

St Patrick's Primary

March 2004 NEWSLETTER

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Lenten Charity

This year's charity is 'Street Child Africa' which supports and takes care of many children in Africa who live in the poorest conditions. Our children were genuinely touched by the plight of these unloved and abandoned children, forced to live on the streets of Ghana.

First Confession

Primary 3 children made their First Confessions on Wed. 24th March. The service was lovely and it was great to see the children looking so happy and eager to receive this sacrament. Our thanks to Canon Hayes.

Our Fun Day and Parent Gp. Disco

St Patrick's Primary Fun Day took place last Friday. There were lots of activities on offer such as face painting, a bouncy castle, beat the goalie, computer games, shove-a-shape competitions, raffles and lots more.

Our very special thanks go to the parent helpers who enthusiastically took on any job given and helped make the day such a success.

An amazing £537.09 after all expenses was raised on the day. This will go a long way to subsidising our school outings in the summer term. And the fun goes on as the Parents' group organised an Easter Disco for children on Tues. 31st March. There were competitions and prizes galore! Many thanks to the parents who worked so hard to put it altogether and of course to Mrs

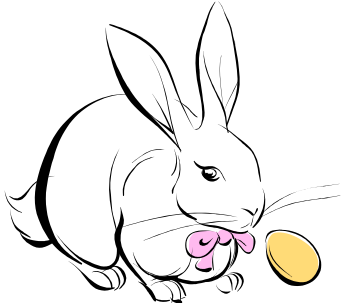
The Kilbowie Experience

P7 visited Kilbowie Residential outdoor centre at the beginning of March. The weather was very good and the children were able to take part in a full range of activities; skiing, gorge walking,

canoeing, climbing, cycling and orienteering and more. The children also made lots of new friends as they shared the centre with Holy Cross P.S. from Croy.



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Watch this space for details of planned summer outings! More details to follow in the next newsletter.

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www.stpatsnewstevenston.org

School Developments

The creation of a new library in what is presently the open area is to be a priority on next session's school development plan. However, we have managed to make a start to the project and the first instalment of our planned new library area has arrived. As you will appreciate, it will take a lot of time and resources but should be a very welcome addition to the learning experiences of the children.

Also to be included as a priority next session will be the development of formative assessment and the continued staged introduction of Scottish Heinemann Maths.

Full details of the development plan will be available at the start of the session. We would welcome parental involvement in the plan, so if you have any suggestions or queries, please contact the school.

Around the School

☺ P.7 have now completed their basketball sessions which finish with a BASKETBALL FEST on Wed. 24th Feb. at Taylor H.S. with all the primary feeder schools taking part.

☺ P3 and P4 will be taking part in a 6 week block of football skills training from SFA instructors starting 28th April..

☺ The McFit sessions on Tuesdays from 3 –4pm, run by North Lanarkshire's Sports and Leisure Dept. for P.5 and P6 are proving to be

very popular. Due to demand, they are to be continued after the Easter break.

☺ The Bishop visited the school on 2nd March to speak to the P6 and 7 children who will be confirmed on 14th June.

☺ We will celebrate the end of the term with a School Mass on Friday 2nd April at 9.30am in St John Bosco's church. As always, we would be delighted to have you join us.

☺ Finally, a very happy, holy and peaceful Easter.



Dates to Remember

1st Apr. 2004

P6 and P7 enrolment mass for Confirmation at 7pm in St John Bosco's church

2nd Apr. 2004

**9.30am End of Term Mass
2.30pm – school closes for Easter break**

19th Apr. 2004

School reopens for all at 9am

22nd Apr. 2004

P6 and P7 retreat to Newmains for Confirmation preparations

3rd May 2004

May Day holiday - school closed

4th May 2004

Staff Inservice Day School closed for pupils

8th May 2004

First Communion Day for P.4

