

Dates for the Diary:

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Saturday 14 th November	GL Assessment Entrance Test for P7 pupils	9.00am
Monday 16 th November	P4-7 Parent Teacher Meetings take place Energy fortnight begins Anti-Bullying Week	
Friday 20 th November	St. Marks Secondary School P7 Day	9.30 - 2.00pm
Wednesday 25 th November	Flu vaccination programme	
Friday 27 th November	Shimna College P7 Day	9.30 - 2.00pm
Sunday 29 th November	Friends of Grange Southern Area Hospice Coffee Morning	10.00-11.30am
Monday 30 th November	P3/4 class assembly Final date for P4-7 Panto money to be paid	10.00am

Mass Attendance in Our Lady of Lourdes, Grange:

Date	Class	Time
12/11/15	P1	9.30am
19/11/15	P6/7	9.30am
26/11/15	P5/6	9.30am
03/12/15	Whole school mass	
08/12/15 Feast of Immaculate Conception	Whole school mass	9.00am (earlier start time)
10/12/15	P3/4	
17/12/15	P2/3	
06/01/16 Feast of the Epiphany	Whole school mass	9.00am (earlier start time)

Dates in December:

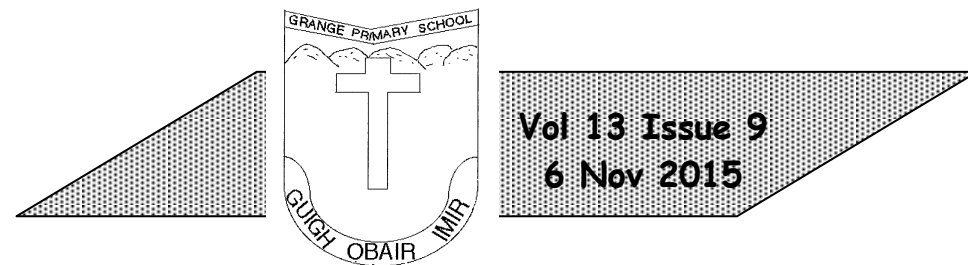
Friday 4 th December	Open Day for prospective pupils	1.00pm
Monday 14 th December	P5-7 Christmas Play Dress rehearsal	10.00am
Tuesday 15 th December	P1-4 Christmas Play Dress rehearsal	1.00pm
Tuesday 15 th December	P5-7 Christmas play night	7.30pm
Wednesday 16 th December	P1-4 Christmas play night	7.30pm
Thursday 17 th December	Grange choir in the community	
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas	12.00noon

UP AT THE KINGDOM:

Friday: Movie tonight @ 7pm 'MINIONS'

Saturday: 11am P1 & P2 Football; 12pm P3 & P4 Football and P5, P6 & P7 Football.

Monday: 8pm Coaching for P1 to P4 Coaches at Dunavil for current and new coaches. This is the perfect opportunity for mummies and daddies, grandparents, brothers and sisters, and others to get involved in coaching our young footballers.



Grange Newsletter



The Children in Mrs Digney's class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Tayto Castle in Tandragee

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Whole School Mass:

All pupils attended mass yesterday in recognition of the month of the Holy Souls and Faithful Departed. Well done to all the pupils who participated in the Liturgy.

Upper Mourne Parish Youth Mass:

There will be a Youth Mass in the parish on **Sunday 22 Nov** at the 11.30am mass in Massforth. Each school in the parish is asked to have representation at this mass, with pupils willing to read, sing and participate in the liturgy. A permission note goes home today with P5-7 pupils and respondents will get further information later.

Annual Shoebox Appeal:

This year again, our Parents' Group have lent their support to the Blytheswood Charity's Shoebox appeal. Each family will today receive a copy of the appeal leaflet. We anticipate that the organisers will look to collect any shoeboxes within the next 2 weeks. We will try to confirm a final collection date when we know of one.

Class Assemblies:

The pupils in Mrs Sloan's class will present their assembly on **Monday 30th November at 10.00am**. Following this, the children from Primary 2 and 3 will perform their assembly one week later on **Monday 7th December at 10.00am**. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend these class assemblies as their children participate.

Warrenpoint Feis entries:

Children may enter the following competitions:

Speech (Poetry): Primary 1-7; Individual tin whistle: P5-7

Entry fee is £1 for each competition.

Please note all entries need to be in by **Monday 9th November**.

Our School in the Parish:

Parents of pupils in **Primary 3** received a letter this week inviting their family's participation during the 4 Sundays of Advent at 9.00am mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Cash for Clobber:

Through our continuing efforts to promote recycling and reducing waste, parents will have received information about a competition and cash-for-clobber sacks which will hopefully motivate us all to do a bit of a clear out. Many thanks for your continued support. Funds raised through this initiative have previously been used to purchase new bins, plants and containers. **Please note all cash for clobber bags need to be taken into school by Monday 9th November.**

Grange PS Secures Community Funding:

We have recently been informed that our application for funding through NIEA's Challenge Fund has been successful. We will receive **£2,546** to help us create a Sensory Garden Area within school grounds and improve the appearance of the banked area bordering the school and adjacent carpark. Parent / community involvement is crucial. Further details to follow.

ECO-Schools:

This month is **Energy Month** and our Eco-School committee members will be looking at ways of monitoring and reducing energy usage in school. Switch off fortnight begins Monday 16th November.

NIABF competition winners:

We are delighted to announce that Abbie (P6) and Rhys (P5) have been awarded runners-up in the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum's competition. They created a movie entitled 'What Bullying Means to Me' at an After School Club with Ms Hughes. Abbie and Rhys will be presented with their award at a prize-giving ceremony in Belfast later this month. Please access our school website to view their competition entries.

Anti-Bullying Week:

Anti-Bullying Week in NI schools occurs the week beginning Monday 16th November. We will use this week to review our policy and procedures with pupils and parents.

Grange Primary School Mass Attendance:

Next **Thursday 12th November**, P1 pupils will attend the morning mass.

Parent / Teacher Meetings (P4-7):

Letters went home this week to all parents with children in the P4-7 year groups confirming specific dates / times for meetings with class teachers. Meetings for parents with children in P1-3 occur early in Term 2, but if a parent would like to arrange a meeting with the class teacher, they should arrange this through the school secretary between 9.00 – 12.00pm.

Jail Break:

Our very own school Governor Chairperson, Sean Rogers, has been arrested for his crimes against politics and will be remanded in Crumlin Rd Gaol **this weekend**. He needs all our help in raising bail to have him released. Please send in any donations for the cause to school, clearly marked **'GAA Jail Break.'**

House Points:

Totals earned so far for our 3 houses are:

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