



4th May 2020

HOME LEARNING PACKS

It is hard to believe that it has been seven weeks now since our pupils last attended school. We continue to miss them very much and they remain in the thoughts of the staff every day. Hopefully we will soon receive some guidance from the NI Executive and Department of Education about when the children can return to school. In the meantime, the teachers have prepared some more packs containing work and guidance to support home school learning. These can be collected from the back entrance of the school on **Tuesday 12th May between 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.**

A gentle reminder if you need to contact the school please do so via the school email: info@stjohns.moy.ni.sch.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sadly our P4 children won't be celebrating their First Communion next Saturday due to the current Covid 19 restrictions. However, Mrs Hughes and Fr Connolly invite the children and their parents to join an online Parish Mass. Specific details of the date and time will be sent via text.

In preparation for the Mass, we kindly ask that the P4 children draw/design/colour a picture based on the theme, 'Jesus is the Bread of Life' and write their name on it. We would appreciate if parents could take a photo of the children holding their pictures and send them to the school email. We will then share them on the school's website and the Clonfeacle Parish Facebook.

LBQ TASKS

Well done to the children in P5, P6 & P7 who are trying the online LBQ tasks. Though they are not compulsory they are useful. Don't panic if some questions are a bit tricky and challenging just complete what you can do!

ACTIVE LEARN

A gentle reminder that all the children have login codes for this website. The website link can be accessed via the school's website – abacus login. This is a useful site for literacy, reading and mathematics activities. The teachers have allocated reading books from the 'Bug Club' to each year group.

ACCELERATED READING - UPDATE

Congratulations to all the children who met their individual targets – these names will be celebrated on the school's website on Friday of this week!

Also, congratulations to the following children who have read over one million words:

Rory McCool, Kate Stewart, Peter Toner, Daithi Devlin, Katie Rose Jomar, Maeve McCool, Tom McKearney, Maeve Stewart, Ryan Grimley, Sara Lavery and Ryan O'Neill. Well done – this is a super achievement!

A special mention is deserved to Maeve Stewart who has read a staggering 3,625,946 words in her P6 year!

Mr Campbell, our Literacy Coordinator, has extended the marking period until mid-May so the children do not lose their points. In these exceptional circumstances, we actively encourage the children to **read, read, read** and to take quizzes once they have finished a book. Some children are near the million words so keep reading! A gentle reminder that the accelerated reading website can be accessed via the link on the school's web page.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Friday marked the beginning of May. During this month, St. John's traditionally honours Mary our Mother. We encourage the children to make their own simple May altar at home and take a few moments each day to pray to Mary for the continued well-being of our school and wider community. We would love to see photos of your child and their May altar which we can share on the school's website. Anyone who chooses to do this, please send photos to the above email address.

P7 – POST PRIMARY PLACEMENT LETTERS

The P7 children should receive their post primary school placement letters on **Saturday 30th May**. Please contact the school via email if anyone does not receive their letter or needs assistance with this matter.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - REMINDER

Friday 8th May was a planned school closure so please take this day off from home schooling.

Reminder: The additional school closures planned for **May 25th, 26th and 27th** were moved to facilitate closures during the week beginning the 16th March.

If anyone would like to share photos of their children's learning/activities, we would love to post them on the school's website. Just email them to the school account!