



Year Five News

Miss Eccles and Miss Mc Sorley
March, 2018



The story of St. Patrick



Some weeks ago, Year Five worked with a local artist, Genevieve Murphy, to design and create a piece of art, based on the story of St. Patrick. This was one of six pieces of work, which was to be exhibited in the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh.

On Friday 9th March, we attended the launch of this exhibition. We were bursting with pride to see our work on display! How wonderful it is to have been given the opportunity to have our work exhibited in a public space like this. The exhibition is open to the public, is free of charge and can be viewed up until the end of March. Next time you're in town, why not pop in and marvel at our work?

While at the exhibition launch, as well as viewing our work, we listened to important speakers and also got a chance to view the rooftop exhibition space, which contains artefacts from years gone by. What a busy and exciting day!

A thought for the month ahead ...

MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS
AND YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE,
AND NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS
COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 21st March, 2018

- Healthy Lunch Box challenge day

Thursday 22nd March, 2018

- Coffee Morning (9:30 a.m. in school hall)

Friday 23rd March, 2018

- Parents' Council Easter Draw (Tickets: 20p)

Thursday 29th March, 2018

- Last day of term
 - Collection from classrooms at:
12:00 p.m. Years 1 – 3 and siblings
12:30 p.m. Years 4 – 7

Thursday 12th April, 2018

- Term Three begins

Healthy lunch box competition



Wednesday 21st March, 2018

All children with a healthy lunch box will be entered into a prize draw. Check out this website for ideas:

<http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Healthier%20Lunchbox%20Leaflet.pdf>



Literacy

In our writing activities, we will be focusing on punctuation. We will learn about the use of the **apostrophe** for **contractions** and **possession**. We will also be revising the use of **end marks** – full stops, exclamation marks and question marks.

We will complete an exciting unit of work on **Fantasy Stories**. During this unit, we will read passages from stories which include strange characters living in the real world. We will find out how the author creates tension and explore the relationship between the character and the setting. We will analyse aspects of writing a fantasy story, before we plan and write our very own fantasy story.

We'll continue to work on our phonics, where we'll explore different ways of writing sounds. We'll complete more joined handwriting activities as well. A busy month!

Don't forget to keep checking out our year group page on www.omaghintegratedps.com. We regularly update the page with the latest news and information on what's happening in Year Five.



Numeracy

- We will be learning **multiplication and division facts** for the **12 times tables**.
- We will also be exploring **mental strategies** for **addition and subtraction** involving **three-digit numbers**, to include:
 - consolidating our understanding of the **relationship between + and -**;
 - finding a **small difference** by counting up;
 - **counting on or back** in **repeated steps** of 1, 10 or 100;
 - identifying **near doubles**, using known doubles, e.g. 150 + 160;
 - adding or subtracting the **nearest multiple of 10**, then **adjusting**; and
 - adding **three two-digit multiples of 10**.

Topic

- We'll be starting our new topic on '**Sound and hearing**'.
- We will be exploring three key areas:
 1. How is sound **created**?
 2. How do we **hear** sound?
 3. How is sound **measured**?
- There'll be an opportunity for us to find out about the **history of telephones** and to learn about **Alexander Graham-Bell**.

