



# Maine IPS Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**An update from Mrs Woodin...** Last week was a very productive week for the children. All classes have been busy completing end of term assessments to inform what teachers will cover during term 3. The P6 and P4 children have been out on local trips making links with the community – an important element of being an integrated school. We welcomed Canon Forsythe to school on Friday and it was the first time that the children celebrated the Sacrament of Penance in the school hall. A big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who supported the children on the day. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and see you on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## School Easter Draw

The Friends of Maine organised an Easter draw which is on our school website and Facebook. We are delighted to announce the winners as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Ali (P7) £125
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Ronan (P5) £50
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Dylan (P2) £25

With your support, The Friends of Maine managed to raise over £600. The money will go towards purchasing school equipment.

## School Access - Safeguarding

Please remember for the safety of the children that you must wait until the office staff opens the gate. If your child has an appointment, please call into the office to sign out and sign in your child on their return. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Kindness Award

Ayhan was the proud recipient of the Kindness Cup this week, handed over by previous winner Arefa. He received the cup for helping two new pupils settle into school. He shared his rich heritage with his classmates and was able to demonstrate his bilingual skills. We are very proud of your achievements, Ayhan!

## First Confession

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March nine children from Primary 3 made their First Confession.



## Important dates to remember:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 school finishes at noon (1150am for P1 & P2) (Non-uniform day)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Children return to school for the beginning of the Summer Term.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Transfer Club for Primary 6

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Digital Arts Club

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Tidy Randalstown Sensory Garden

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Confirmation at 11am

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024- Tidy Up at the front Parent Volunteers and Tidy Randalstown

### Attendance

Please remember to let the school know if your child is absent from school, you can email directly to [ewoodin678@c2kni.net](mailto:ewoodin678@c2kni.net) or contact the office each morning at 8.30am. Research has clearly shown that attendance and attainment are linked. The school must be notified each day. Thank you for your co-operation. As a school we have set our school attendance target at 96%.



### Competition Winners

Well done to our pupils who were individual winners in the Neilsbrook Colouring Competition.



### Primary 6- Potato Planters

To finish our theme Hunger we decided to plant seed potatoes in the hope of harvesting them later in the year. McManus Hardware shop agreed to kindly sponsor us, gifting us seed potatoes and compost!

We walked down to the village, what a glorious morning! Thank you to the mums that volunteered to help us! Liam and Rose from McManus's were wonderful, a fabulous source of information! Liam chatted to the class and gave them a guide on how to plant the seed potatoes. The children loved their visit, especially as they were gifted a little goodie bag With an Easter treat, Thank You!



**Summer Term Uniform**  
It is the time of year that we start to think about summer uniform:  
Girls- red or blue checked summer dress.  
Boys- Navy blue shorts can be worn with the school red polo-top.