

# Foley News



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## Personal Messages From P.7



*James, Mark, Emer, Mairead, Clodagh, Orlaith, Annie, Caiti and Clara.*

Foley has meant so much to me, the teachers and staff have looked after me since the day I started. I am going to miss Foley, the school I grew up in for 7 years.

Foley is my second home. You never feel alone here it is so welcoming and it will definitely be one of my best childhood memories.

I will miss being part of this small supportive school. I'll be sad to leave and I'll miss the fun we all had in Foley.

Foley gave me so much—friends, knowledge and happy memories. I am going to miss all that. Foley has meant everything to me.

I am really going to miss the place. Foley is the best school I could have ever picked to go to.

I will miss it so so much and I really don't want to leave.

Foley meant a lot to me. It was a brilliant 7 years and I don't want to leave.

*Mr Kelly receives a presentation from Education Minister John O'Dowd at Stormont to celebrate Foley Primary School as being one of the top performing 'Small Primary Schools' in N. Ireland.*

### **Principal's Message:**

*The 2013-2014 School Year has come to a close and what a year it has been. I would like to thank all of our staff for their wonderful contribution to the school and the educational experiences that all of our children received this year,*

*We have continued to build on our ETI Inspection rating of 'Very Good' and have further expanded and enhanced the experiences for our children this year.*

*Thank you to all the parents and BOG for your valuable support and to anyone who has helped us in any way this year. Most of all a very special thank-you to all of our children.*

*Good luck to our Primary 7's as they begin a new chapter in their school life.*

*On behalf of the staff I wish you all a happy and safe Summer Vacation.*

*Mr. Martin Kelly - Principal*



## Speech and Drama Success.

Foley's second school Speech and Drama event was a great success. Many thanks to our judge invited judge Mrs. Dieder Kennedy for her helpful tips and her comments on the performances.

Shortly after our school event, several pupils took part in Armagh Speech and Drama Festival. Foley Primary School swept the boards winning 2 Bronze, 1 Silver and 2 Gold Medals; and to top it all Emer Rafferty won the Overall First Prize at the festival. Once again a fabulous achievement for a small school.



## Foley Adds to The Curriculum with The Reading Partnership Programme

Well done to the children who completed the Reading Partnership programme this year. Special thanks to Veronica and Tina on their hard work in completing their training and becoming certified to deliver this important Reading Support Programme to the children in the school. This will be a valuable development in the support of the continuing development of Literacy now and in the future.

## Important Dates and Information

**SUMMER REGISTRATION FOR FOLEY SCHOOL  
RING OR TEXT 07821537043  
TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD OR FAMILY**

**Mon 1st September 2014  
School Starts for All Pupils**

**Hallowe'en Vacation  
30th Oct— 3rd Nov  
School Re-Opens  
Tues 4th Nov**

**Christmas Vacation  
22nd Dec– 2nd Jan  
School Re-Opens  
Mon 5th Jan**

**Mid-Term Vacation  
Mon 16th Feb–Fri 20th Feb  
School Re-Opens  
Mon 23rd Feb**

**Easter Vacation  
Fri 3rd Apr—Fri 10th Apr  
School Re-Opens  
Mon 13th Apr**

**Summer Vacation  
School Closes Fri 26th June.**



**P6 and P7 Show  
Their Maths Skills to  
Visiting Teachers  
from St. Patrick's  
High School Maths  
Department**

## GAA President Visits Foley!



We were honoured when the President of the GAA Handball Association visited our school to Launch the Feile in Ulster.

Armagh were one of the host counties this year and of course all our Primary 7 Girls were part of

The Ballymacnab U14 Camogie team. Congratulations to former pupil Lee McParland who was representing us by playing hurling for Keady Lamh Derg hurlers at the Feile.

## Giro d'Italia Balloon Launch!



We got swept up in the preparation for the Giro d'Italia which went past our doorstep. Along with the SELB we cleared an area of ground adjacent to the school for spectators it is hoped to now develop a School/Community Play-Park on this site.

We also decorated the school, made 'Rosa' the pink scarecrow for the Apple Blossom Festival and had a balloon release sending pink balloons flying over the sky, I wonder where they ended up?

Owner of the winning balloon was Shane Clarke—Primary 1 and his balloon travelled as far as Tandragee.

The winners of our £20 prize were Seth, Caleb and Rachel Ferguson from 47 Woodview Park Tandragee



## Foley Raises £820 for the NSPCC!

**Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part in our fundraising for the NSPCC. Once again the children and the parents surpassed themselves and through your efforts we raised an amazing £820 to help with the NSPCC's important work.**

**The children took part in an art activity, sponsored spell and NSPCC workshops highlighting safety and awareness. Mr. Carville and Mr. Kelly also took part by doing their own spelling challenge with words set by the pupils. The amount of money raised is exceptional for a school of our size and the money will help local children in need of help.**

## First Communion



Well done to Joe, Orlaith, Lucy, Ethan and Meabh on their First Communion. They prepared for the day with great sincerity and performed all their duties on the day faultlessly.

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NOW**

**FOLEY ARE DEVELOPING A NEW TOWN  
BUS SERVICE KEADY-FOLEY. REGISTER  
YOUR INTEREST BY TEXTING THE  
NUMBER ABOVE. IT IS HOPED THAT  
THIS SERVICE WILL COVER  
BALLYMACNAB AS WELL.**

## Fun in the Sun!



As part of Cross Curricular Project on Beaches, Coastlines and the Fishing Industry the whole school went on an outing to Cranfield Beach.

We went beachcombing, paddling, made beach sculptures, played rounders and went paddling of course!

We couldn't have asked for better weather and everyone had a great time.



## Fantastic Funtasia!

The whole school visited Funtasia in Drogheda on our Annual Summer School Trip.

Between waterpark fun, the soft playarea, crazy golf, skyclimbing, the disco and the quiz we were spoilt for choice for activities.