



# Steelstown Primary School & Nursery Unit

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## M O N D A Y N E W S

19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Allstate Cyber Security

Thank you to Allstate Northern Ireland for the Cyber Bullying Training for our Primary 5 classes. The Children in Miss Simpson's class gained a lot from the presentations this week. We look forward to Mr Hargan's class presentation this coming week.

### Sharing from the Start

Emma from Playtrail will visit the Nursery Unit for Sharing from the Start Activities on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 09:30am



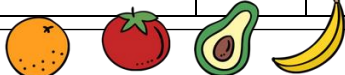
### Sustrans

Steelstown Ps & Nursery Unit has been awarded the Sustrans Bronze Medal Award, Thank you to Miss Lynch and the Eco Committee for all the effort put in so far.

### Healthy Snacks for Break-time

Please remind Children to bring in a Healthy snack for break

Cheese/cheese strings	Yogurt	Crackers	One Piece of Fruit
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### Principal Awards

Well done to all the boys and girls who received their Principal Award certificates at Friday's Assembly online.

### First Communion & Confirmation

First Communion is postponed till September 2021. Confirmation is postponed till June 2021. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but these decisions have been taken in the interests of public safety.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings are scheduled from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April onwards. Your child's class teacher will contact you with a time.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will resume on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 08:15am. Children are to use the car park entrance to the canteen. Each bubble area will be sanitised before and after each group. Payment can be made at the hatch in the canteen.

### Fair Aware

Congratulations to Miss Lynch and the Eco Team who achieved the Fair Aware Award and we can proudly now say that Steelstown Ps and Nursery Unit is a Fair Aware School. We have learned a lot about Fair Trade products and how they affect the economy and world

### Paired Maths

We are looking forward to beginning our Paired Maths Programme with our P4 classes. Each child will bring home a maths game every week for 4 weeks and we ask parents to play the game with your children. Mr McLaughlin's class will be starting this week and Miss O'Doherty's class will follow. More information will be sent home with your child.

### Families Connect

What a great start to our Families Connect Programme. Thank you to everyone who logged on and we look forward to seeing you again this week. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11:00am Please see Mrs Crampsey/ Mrs Gillen or the school office to enrol.

### Masks

All parents/visitors are recommended to wear a mask where possible in all school areas. Thank you for your cooperation.



### The Big Pedal

Win prizes by taking part in the UK's biggest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting competition. Between 19<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of April. See the poster and information on prizes below. We look forward to seeing our children and staff being active



### P1 and P2 Afterschool Club

Year 1-2 after-school club again this year commencing (Monday 19 April for Year 1 and 2 to accommodate parents/guardians who have to call at 2.15 p.m. and again at 3.05 p.m. to collect older children. This club is for Year 1-2 children who have brothers or sisters in Year 3-7. The club will be in the child's classroom and will run from 2.00 – 2:50 p.m. daily. The children **must** be collected punctually by an adult from the club at the classroom collection point (P1C Mrs Crampsey's, P1A Miss McIntyre's and P1B Mrs McColgan's door)(P2A and P2B from the side door at the canteen). Please adhere to social distancing guidance and safety measures when collecting your child. The cost of the after-school club is £5.00 per week (or £1 per day). This money will be used to provide snack etc for the children. Payment to be made via ParentPay. Please contact the office if you have any issues accessing the ParentPay App. If you wish to avail of this club, please sign application form sent out via school app and submit your application. Due to high demand, places will be allocated in the order of receipt of completed applications.

The background of the poster is a vibrant, stylized illustration of a landscape. It features a blue sky with a flock of birds, a green mountain, a winding river, a bridge, a castle, a playground, and a small town. The central focus is the 'sustrans BIG PEDAL 2021' logo, which is large and colorful. Below the logo, the dates '19-30 April' are displayed in a white box. The main text 'Go on an amazing journey every day' is in a large, bold, purple font. Below this, there are two blue boxes with white text: 'Win prizes by taking part in the UK's biggest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting competition.' and 'Join in whether you're learning at school or at home.' Further down, the question 'Are you taking part?' is followed by another white box with the dates '19-30 April 2021'. At the bottom, the website 'www.blgpedal.org.uk' is listed. The footer contains logos for prize sponsors and the Sustrans logo with the tagline 'JOIN THE MOVEMENT'.

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# BIG PEDAL

2021

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**[www.blgpedal.org.uk](http://www.blgpedal.org.uk)**

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## LOCAL CHALLENGE & PRIZES

**19-30 April**

**North West Area**

**Cycle, Scoot, Walk or  
Wheel to school**

**1. THE BIG PUSH:** Go for the highest percentage participation on one big day! Win a bike storage and locks for your school.

**2. LEADING BY EXAMPLE:** Best evidence that your teachers are participating in the Big Pedal. Win £20 of vouchers for a coffee shop of your choice!



**3. BEST VISUAL:** Send Richard the most creative Active Travel photograph. Win 10 sets of bike lights and bells.

**4. BIGGEST JUMP:** Achieve the highest percentage jump between the 1st & 2nd Tuesday. Win a pair of scooters for your school!

**5. HOW DOES IT FEEL?:** Pupils submit a piece of creative writing (no more than 200 words) entitled "How it feels to Cycle/Scoot/Walk or Wheel to School". Win a set of cycle themed books for your school library.



**6. REACHING OUT:** Engage with your local community in relation to the Big Pedal – get a story in the Local Press; do something fun as a group to get noticed! Win a bike storage and locks for your school.



**7. ACTIVE TRAVEL SELFIE!:** We want to see your pics as you travel to school! Use #bigpedal and @sustransni Win sets of cycle lights for the whole family.

**8. MOST CREATIVE EDUCATIONAL IDEA:** Use active travel as a teaching tool or a curriculum link in the classroom. Win bike parking and bike locks for your school!

Any questions please contact me on:  
[richard.farrow@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:richard.farrow@sustrans.org.uk)

All entries / evidence to be submitted to  
me no later than: Thursday 6th May



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# M O N D A Y

# N E W S

If your child shows any of the Covid 19 symptoms, he/she is to remain at home.

## Covid Symptoms:

- Cough
- Temperature
- Loss of taste/ smell

We are all in this together and we will support each other to help keep our community safe and well. We thank you for your support, patience and understanding.

## A close contact is:

A person who has been close to a confirmed case from 2 days before the person was symptomatic to 10 days after the onset of symptoms and:

- Lives in the same household
- has travelled in a car with the case OR
- has been within 2 metres of a case for more than 15 minutes OR
- has been within 1 metre of a case and had face-to-face contact including:
  - being coughed on
  - having a face-to-face conversation
  - having skin-to-skin physical contact

If you have been identified as a 'close contact' via 'HSCtracing' text or through the StopCOVID app

? What does this mean? Go home → Stay home

Can I go to the shops?	No ✗
Can I go to work or school?	No ✗
Can I go out for a walk or exercise?	No ✗
Can I meet up with friends outside?	No ✗
Can I go into my garden?	Yes ✓
Can I visit my friends or family?	No ✗

Does this mean I will definitely get COVID-19? No but you are at risk - a 'close contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

How long do I need to stay at home? 10 days

As a close contact you need to self-isolate at home because you are **at risk of developing symptoms in the next 10 days** and could spread the virus to others before the symptoms begin.

If you develop symptoms book a test.

www.pha.site/coronavirus

HSC Public Health Agency



## Trocaire Lenten campaign Walk Derry to Sudan

As part of the 2021 Trocaire Lenten campaign, we at Steelstown Primary School have joined with the inspirational Pope John Paul II students of the parish in their fundraising initiative to help the people of South Sudan! We aimed to walk the complete distance as a parish from Dublin to South Sudan which is roughly 5700 miles. 🦶

As lots of walking these days, our JP2 Award candidates asked that you join in & keep track of the miles that you have done by letting your teacher know each week. In order to fundraise, we asked that families donate £1 for every mile walked! 4. Total your miles walked & donate the value in £s to Go Fund Me page, making sure you identify yourself as a pupil of Steelstown Primary School.

<https://www.justgiving.com/.../jpiculmoreandsteelstown...>

Donations can still be made up until the end of this week. Happy walking! 🦶

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