



Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.

- NEWSLETTER -

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SCHOOL CLOSURES

★ Monday 2 May 2022

★ Thursday 2 & Friday 3 June 2022

Holidays for the 2022/2023

Academic Year can be found on the school website.

CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to the children in our three P7 classes who received the sacrament of Confirmation in St. Gerard's recently.

SAM COMES TO PARK LODGE



There was great excitement last month when the iconic men's senior football trophy, the Sam Maguire visited the school. Thanks to Mr Murray the cup arrived from county Tyrone, which is the current home of the All Ireland Champions. The children were encouraged to wear Gaelic jerseys if they had any and all the classes visited the school hall to have a class photograph taken. Hopefully, before too long, Sam will be back when Antrim come out on top. We can but dream!



We hope that our Parents and Guardians will avail of the Department of Education's new Safer Schools NI App. When downloaded it provides easy-to-follow steps on how to make your home and devices safer. It

also keeps you up to date with current online trends, threats, and risks to your child. It delivers information you need to know on social media and gaming platforms. It also helps you to set privacy and parental settings on platforms like TikTok, Minecraft and Among Us. It offers expert guidance and will signpost you to help and support when and where you need it.



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Parents can keep up to date with what's happening at school by following us on Twitter at: [@parklodeschool](https://twitter.com/parklodeschool)

PEDESTRIANS



Pedestrians are reminded to enter and leave the school grounds via our pedestrian path only. No one should be walking on the driveways, around vehicles.

CARE IN THE SUN

Despite our moderate climate UV levels can be high enough to damage our skin even on cool or overcast days. When the UV level is 3 or more, we need to protect our skin and eyes. Wear plenty of sun protection and don't forget to drink plenty of water. For more information go to: careinthesun.org



FARM TRIP

Primary 1 classes enjoyed a trip to Ark Open Farm in March.



NEW FOREST TRAIL

Children from P5 were with Minister Nichola Mallon MLA at the opening of the natural flood management scheme, forest trail and outside classroom in the Belfast Castle grounds.

Cumann na mBunscol Championship is Back



Girls Squad



Boys Squad

Following a two years hiatus our girls' and boys' Gaelic teams played their first competitive games. This month they took part in the Antrim Cumann na mBunscol football Championship in Woodlands Playing Fields and St Enda's GAC respectively. The eagerly awaited return to Primary School competition was enjoyed by all, as both teams took to the field. In their first outing they took on teams from South Belfast primary schools such as St. Bride's, St Ita's and Holy Rosary. Hopefully, as we move out of the COVID pandemic more of our sports teams will get the opportunity to represent the school and have fun.

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Q. What kind of jewellery does the Easter Bunny wear?

A. 14 carrot gold!

Q. Did you hear about the lady whose house was infested with Easter Eggs?

A. She had to call an eggs-terminator!

Q. What stories does the Easter Bunny like to read?

A. Ones with hoppy endings!

Q. What happened to the egg when he laughed?

A. He cracked up!



LEGO

As part of a new wellbeing initiative 'Beyond Bricks' we will be making Lego available for children. If you have any spare Lego at home we'd be delighted if you would send it into school where it would be put to great use.



LEAGUE CUP VISIT



There were celebrations, when Paul McKeown, chairman of Cliftonville FC and midfielder Chris Gallagher brought the League Cup to the school. Paul is a former pupil of the school.

The principal and staff of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School would like to wish all the children and their families a very peaceful and holy Easter.

