

**April Newsletter – Primary 5.**  
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Dear Parents,

April is upon us and Year 5 classes are all working very hard as they are leading the Holy Thursday Mass at 5pm in the Church of the Assumption, Magherafelt. Every child is involved in some way: Choir, Reading, Offertory or Washing of the Feet. All children should be in the Church wearing full school uniform for 4.45pm at the latest.

A big thank you to everyone who brought, bought and sold buns on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 26<sup>rd</sup> March. The Year 5 classes raised a phenomenal £315 for Trócaire!

**Curriculum Content for April.**

**Numeracy** – Fractions: Studying  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{5}$   $\frac{1}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{10}$ . Order and compare fractions. Link fractions with division. Recognise equivalent fractions. Our new topic is Measures. Pupils will take part in practical activities associated with volume and weight. They will be involved in estimating and recording of volume and weight. They will also be required to convert between units of measurement e.g. grams to kilograms, and millilitres to litres and vice versa.

**Language and Literacy** – Continue work on all aspects of reading in Year 5. Spelling programme ongoing. Comprehension – scan for specific information, identify main ideas and make predictions. Note making using group novel and creation of a glossary. Pupils will begin to read the new class novel 'Charlotte's Web'.

**The World Around Us** – Begin Ancient Egypt project. Brainstorm – working in groups of four. Encourage research on Pyramids, Mummification, Pharaohs and Hieroglyphics (Egyptian Writing). Please encourage research at home and avail of Library facilities and internet if possible.

**Religion** - Pupils will be made aware of the significance of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and The Resurrection. Work will be focussed around the Holy Thursday Mass.

**P.D.M.U** – Ways of working together in the classroom, ways of working with friends, ways of working with family. How to deal with conflicts. Working towards win-win solutions.

**P.E** – Gymnastics and Creative dance. Pupils will explore different ways of travelling. They will also get the opportunity to compose their own Egyptian dance routine.

**The Arts** – Sketch of Tutankhamun and design associated masks. Create own name using Egyptian Writing. Egyptian music and dance.

**Easter break** – Class finishes at 11.00am on Holy Thursday. Please don't forget to bring your children to the Chapel at 4.45pm for our Holy Thursday Mass. School reopens for Term 3 on Monday 12th April.

\* **Please note.** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – School is closed for pupils due to staff training. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – School is closed due to holiday.

Thank you again for your support. Happy Easter!

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