



# St. Eithne's Headlines 2



St. Eithne's P.S.  
Springtown Road,  
Derry,  
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## Soccer Team

### Mid-Term Break

The year seems to be flying in. We have reached our Mid-term break already. The children are off on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.



### Rickety Wheel 2<sup>nd</sup> December



We are planning a rickety wheel this year on the first Wednesday in December (2<sup>nd</sup>). Donations are welcome.

### Parent Questionnaire Responses.

Last year parents completed a questionnaire. The results of the questionnaire are now posted on the website. Just go to on [www.steithnes.net](http://www.steithnes.net) and click the curriculum button at the top. We have listened to parents suggestions and have listed in priority what our plans are in taking on board your ideas. Thanks to all for the very positive comments made.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

Meetings between parents and teachers have already taken place this month. Children have settled in. Now the valuable teacher/parent partnership can really get into full swing so that your children can get the most out of the coming academic year. One problem was the new INCAs tests which were fraught with errors. The CCEA did send their apologies.

### OUTDOOR PLAY AREA

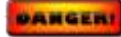
We have opened up a special new outdoor play area for Primary 1 & 2 pupils (Foundation Stage). This type of play is recommended as part of the revised curriculum and helps the children develop manipulative and motor skills. More equipment is to be added and the teachers will be attending a special training conference which will help us decide what else is needed and how to manage the resource adequately.



Building the Outdoor play house

### Firework Danger.

Please make sure your children are safe this Halloween. Don't allow them to mess about with fireworks. Please remember that Fireworks are illegal in Northern Ireland except for those with a special license.



### November Novena.

P4 enrolment Ceremony & Novena Monday 23 November 7:30 in the Holy Family Church.

### The Big Green Book Machine.

The Big Green Book Machine has been sitting in the Foyer this month and children have been buying some of the lovely books which were on display.

### Annual Governors' Report

The Governors' Report for 2008/2009 is now available on the website. This document tells of all the great achievements of last year and also gives a detailed account of the provision at St. Eithne's for that year. A number of policy documents are being updated on the website.

### IMAGES POLICY

A new policy has been produced by the school. It puts into context where we stand on the taking of photos and video. There is a form for parents to complete. The gist of the policy is that photos of children are taken for many events (Teams, Newspapers, Shows & achievements). Our promise is to make sure that only appropriate pictures will be taken and ask parents to do the same.

Please read the complete policy (available on the website).

### Confirmation Date

The confirmation date has been set. Confirmation will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April and is likely to be at 11a.m.

P7 Commitment Ceremony & Novena is on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7:30 in the Holy Family Church.

### Educational Trips

This month, the P.4 pupils visited to Ulster American Folk Park. Our Y6 children went to The Cairn in Greencastle. A special Gaelic tournament took place for Mr Kerr's Y5 class in Brooke Park and the Y2 children went to The Playtrial in Belmont.

### FIRST AID

The Primary 7 teachers have all been on a special course so that they can teach first aid to the children in their classes. This is a first for St. Eithne's. Last month classroom assistants and some volunteer parents were trained as "Carer First Aiders".

### EMU PROGRAMME

This month Mr Feeney's class twinned with a class in Limavady Central P.S. to work on an EMU project. All the primary 5 & 6 children will be involved in this project providing them with an clear Education for Mutual Understanding.

### Change to Menu

The dinner menu changes this month. Week 2 Thursday menu was swapped with week 2 Friday menu. This is because Chicken curry would have been served on the Friday and then on the Monday.

### Dinner menu:

Week 2: 2nd November  
Week 3: 9th November  
Week 4: 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Week 1: 23rd November



Back: Diolain, Ciaranie, Ryan, Eoin, Ciaran, David, Alex & Daniel.  
Front: Emmett, Rhys, Rachel, Scott, Steven, Caolan & Ryan.

The team has made a mixed start to the league this season having lost one and won one. The first cup match last week saw them through to the next round after winning on penalties against Greenhaw. Well done Boys and Rachel.

St Mary's (Strabane)	2	St. Eithne's P.S.	0
St. Eithne's P.S.	5	St. Anne's P.S.	1
Greenhaw P.S.	2	St. Eithne's P.S.	3 (Cup Match)

