

School Details



Principal :

Mrs Helen McDonnell

Senior Teacher: Mr Conor Burns

Special Educational Needs Co-
Ordinator & Designated Teacher for
Safeguarding and Child Protection:

Miss Anne McNicholl

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St. John's P.S.

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When you join our school, you will be given a See-Saw QR code which will enable you to keep in touch with your child's class teacher. Sign up to See-Saw by downloading 'See-saw Family' app and scanning the unique QR code when received.



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Welcome to St. John's P.S.

I would like to extend a warm invitation to you as parents, along with your child, as you explore the possibility of making St. John's your school of choice. It is my belief that, at St. John's, your child will receive a wide range of high quality learning and teaching experiences through the provision of a broad and balanced curriculum. St. John's is rooted in the highest level of pastoral care, and the staff are committed to ensuring that every child strives to be the very best they can be. I look forward to meeting your child and helping them to be successful in all that they undertake during their time in St. John's. I hope their time and yours will be an enjoyable experience and one that creates a wealth of memories that will last a lifetime.



Teaching Staff

We are very fortunate in St. John's to have one class per year group, with additional teaching and non-teaching staff (provided through funding on a yearly basis) to support and enhance our children's learning. Teaching staff are listed below:

Principal—Mrs McDonnell

Year 1—Miss McNicholl (Special Educational Needs Coordinator and Designated Teacher for Safeguarding & Child Protection)

Year 2 - Miss O'Neill (Music Coordinator)

Year 3—Mrs McCullough (Mathematics & Numeracy Coordinator)

Year 4—Mrs Lenehan (Using ICT Coordinator)

Year 5—Mrs McClarey (Assessment Coordinator)

Year 6—Mr Burns (Senior Teacher and Language & Literacy Coordinator)

Year 7—Miss O'Neill (Shared Education and World Around Us Coordinator)

Parental Feedback

Everyone is friendly and the teacher really makes a difference, she has taught my child a lot.

My son's teacher is brilliant and I am thankful for all her help and support throughout the year.

I loved the science experiments, this really interested both my kids and made them want to engage in the science every week.

I am very proud that both my children are happy and content in St. John's and so thankful for everything St. John's has done for my children during these difficult times.

I feel the school and teachers did the very best they could in very difficult circumstances (remote learning). My children are very happy going to school which speaks volumes.

The staff have supported our family in making the transition to a new school so much easier and our children have had a positive experience. Thank you for everything.

Faith Development



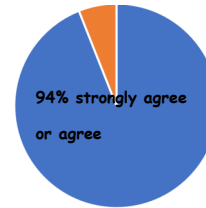
As a nurturing Catholic Primary School we welcome everyone, and are inclusive of all faiths and none. Children and their families are provided with regular opportunities to deepen their faith through Sacramental preparation and liturgical celebrations. Annually, the parish gather together to take part in a pupil led carol service. Our class assemblies celebrate the talents and achievements of our children and parents are invited to be part of these special occasions. Moral standing and the ability to make good life choices are explored and revisited throughout the curriculum.



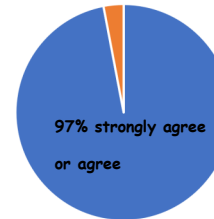
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Parental Questionnaire Results

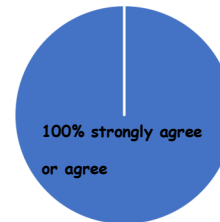
I am content that my child was well supported in their remote learning.



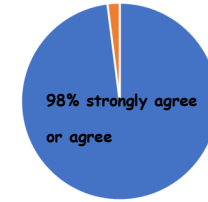
My child's class teacher is approachable to discuss any issues or concerns I have.



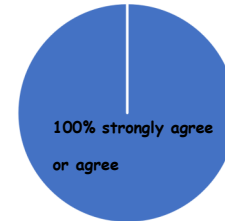
I am confident that my child's safety and wellbeing are prioritised at school.



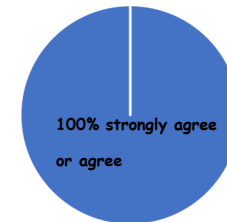
I feel comfortable approaching the school with any concerns I have regarding my child's wellbeing.



Mrs McDonnell is welcoming and approachable.



Overall my child has a positive experience at school.



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Housekeeping

ARRIVAL

Doors Open each morning at 8.45am—class commences at 9am.

COLLECTION

Year 1 & Year 2—2pm Mon. to Fri.

Year 3 Mon. -Wed. 3pm, Thu. & Fri. 2pm

Year 4—Year 7 Mon.—Thu. 3pm Fri. 2pm

BREAKFAST CLUB

Open daily from 8am. Booking through the office required via phone/ email and payment of £1.05 to the kitchen on a daily basis.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club operates daily from 2-5pm at a cost of £2 per hour, per child. Bookings are on a weekly basis by completing a form and sending payment in a sealed envelope. Activities include outdoor play, art & craft, construction & homework club.

DINNER

Dinners are cooked on site by Ray and her team and are a popular choice at lunch time. A school dinner costs £2.60 per day and is paid directly to kitchen staff on a daily basis. The dinner menu is communicated to parents through the weekly update.

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Regular communication is an important part of our practice. Every parent has the option to sign up to See-Saw where direct communication is available with the class teacher. Mrs McDonnell sends a weekly update each Friday to parents via the See-Saw app.

Mrs McDonnell can be reached at hmcdonnell187@c2kni.net

Rachel in the office can be contacted via telephone 02870344437 or by email at rhamilton130@c2kni.net

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Sport

Sport forms a large part of our extra-curricular provision, including team and individual sports:

- Comprehensive swimming programme from Year 5 - Year 7
- Expert coaching in Tennis, Karate, Dance, Netball, Gaelic, Football, Golf, Climbing Club, Orienteering and Yoga



And There's More...

- Speech & Drama—pupils participate in the annual Coleraine Music Festival
- Links with the University of Ulster—pupils in Year 6 & Year 7 visit the science labs to take part in investigative lessons
- Spanish—all pupils from Year 4—Year 7 take part in weekly Spanish lessons (cost £2 per month)
- Forest and beach visits
- Shared Education with Killowen P.S. and other local schools
- Additional extra-curricular activities include science, baking, art & craft

Extra-curricular clubs are available from Year 1- Year 7

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Extra-Curricular Life

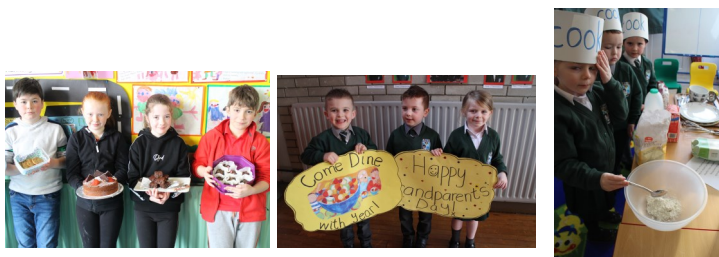


The whole school production of 'The Wizard of Oz' musical was an uplifting experience for our pupils, staff and whole school community. We can't wait to be able to put on a show post Covid!!

Music



St. John's is renowned for its strength in music! Instrumental tuition is provided by EA, as well as school based tuition for tin-whistle, flute, oboe, clarinet, violin and harp. Children have exceptionally talented role models within the staff and the regular performances put on by staff and pupils are not to be missed!!



Telephone 028 7034 4437

Our School Uniform

September - Easter Uniform

Girls - white shirt and tie, green jumper/cardigan with school crest, green skirt or pinafore, white or grey socks/ grey tights (winter), black shoes. Boys - grey shirt and tie, green jumper with school crest, grey trousers, black shoes.



Easter - June Uniform

Girls - green summer dress, green jumper/cardigan with school crest, white socks, black shoes.

Boys - white polo shirt with school crest, green jumper with school crest, grey shorts/trousers, black shoes.



Please label all clothing and ensure all shoes have Velcro fastenings and not laces.

Uniforms can be purchased from:

Heart & Home, 10 Lower Captain St. Coleraine
02870320707 or S & T Moore, 28 Railway Road,
Coleraine 02870353300


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Pastoral Care

At St. John's we pride ourselves in providing excellent pastoral care for all our children and their families. It is our aim to ensure that, through our support and guidance, every child strives to be the very best they can be. We make ourselves available to respond to all queries in a prompt and efficient manner, to achieve the best outcome for our children. Regular training, staff development and reviewing of our practice result in a pastoral care system that is positive, supportive and consistent throughout our whole school environment. Please visit our school website to view our suite of policies related to pastoral care, in particular our 'Positive Behaviour Policy' portrays our ethos and mission statement.

HELPFUL BEHAVIOURS

- Be happy
- Be calm
- Help each other
- Listen and follow instructions
- Participate in group activities
- Manage our distractions
- Use kind and gentle hands, feet and words
- Use our 'classroom voice' when inside
- Ask for help
- Stay on task
- Use good manners
- Celebrate achievements at Assembly



Special Educational Needs

Some children, for one reason or another experience barriers to their learning. We strive to meet the needs of all individuals who find learning challenging in a range of ways including learning needs, social and emotional difficulties and communication and interaction difficulties. Our staff, led by Miss McNicholl as SENCO, identify issues, work collaboratively with staff, pupils and parents to support individual children, provide additional support depending on the identified needs and liaise with a wide range of outside agencies to access support that individuals are entitled to. Ongoing Staff training in the area of Special Educational Needs is a high priority within St. John's.

Teaching & Learning

We are committed to providing the best possible learning experience for every child. Our approach to teaching and learning is reflective of our belief to provide equal opportunities for all. Staff meticulously plan to deliver high quality teaching and learning. The curriculum, taught by experienced staff is wide ranging, engaging and challenging, and is designed to meet the needs and interests of every individual child. Through topic work, STEM related subjects are an integral part of the learning, with a strong emphasis on investigative science taking place outdoors. Resources are stimulating, up to date and improve learning experiences. We continually invest in ICT. We have excellent links with our local post-primary feeder schools, and provide preparation for AQE transfer exams.

