



# St. Mary's Gortnaghey Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

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## MFC Summer Link - St. Mary's PS Gortnaghey PE Gear

Scan the QR code directly from the flyer to place orders, alternatively use link connected to the QR code below Link – <https://link.mfc-sports.com/teamwear/code/PFRKAY>

Order Options – Individual payment / Bulk delivery to school before start of term.  
Closing – 28/06/2024



## 🏆 Sports Day 2024 🏆

The weather was thankfully on our side today! Thank you to everyone who attended, helped out and participated, including parents.

Thank you to all school staff who helped out, Mr O'Kane for leading assisted by Skill school and KS2 helpers. Thank you to Gortnaghey Community Centre for the use of the excellent facilities and Lynch's EuroSpar Dungiven for supplying water, bananas and sticker/ medals for the children. Well done to the children for their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship! The overall winners are the RED TEAM who enjoyed a non-uniform day on Friday. Click on the links to view winners and pictures of the day

<https://www.stmarysgortnagheyps.com/news/sports-day-2024---results/>

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## Outdoor area refurbishment

The excitement of our children is immeasurable, so many people to thank:-

- SC Tarmac for resurfacing the area
- Our PTA for fundraising tirelessly all year
- All the parents, children & staff who helped out especially those who joined us in the big clean and helped with painting & organised refreshments for the event
- Everyone who donated items, especially Joseph O'Neill a past pupil who donated his farm collection
- Warren Quigley at Express interiors for supplying the paint
- McDonalds for donating merchandise & Ronald McDonald for visiting to cut the ribbon during our grand opening
- Seamus McConway for inspiring 'Seamy's sweet shop & ice cream parlour'
- Martin Kealey for all those hours power washing

A special word of thanks to the Dunne family, Leona, SP, Molly & Luis for their commitment, imagination, attention to detail and sourcing all the items needed to make this dream a reality. They have spent every free minute over the past few weeks in St. Mary's creating this amazing space, we are truly indebted to you all!



### **Playschool Induction 2024**

On Thursday afternoon we had more special guests visiting St. Mary's PS Gortnaghey, our new P1's for September!! The children met the adults and visited their classroom. Thank you for coming, we all had great fun and we look forward to seeing you all in September!



### **Girls All County Finals Day**

Well done to our Girls' Gaelic Football team who took part in the All County Finals Day on Friday at Owenbeg. Thank you to Mr O'Kane and Seamus for accompanying them. Our very young team lost out in the semifinal, we are extremely proud of you all.



## Boys All County Francis Lagan Finals

We couldn't be more proud of these boys on Friday evening they became the division 3 All County winners!!! They all showed great determination, drive and skill in each game, with each player giving 100%! Well done to everyone!!

Thank you to Mr O'Kane and Seamus for accompanying them and to all their trainers, PE coaches and families for supporting and inspiring the boys each day!

Both girls and boys teams wore our new school sports kit for the first time donated on Friday. The new kits have been donated by Cormac & Maria McCloskey and family. Cormac was our school chairperson for 17 years and a great friend of Mr Lagan, Francis will be delighted the finals night is the first outing of our new kits. Cormac recently stepped down, after a wonderful run as chairperson, thank you for all you have done over the years. Cormac provided a new kit for both teams as a parting gift, thank you from everyone at St. Mary's PS Gortnaghey!



Kind regards,

*Ciara Walsh*

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**Next week:****School Dinner Menu - Week 2**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Castle Cup - hurling and camogie, St. Patrick's Maghera
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary 6 taster visit to St. Patricks College, Dungiven – children will visit St. Patricks Dungiven, a letter has been sent home today with further information. Please bring a packed lunch.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary 7 leavers Mass & prizegiving, 9.15am in Gortnaghey Chapel, all P7 families are invited back up to school following the Mass for refreshments. P7 children are to wear full school uniform, with black shoes to the Mass.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Castle Cup – Boys football, St. Patrick's Maghera
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Year trip – Brunswick Complex, please send in £20 per child to cover bus, lunch, cinema and Bowls/ Banana's
<b>Looking ahead...</b>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary 7's last day – All parents are invited to school at 1.45pm for a guard of honour for our fabulous Primary 7 class, P7 children can go home at 2pm.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closes for Summer Holidays, 11am