



Welcome to  
**St Mary's PS, Killesher**

**02866348577 March Newsletter**

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### **Our School Vision**

To be a community inspired by the Catholic faith, living out Gospel Values and reflecting the traditions of our Irish Cultural Heritage. To create a learning environment which gives every pupil the opportunity to develop their full potential and so be prepared for the challenges and opportunities of their lives ahead.

### **Pupil Success**

Best wishes to James McConnell, Senan O'Kane, Luca Melanaphy and Oran McManus, who will compete in Stage 2 of the Credit Union Quiz on Sunday 8th March in Ballygawley. We are very proud of the tremendous effort the boys have put in throughout the year.

### **Music**

We had a surprise guest appearance from Paddy Tracey during our after-school Trad Music session. Pupils loved having a chat and playing some tunes with Paddy. Thank you to Mrs Maguire for her fantastic work in promoting music within the school.



### **Cladagh Glen Shared Education Partnership**

Our P6 pupils had a great time at the Ulster American Folk Park as part of their Shared Education programme with the Cladagh Glen Partnership. We look forward to more exciting partnerships with our local schools.

### **Golden Rules**

At St Mary's PS, we believe in fostering a positive and respectful environment for all our pupils. To achieve this, we have our Golden Rules prominently displayed in every classroom. These rules are designed to encourage good behaviour and mutual respect among pupils and staff. Our staff routinely reinforce the school rules with pupils throughout the day. We would appreciate it if you could go over these rules with your child at home too.

- I will be helpful, polite and kind.
- I will try my best to do my work and not disturb others.
- I will respect all teachers and classroom assistants.
- I will listen carefully when others are talking.
- I will be honest and always tell the truth.
- I will line up quietly and walk sensibly and quietly around the school.
- I will look after and respect others property.
- I will treat others the way I would like to be treated.

### **Staff**

Best wishes to Miss O'Connor, who will be going off at the end of March to have her baby. We wish her and her partner Andy every happiness as they begin this wonderful new chapter.

Best wishes to Linda Geraghty, our dinner lady, who is retiring after 19 years of dedicated service to the school. We wish Linda good health and happiness in her retirement.

### The Sacraments / Bishop Martin Hayes Visit

Best wishes to our P7 class who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Swanlinbar this Saturday.

It is a busy few weeks for our school community, as our P4 class will receive the Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday 11th March at 7pm. We wish them every blessing as they take this meaningful step in their faith journey.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Bishop Martin Hayes on Wednesday 25th March.

We will attend Mass in Swanlinbar that morning, after which Bishop Martin will visit the school to speak with the pupils in the afternoon - a wonderful opportunity for our children to meet and engage with him.

### Zero Tolerance Policy

St Mary's PS Killesher aims to maintain a safe, calm and respectful environment for everyone in our school community.

We ask that all communication with staff - whether in person, by phone or by email - remains courteous. Behaviour that is aggressive is not acceptable.

### Children's Mental Health Week & World Book Day Celebrations

We had a fantastic time celebrating Children's Mental Health Week and World Book Day! A huge thank-you to all of our staff for organising such a wide variety of thoughtful and engaging activities. The events were carefully linked to this year's themes, helping our pupils explore wellbeing, creativity, and the joy of reading through a rich range of experiences.

### Dates for the Diary

School Closed for Children on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March.

School Closed for children from 11am on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Children return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

Children are off school the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May.

First Holy Communion Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am

Please note that school will now be closed for all children on **Monday 8th June**.

The Minister has granted an additional staff-only Transform Ed training day, and therefore pupils will not attend school on this date.

P7 Leavers Mass Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June @ 9:30am.

