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Do you know what our priorities are this year?

Every year we set targets. (School Development Planning).

Targets This Year.

1. The Revised Curriculum is now up and running. We are refining and adjusting this so that your children receive the best possible education by focusing on developing thinking skills and personal development.
2. Numeracy: Teachers have devised a number of practical lessons on Measures and these are to be put in place this year in all the classes.
3. Literacy: We are reviewing the way we teach literacy with a special emphasis on Guided Reading & also piloting a new exciting scheme called "Accelerated Reading" in Primary 5.
4. Playground Behaviour: New equipment is being installed outside -- Year 1 & 2 Outdoor play area and the playgrounds are to be lined. With basketball and soccer nets installed. The Pupils' school council has asked for these changes and they have also suggested a scheme where pupils can act as monitors making sure that all children are happy in their play.

Soccer Team News



Ryan Doran, Shauna Harkin & Eoin Mc Clafferty who were chosen to represent Northern Ireland as part of the NI Cross Country Squad.

Athletes on Winning Form again Cross Country Finals

The Northern Ireland Primary School Cross County Final was held at Mallusk on Wed 3rd March 2010. St. Eithne's team made a huge impact on the event with the boys coming 2nd in Northern Ireland and first of the North West teams and retaining the Foyle Cup. From the results the NI selectors chose the top 20 girls and boys to be part of the Athletics NI Junior Cross Country Squad. Three athletes from St Eithne's Primary school were selected for the squad. Well done Ryan, Shauna & Eoin. Well Done!



Paired Reading

Well done to all our Paired Reading Pupils and parents. The children in Primary 3 have just completed a paired reading programme. For around 8 weeks each child and a parent concentrate on reading together each night for 5 to 10 minutes so that the children improve their skills and gain an extra interest in their reading. Every child improves their reading scores dramatically.



GARTAN



This year we shall be sending our Primary 6 and 7 children to Gartan during the school term. Usually this trip takes place in the Summer but by popular request we are going to try it in June. The P.6 & 7 children have an opportunity to go to Gartan on the 23rd, 24th & 25th June this year.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The children are off school on Friday 2nd April. They will have a half day Thursday the 1st and are back to school Monday 12th April.



Dinner Menu dates: Week 1 (29 March), Week 2 (12 April), Week 3 (19 April), Week 4 (26 April).

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