs and pay for them using 1p and 2p coins.



Year 3

We have been learning about how we grow, move and use our senses to help us understand our world. We planted bulbs in Science and we know our plants need water and sunlight to grow. We are so excited to see our plants grow.



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St. John's P.S. - Where Exciting Learning Happens

Year 4 have been working on the topic 'Whatever the Weather.' In Art, we looked at the artist Leonid Afremov. We researched how he created his art and the techniques he used to paint his beautiful pictures. We then used his work as a guide for us to create our own interpretation using our fingers and paint brushes to produce our own weather pictures.



Year 5 have been learning about different countries around the world. We have enjoyed researching different facts about each country and sharing them with the class. We received a post card from Australia which was very exciting. We really enjoyed developing our ICT skills by using the 'Green Screen' app to portray ourselves outside the Leaning Tower of Pisa. It's amazing where in the world St. John's P.S. can and will take you to!



Year 6 class were delighted to participate in the Coleraine Schools' Orienteering competition. Before competing, the children enjoyed an orienteering lesson from Fred, of North West Orienteering Club. The children put all their recently acquired skills of compass directions, navigation and pacing to great use whilst competing.

Well done to Mischa and Ollie who were the first pair home for St John's!



Year 7 have been studying the poetry of Seamus Heaney, with particular emphasis on 'Blackberry Picking' as it's harvest time. The children used words and lines from the poem to create their own versions of it whilst adding adventurous vocabulary and vivid imagery. They then shared their poems with the whole school at our weekly assembly. Year 7 recorded their poems using Green Screen to develop their ICT skills. The children also made blackberry and apple crumble using fruit from our school garden. They certainly connected their learning!



St. John's P.S. - Outdoor Learning on Portstewart Strand

Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Year 7



Litter Pick



During September and October, each class along with Killowen P.S. visited Portstewart Strand to participate in outdoor learning activities along with a litter pick in association with Radius Housing. Each session was led by Fred who facilitated high quality learning activities. Thanks Fred and Radius!

Extra Curricular

We've had full schedule of Extra Curricular activities this half term. Activities include: Traditional Music, Budding Musicians, Early Einstein Science Club and Art Attack. We've also strengthened our parent and community involvement in our extra-curricular programme by organising Couch to 5K which is led by Mr. Burns.

The second part of Term 1 promises to be just as busy!



After School



Pets at Home host a Pet Party in St. John's!



Available Monday to Friday 2 to 5pm. Booking Essential!



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