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Dear Parents / Carers,

12/5/2024

Lorna Moore Memorial Camogie Blitz 2024

Our girls had a great day at the Lorna Moore Memorial Camogie blitz. Thank you to all 7 schools who attended, you brought the sunshine to Drum. After 7 rounds the top 4 teams were determined based on points. Leading to very exciting semi-finals! St. John's Dernaflaw met St. Mary's Gortnaghey and St Matthew's Drumsurn met St Patrick's & St Joseph's. In the final St. John's Dernaflaw played St. Patrick's & St Joseph's, in a highly contested match.

Congratulations to the girls and Mrs O'Neill from St. John's Dernaflaw who won Lorna Moore Memorial Cup! Well done Molly, player of the tournament. All teams displayed great determination and skill throughout the competition!

Thank you to Katy, Molly and Calaeb for representing the Moore family and presenting medals and trophy to the top 2 teams. Thanks to St. Colm's GAC, Drum for the use of their great pitch and facilities, to our staff, Josephine, Seamus and our school PTA who helped keep the refreshments flowing.

A special word of thanks to Shane McCartney for organising the fixtures and leading the games. To Shane and Nikita for refereeing two of the pitches and to staff from all the visiting schools who volunteered to referee on the 3rd pitch. Thank you to St. Canice's Feeny, Geal Scoil Neachtain, St. Columbia' Ballerin, St. John's Dernaflaw, St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's, St. Matthew's Drumsurn for joining our St. Mary's Gortnaghey girls for the day.



New After School Clubs

We have several new afterschool clubs which began over the last few weeks.

George Murphy - music/ singing club with P1/2

- tin whistle with KS2

Marion Murphy - Irish language club

Relaxed kids with Ann - P1 to P4

GAA Club with Mr O'Kane & Mr Dillon - KS2

Aoife Mullan also provides each class with singing lessons every Thursday for a 10 week block. Thank you to all our facilitators and staff for enriching our pupil's day at school and helping us provide these opportunities to the children.

May the Month of Mary

Thank you to Laura, Paddy and friends for leading our pupils in a walking Rosary from school to our Chapel on Wednesday 1st May. Such a beautiful day and a huge well done to all the pupils who were so respectful and reverent. Thank you to the family members who joined us on the day. What a fantastic way to begin the month of May 🙏🙏💡💡💡



Pop Up Play – 4 week sessions

The pop up play the programme facilitated by the Dryarch will run from 1-pm – 2pm beginning Tuesday the 14th for four consecutive weeks in St. Mary's PS Gortnaghey in the school hall. All welcome please spread the word!

Pop Up Play
Parent & Child
play sessions

This programme offers fun and exciting opportunities for children and their parents / carers to explore through play!



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I hope you all had a lovely restful week off and are all looking forward to another busy and fun term, our last before the Summer Holidays. Everyone at St. Mary's would like to welcome Mrs Jackson back to school, for our final term of the year.

Kind regards,

Ciara Walsh

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Next week: Assessment Week

School Dinner Menu - Week 3

Monday 13 th May	<p>Irish Club week 2 – KS2 – 3-4pm</p> <p>North Derry Girls Football – Glenullin beginning at 10am, any girls attending should bring water, a packed lunch, wear the school kits brought home after the Lorna Moore Cup and wear a coat and sunscreen.</p>
Tuesday 14 th May	<p>PE Uniform for all pupils (PE with Skill school)</p> <p>NSPCC – Speak out, Stay Safe session for all classes</p> <p>The Art and Design Factory – Art Work shop – Day 1, all pupils</p> <p>Pop Up Play – 1-2pm in the school hall for all children under school age.</p> <p>Skills School After School – P1/2, 2-3pm - P3 to P7, 3-4pm</p>
Wednesday 15 th May	<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 16 th May	<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 for KS2 with Mr Dillon – 3 to 4pm (Can all KS2 children bring their hurls and helmets for PE and Club)</p> <p>Relaxed Kids After schools P1&2 – 2-3pm, P3/4 - 3-4pm, all welcome, please bring a small, labelled blanket.</p>
Friday 17 th May	<p>Swimming for Primary 5 & 6 (all girls who are not attending the camogie)</p> <p>Love for Life – Primary 7 children, further details will follow</p> <p>All County Camogie Championships – Ballinascreen, beginning at 10am</p>
Looking ahead...	
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	<p>North Derry Boys Football Championships</p> <p>NSPCC – Speak out, stay safe workshops (Details to follow)</p>
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