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Some key dates

Ditch the Dark Day
Monday 20th January

Catholic Schools Week
26th January to
2nd February

Grandparents Celebration
Wednesday 29th January
@ 1.15pm

World Autism
Awareness Day
Thursday 6th February

P3 Enrolment Service
Monday 10th
February @11am

Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 11th February

Class Assembly
led by P6 & P7
Wednesday 12th February

Valentines Disco
Thursday 13th February
6.30pm-8pm

Shared Education



We welcomed Killyleagh Integrated PS to our school to participate in a Wellbeing Workshop facilitated by ALPS. We look forward to our next event.

Primary 1 Enrolment

Application for Primary 1 for the next academic year is now open. If you require any help with the online application process, please call into school at any time and we will be happy to help. PLEASE NOTE THE CLOSING DATE IS THURSDAY 30th JANUARY at 12 noon.

DIGITAL DEVICES IN SCHOOL

If you feel your child needs to bring their mobile phone to school. Please follow the school's Digital Device Policy. ALL devices must be handed into the school Office.

https://www.stmaryspskillyleagh.com/cmsfiles/items/downloads/2019-04-08_9_28_48//E-Safety_Policy_March_2018_Ratified.pdf

Refer to pages 13-18

Thank-you for your cooperation in this matter.

Safeguarding Reminders

If you have any worries or concerns about the welfare of your child, you should speak with a member of the Safeguarding team.

Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs. Hagan

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs. Martin

Safeguarding Governor is Mrs. Clark



DITCH THE DARK

As part of our work with Sustran and Active Travel, we are encouraging children to wear bright clothes on Monday 20th January, to reinforce the message of Being Seen in the Dark.

**Be Bright,
Be Seen**

Doodle Maths

We have recently purchased the Doodle Math's App. This is a wonderful resource to support numeracy within the school and at home.

It is recommended that children use the app 10 minutes daily, 4-5 days a week.

Parents are welcome to download the Parent app DoodleConnect at home to monitor their child's progress.

With their current password pupils will also have access to DoodleTables.

More information to follow.



Thank-you to our carol singers lead by Miss O'Riordan and our team of bag packer for helping out at our recent bag pack in ASDA. We managed to raise a magnificent £375.00 over a two-hour period.



Catholic Schools Week 2020

This year Catholic Schools week will be celebrated between Sunday 26th January and Sunday 2nd February. The theme being explored this year is 'Schools Living in Harmony with God's Creation.' On Wednesday 29th January we will particularly focus on the role "Our Grandparents". Grandparents are invited to visit their grandchild/children in their classrooms- times are as follows:

P1 & P2- 1pm

P3 & P4- 1.15pm

P5 & P6- 1.30pm

P6 & P7- 1.45pm

Bug Club

I am delighted to tell you all we have renewed our license for the online Bug Club reading scheme.

Can I remind you all that the ICT room is open from 8.15am on a Tuesday morning to help facilitate use of Bug Club, DoodleMaths and Nessy for those children who cannot access them at home.

Keep up to date with what's happening in school...

We work hard to keep our parents and families informed about our school... to catch up on the latest news follow us on Facebook, Twitter and remember to check our website regularly! We are an ECO SCHOOL! Communication by notes & newsletters is not the most environmentally friendly option! Our **ECO COUNCILLORS** are leading the drive for St. Mary's to become a paperless school.

