



# St. Mary's Gortnaghey Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

24/6/2024

What a busy and fun filled week we had last week, on Monday some KS2 girls and boys attended the Castle Cup 2024 camogie and hurling blitz. Tuesday Primary 6 children attended St. Patricks Dungiven for a taster day and Skill school held a combat kids PE sessions for all children. On Wednesday we had our Leavers Mass for our wonderful Primary 7 children! On Thursday our KS2 boys won the Castle Cup 2024 and on Friday we had our whole school end of year trip to Brunswick.

## 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



## Castle Cup: Hurling & Camogie Day - Monday 17/6/24

Congratulations to our Key Stage 2 pupils who took part in the Castle Cup. This was a great day of Sport! Thank you to St. Patrick's College for organising the event and to Seamus, Mr. O'Kane, Jamie Leigh & Charlie for accompanying the teams!



## Skillschool Combat Kids - Tuesday 18/6/24

Thank you to Skillschool for organising a different type of PE session as an end of year treat for all our wonderful boys and girls.



## Leavers Mass 2024

We had the most beautiful Leavers' Mass for our wonderful P7 pupils this morning. They are so highly thought of by all in our school and have left a lasting impression on our hearts.

We say goodbye to 3 families who are moving on to the next chapter in their lives without any children at Primary. It has been a privilege that you have entrusted us with your children for the last 7 years. Not only is the bond between these 8 very strong, so is their bond with staff and other children.

Geraldine Granleese has been a constant in their lives for 6 years and anyone can tell the moment you're in their company. The familiar reassurance, encouragement, interest and devotion Geraldine has had for these boys and girls is unwavering and goes far beyond the role of a classroom assistant.

Mr O'Kane has had the privilege of being their class teacher for 3 years - and the pupils have won the lottery with him. A perfect balance of hard work, banter and heartfelt emotion. They have been in very safe hands. There wasn't a dry eye in the chapel this morning! It is a testament to our school to see the care and love that staff have for the children. You can clearly see that teaching is much more than a job to Mr O'Kane. It is a vocation and passion.

A huge congratulations to Lowena Guy, Georgia Moore, Ronan O'Hara, Michael Newland, Jayden Hazlett, Conleith Mullan, Cathal McNicholl and Charlie Newland. You have achieved great things at St. Mary's Gortnaghey and we cannot wait to see what the future has in store for you. God Bless 🙏





## Castle Cup Football Shield Winners 2024

What an achievement!!! These boys just keep getting better. We are unbelievably proud of our KS2 boys who won the shield at the Castle Cup on Thursday 20/6/2024!!

Everybody played their hearts out; we are so proud! You are a credit to your club St Colm's GAC Drum, your coaches, your families and our school. What an ending for our P7s on the team also.

Thank you to Mr O'Kane, Seamus & Mr Dillon who accompanied the boys and for running afterschool sessions. Special thanks to St Patrick's College, Maghera and C.L.G Watty Graham, An Gleann for an excellently run competition and facilities.



## Whole school end of year trip!

Everyone had a great day on our school trip to Brunswick yesterday. Children went to see the new Inside Out 2 movie, Bananas/ bowling's and lunch. Thank you to all the staff at Brunswick and Castle Coaches for taking us!



Kind regards,

*Ciara Walsh*

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**Next week:**

**School Dinner Menu - Week 3**

### Looking ahead...

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