



St. Mary's News May/June 2024

Wednesday 1st May, 2024

Dear Parents,



We are now well into Term 3 of the school year. This is a busy time for all the pupils and staff at St. Mary's Primary School.

The pupils have been working hard preparing for their end of year tests, which will commence on Monday 13th May. Please ensure your child is at school every day from now until the end of June. Attendance is very important. Holidays during the school term are unauthorised and discouraged. We don't want children to miss out on any learning so please keep all appointments out of school hours.



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Children will receive their Annual Report in the last week of June which will provide parents with information on progress this year and any areas to focus on.

SACRAMENTS

We are very thankful that the children have been able to celebrate the Sacraments again this year with their class. We had a beautiful Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 23rd April. Our twenty five children in Primary 7 were confirmed along with twenty two children from St. Joseph's Primary School, Killeenan by Archbishop Eamon Martin in what was a very reverent and beautiful ceremony. The children were a credit to their families and the school for their participation in the ceremony. We thank Archbishop Martin, Fr Hughes, Fr Curry and class teachers, Mrs Mallon and Mrs Crossley, along with Ann Marie Mc Auley for all their work and guidance in preparing the children. We also thank Mrs Devlin and Emer Mc Crory for the music which set the tone and enhanced the ceremony perfectly.

Children in Primary 4 are very busy preparing for their special day and are looking forward to next Saturday, 11th May when they will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. We continue to pray for the children and their families as they prepare for this very memorable time in their lives.

First Communion will be celebrated this year in St. Mary's Church, Dunamore at 11am. All children and their families are asked to be seated in the chapel for 10.45am.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Primary 3 will have their class assembly on Friday 3rd May

Primary 2 will have their class assembly on Thursday 9th May.

Primary 7 will have their Farewell assembly on Wednesday 26th June.

Each assembly will begin at 10am with refreshments served afterwards.

Parents and grandparents of the children in each class are warmly invited to attend.

SPECIAL DINNER

Eilish, our cook along with Mary Angela and Ita will prepare a special dinner for the Primary 7 class on Monday 3rd June. This is something we have been doing for the past couple of years and it is a very enjoyable afternoon for the class.

BOOK FAIR

It has been a couple of years since we had the Travelling Books Book Fair in our school and we look forward to it arriving on Friday 17th May. All classes will have the opportunity to browse the wide selection of books and deals before making any purchases. There will also be an opportunity for parents to come after school to help children buy their favourite book. Further details will be sent out.

SPORT

Gareth from AB Coaching is in with us on Mondays until the end of June and is taking all classes. The children are really enjoying getting outside, developing new skills and staying healthy and active. Thank you for helping to fund this on Parent Pay (Term 3 Coaching).

GAELIC BLITZES/TOURNAMENTS

Primary 7 will be participating in a number of Outdoor tournaments over the next few weeks:

Thursday 2nd May- CnamB Outdoor Heats- Rock GFC,

Friday 24th May- St. Patrick's Academy Primary Schools Tournament.

Friday 31st May- Tony Devlin Memorial Tournament-Cookstown Fr Rocks,

Friday 7th June- Mc Aleer/Brady Cup- Gortacladdy

Further details will be given to the P7 class closer to the time.

END OF YEAR TRIPS

All the children will have received details regarding their end of year trip. This year the children in P1-6 will all go together to GR8 Entertainment in Castlebayney on Monday 3rd June and will enjoy a range of different activities.

The P7 class will travel to Emerald Park on Friday 14th June for a fun packed day.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The school will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 6th May- Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May- School Development Day (pupils off)

Monday 27th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 28th May- School Development Day (pupils off)

School will close for the Summer for all pupils on Friday 28th June at 11am.



At any time if you have any concerns or queries about your child's progress or welfare at school, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Let us also remember to honour Our Lady this month. We will have a May altar in many of the classrooms. We continue to pray and ask Mary, Our Mother to look over us and help us in our daily work.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind Regards,

Eileen Ward

Principal