



St. Mary's Gortnaghey Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

22/4/2024

Families First Nominations and Awards

Thank you to every single person who took the time to vote for Mrs Walsh and our brilliant school. We are overwhelmed by all the support, banners, posts, videos, assembly's and well wishes.

To all the staff in St. Mary's, you all are amazing and work so hard every day, each member of staff love the children and help them excel and achieve their full potential. A word of thanks to the families who nominated Mrs Walsh and the school.

Thank you to our board of governors, community, parents and children. We are so fortunate to work in such a fantastic school. **St Mary's achieved a special/ WOW award, the GEM award - going the extra mile!!** We received highly commended school of the year and highly commended teacher of the year.

Thank you for your continued support!!! We will have a fun day on Friday to celebrate!



Save the Date – Big School Clean Up

Please keep the date free – **Saturday 27th April**, AM we are calling on all parents, past pupils and community members to help in a big outdoor clean-up of our wee school. Many hands make light work! Beginning at 10am, our wonderful PTA will distribute details later in the week. ALL WELCOME!!

George Murphy Entertained all classes

George Murphy was booked last Wednesday to entertain all the children and they just loved all the songs and stories. Thank you so much George, George will be holding a weekly music after school club for P1/2 from 2-3pm and tin whistle club for P5/6/7 from 3-4pm on a Wednesday.

Kind regards,

Ciara Walsh

Ciara Walsh, Acting Principal



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Next week:

School Dinner Menu - Week 2

Monday 22nd April	<p>BOOSTER CLUBS</p> <p>Selected children will be invited by class teachers to attend Booster via Seesaw</p>
Tuesday 23rd April	<p>PE Uniform for all pupils (PE with Skill school)</p> <p>Dry Arch Building Buddies Programme for selected students – Week 3</p> <p>All County Hurling Championships – Swatragh at 10am, all KS2 boys are invited</p> <p>Skills School After School – P1/2, 2-3pm - P3 to P7, 3-4pm</p>
Wednesday 24th April	<p>First Penance Mass for Primary 4 children at 9.15am, all children to be dropped off at the chapel at 9am.</p> <p>After school music club – P1/2 (all welcome) – 2-3pm with George Murphy</p> <p>After school tin whistle club – P5-7 (all welcome) – 3-4pm with George Murphy, please bring a tin whistle to be used during the club.</p>
Thursday 25th April	<p>PE Uniform for all pupils (PE with Andrena O’Kane)</p> <p>Singing practice for all classes, between 9-12noon with Aoife Mullan</p> <p>GAA club with Mr Dillon & Miss O’Neill – 3 to 4pm (Can all KS2 children bring their hurls and helmets for PE and Club)</p> <p>Mr O’Kane – Sports Club 2-3pm – P1/2</p> <p>Primary 1 admission for September 2024 – application outcomes received</p>
Friday 26th April	<p>Swimming for all KS2 children</p> <p>Families First Fun Day – we will hold a non-uniform day and have a few other Friday treats during the day.</p>
Saturday 27 th April	<p>St. Mary’s PS – Big school clean up, all volunteers welcomed</p>
Looking ahead...	
Monday 29 th April – Friday 3 rd May	<p>Assessment Week</p>
Wednesday 1 st May	<p>Adoration</p>
Friday 3 rd May	<p>Lorna Moore Cup, St. Colm’s Drum pitch beginning 10am</p>
Monday 6 th May	<p>School closed for May half term holiday, school reopens Monday 13th May</p>

Wednesday 8 th May	All County Camogie Championships
Friday 10 th May	Father Gallagher Cup & Shield, Faughanvale
Tuesday 14 th May	North Derry Girls Football Championships The Art and Design Factory – Art Work shop – Day 1, all pupils
Wednesday 15 th May	All pupils will attend Mass at 9.15am
Friday 17 th May	Primary 7 children will attend Love for Life programme, further details will follow
Saturday 18 th May	Year 8 admission for September 2024 – application outcomes received
Monday 20 th May	KS2 NI Water assembly and visit
Wednesday 22 nd May	The Art and Design Factory – Art Work shop – Day 2, all pupils
Thursday 23 rd May	North Derry Boys Football Championships NSPCC – Speak out, stay safe workshops (Details to follow)
Saturday 25 th May	First Holy Communion, Church of the Immaculate Conception, 11am
Monday 27 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed, reopened Tuesday 28 th May
Tuesday 28 th May	Primary 4 Communion Celebration in school
Wednesday 29 th May	The Art and Design Factory – Art Work shop – Day 3, all pupils
Thursday 30 th June	St. Patrick's Dungiven, Parents Transition Night
Sunday 2 nd June	Do this in memory Mass for primary 4 children, Feast of Corpus Christit
Wednesday 5 th June	Adoration
Thursday 6 th June	Fan the Flame Mass, primary 7 children, Celtic Park
Monday 10 th June	St Patricks Dungiven, Pupils Transition Day
Tuesday 11 th June	Sports Day 1 (weather permitting)
Thursday 13 th June	New Primary 1 intake induction and parents information morning
Friday 14 th June	Final week of KS2 swimming – Fun Day Francis Lagan Finals Night, Owenbeg, 7pm
Monday 17 th June	Castle Cup - hurling and camogie, St. Patrick's Maghera
Wednesday 19 th June	Primary 7 leavers Mass & prizegiving
Thursday 20 th June	Castle Cup - football, St. Patrick's Maghera
Friday 21 st June	End of Year trip – Brunswick Complex
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day 2
Friday 28 th June	School Closes for Summer Holidays, 11am

