

DATES FOR THE DIARY

**2ND MARCH
WORLD BOOK DAY**

**9TH MARCH
CONFIRMATION**

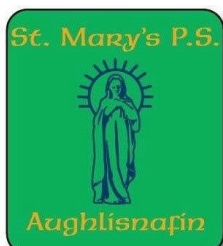
**16TH MARCH
GREEN DAY (PUPILS
MAY WEAR GREEN
CLOTHING)**

**17TH MARCH
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**5TH APRIL AT 12.00
NOON
SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR
EASTER HOLIDAYS**

**25TH APRIL
FIRST CONFESSION**

**6TH MAY
FIRST COMMUNION**



News At Saint Mary's Primary School

Principal's Message

Hello, we have had a very busy few weeks in St. Mary's and I hope this newsletter will help inform you of the exciting 'goings-on' at our school.

Firstly there was the exciting news that our Primary 7 girls team was successful in the county championships. The girls played extremely well, with commitment, dedication and team spirit and we are so proud of how they represented our school. They will be competing in the Ulster finals later this month.

We have also had building work approved at the school, this will result in upgrades to the playing yard and the back grass area for play. This may cause disruption for the next few weeks but we feel it will be very beneficial for our pupils.

Finally we were approved for additional funds for the next PTA fundraiser. This will allow more investment in play and sports.

A very exciting time for the pupils at St. Mary's!



County 5 a side Champions

The P7 girls are Cumann na mBunscol indoor football champions of Down. They beat Carrick (Burren), Saul and the Meadow (Newry) in the first round matches.

Next was a hard fought semi final encounter against near neighbours Kilcoo. The final was against Carrick.

Although the girls had defeated Carrick in the first round nothing was taken for granted. The Finn girls eventually prevailed. An Ulster final awaits the girls so onwards and upwards! Up the Finn!



Primary 2/3 Grandparents Day



Children's Mental Health Week

Our P2/3 Children's had a great morning on the 9th February with a relaxing art lesson led by Sinead McDermott from The Art and Design Factory. The art work they have created is amazing and it was an excellent way of celebrating children's mental health week

First Aid Training

The P7 pupils received first aid training with Pat and Kelly from Safe Hands earlier in the month! They learnt many life saving basics, including the recovery position and how to resuscitate using the life saving doll. More photos and videos of the event can be seen on the school Facebook and website. Many thanks to Friends of the Finn who sponsored this training!



Credit Union Quiz Runners Up

The Primary 5/6 class had fun making St. Brigid's crosses in their class. They had an amazing demonstration from Aidan and Aoife, who learned from their granny, Mrs Quinn, who makes the crosses every year and donates the proceeds to the missions. Many thanks to Mrs Quinn, who very kindly provided us with the all the necessary materials to make our crosses.



Hour Of Code for Primary 4



The P4 class proudly display their certificates awarded recently for successful completion of The Hour of Code computer programming module. Well done Primary 4!

Down Half Time Representatives

Well done to Ciarán Fitzpatrick and Daniel Cope from Primary 7. The two boys represented St. Mary's by playing at halftime during Down's match against Westmeath in Newry. A great experience for both of the lads.



Soccer 5 A Side Champions

Castlewellan Girls Football Club were successful this weekend in the supplementary shield final, and a number of our Primary 7 girls made up the team. A great victory over Hillsborough for the girls. Well done Luna, Kitty, Annie and Aoife, who all play for Castlewellan.



Gaelic Football Donation

Many thanks to St John's GAC for sponsoring our P7's 2 new gaelic footballs. Also thanks to our P2/3 teacher and football coach Mr Morgan for organising this!



Internet Safety Day

Throughout our school we looked at staying safe on the internet. More information about online safety can be found on our school website.

