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M O N D A Y N E W S

Monday 26th June 2023



Dates for your Diary

Mon 26th-Wed 28th June: P7 Residential trip to Carlingford Outdoor Pursuit Centre

Wed 28th June: P5 School trip – Lock n Load & We Love to Party

Thurs 29th June 10am: Mrs Gillen’s retirement Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Refreshments afterwards in School Canteen. Everyone Welcome

Thurs 29th June 12.30pm: Nursery Graduation

Fri 30th June 12.30pm: All children finish for summer holidays after having lunch.

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool Clubs have now finished & will resume in September with the exception of P1 & P2 Afterschool & Wraparound Care which run until the end of term.

Primary 7 Leavers

We had a beautiful mass for our Primary 7 leavers on Wednesday evening in Our Lady of Lourdes Church followed with presentation of their Record of Achievement. Everyone at Steelstown P.S. & Nursery Unit wishes to say a special thank you to our Primary 7 boys & girls for all they have done over the years & to their wonderful contribution to Steelstown Primary School. It has been a great privilege to have each child in our school. We also wish to thank our parents for choosing Steelstown Primary School and for trusting us with their child’s education. Our school is certainly better for having each family as part of our school family. We wish the boys & girls every success in their new school.



School Trips



Year	Date	
P5	Wednesday 28 th June	Lock N Load/ We love to Party
P7	Mon 26 th – Wed 28 th June	Carlingford Outdoor Pursuit Centre

Final few words from Mrs Gillen

Thank you to each and every one of you for all your support, commitment, dedication & friendship to me & to Steelstown P.S & Nursery Unit.

I have been honoured & privileged to serve as principal of Steelstown & I have ben blessed to work with wonderful staff, families & children in such a very special school.

Steelstown will always have a very special place in my heart & I have no doubt you will continue to support Mr Doorish & all the Staff of Steelstown. I know that Steelstown traditions will continue to flourish.

I will always treasure the many beautiful memories of my years in Steelstown & I will dearly miss you all. God Bless & thank you.

Mrs Siobhan Gillian.





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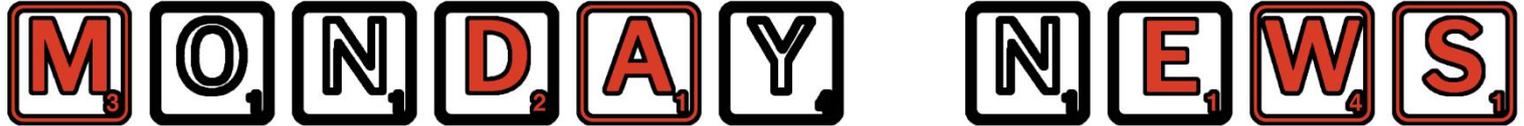
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School Meals

The Education Authority are getting ready to launch applications for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance for the School Year 2023/2024! Here's what you need to do to make sure you're ready to submit your application.

If you are in receipt of one of the following:

- ➔ Income Support
- ➔ Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ➔ Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- ➔ Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

You should request a Proof of Benefits letter now, by clicking here: <https://secure.dwp.gov.uk/get-a-proof-of-benefit-letter/>

It will take at least five days to be sent to you. Once you receive the letter keep it securely and then upload a copy of the letter when you apply for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance.

Please note, if you are in receipt of Tax Credits or Universal Credit, you do not require the above letter. More information will follow in the coming weeks on the 2023/24 Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance applications. [#EAFSMU](#)

Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance 2023



If you are making an application for September 2023, you may need a Proof of Benefit Letter

Proof of Benefit Letter

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, a Proof of Benefit letter will be required alongside your application:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

Please note, if you are in receipt of Tax Credits or Universal Credit, you do not need this letter.

School Books

Please make sure to return all reading books, library books and any textbooks to the school. If you find books belonging to school that you forgot to return from past years, we'd be delighted to have those back too.

Every schoolbook is very important to us!



Nursery & P1 Inductions

Thank you to all the children & parents who visited Steelstown P.S & Nursery Unit for their induction.

We look forward to seeing you all in September.





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MONDAY NEWS

P7 Prizegiving & Breakfast

Our Primary 7 children had a wonderful prize giving followed by a special breakfast in the canteen on Thursday morning to celebrate their achievements at Steelstown Primary School. A huge thank you to Collette & our canteen staff for the refreshments and special breakfast for our P7 Leavers.

Thank you to Donna and Tina at Bobo Balloons (Facebook) for providing the Balloon displays. Thank You to Mrs Moore and Mrs Murphy for presenting the children with their awards. Well done boys and girls.



Hope Northwest

Well done to Eimear & Leon P6 who were winners in Hope Northwest's Art Competition. Eimear, Mrs Gillen & Mrs McGlinchey attended Prize giving in the Beechill Hotel.



Roots of Empathy

Our Primary 4 Class had a wonderful afternoon for their final Roots of Empathy visit. We have experienced the most wonderful journey with Baby Matthew and Mammy Claire, and have thoroughly enjoyed watching Baby Matthew learn, grow, and meet his milestones. Thank you for allowing Baby Matthew to be the best teacher for us.



School Trips

All our boys & girls enjoyed their end of year school trips.

It was great to see everyone having a great time after working hard all year.

Please see school website & Facebook page for more photos.

Credit Union Savings

Well done to all our boys & girls in P3-P7 who took part in the Derry Credit Union Savings Scheme. This was a great success this year and we hope to participate again next year.