

DATES FOR THE DIARY

2ND JUNE
SPORTS DAY

5TH JUNE
P5/6/7/ TRIP TO
WE ARE VETIGO

7TH JUNE
P7 LEAVERS PHOTOGRAPH

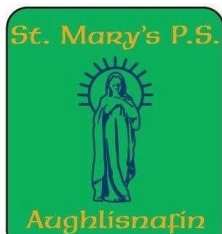
7TH JUNE

12TH JUNE
PLAY SESSION FOR NEW
P1 & RECEPTION

12TH JUNE
GAELIC BLITZ FOR P3/4

27TH JUNE
PRIMARY 7 LEAVERS
SERVICE AT 11.00 IN
AUGHLISNAFIN CHURCH

30TH JUNE
SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR
SUMMER AT 12.00 NOON



News At Saint Mary's Primary School

Principal's Message

Hello everyone, as we enter the final month of the school year there is no evidence of things slowing down at St. Mary's with plenty of events in our school calendar. Please check our school website for details and updates.

We have enjoyed a very successful year of fundraising, which will be used to boost sports and Literacy resources in the school. So far we have raised over £20,000 for the school in the past year and a half, and the generosity and support of the local community is very clear to see. I want to thank all of you for donating both your time and money to support our school.

The building works to the school grounds are almost complete and I look forward to welcoming you all to visit the school to see the work on our grass play area, yard and fencing, which provide a safe, secure and more spacious area for the children to enjoy.



Sponsored Walk & Fundraising

After an amazing year for our school, our families have really ramped up the support once again with extremely generous contributions to our sponsored walk. The sponsored walk total is an unbelievable £979. An amazing amount, coming so close on the heels to our book fair which raised £447.57 in books for the Primary 4 class and our sporting fundraiser which received £8,679 in donations. A special thank you to our PTA, the Friends of the Fin, and all the local businesses who have supported our school.



Mountpanther Farm Trip



St. Mary's First Communion 2022/23

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Primary 4 who celebrated their first communion. It was a lovely service and the pupils did the school proud once again. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a special day for the pupils.



Viking Day

The P5/6 had an amazing day at the Ballydugan Medieval Settlement. The children took part in activities, including bread making, archery, investigating weapons, and saw first hand what Viking life was truly like. A marvellous experience for all and a wonderful end to our recent topic.



Aughlisnafin Girls In 9 A Side Final

Well done to the St. Mary's girls team who topped their group in the recent 9 a side competition, beating Ardglass, Ballynahinch, Leggamaddy, Loughinsland and drawing with Saul. The girls will be facing Annaclone on Thursday 8th June to determine a finalist. Well done girls! We are rooting for you all!



Aughlisnafin Boys 9 A Side

Well done to our P7 boys who represented the school on the 12th May at the 9 a side football tournament in Ardglass. Great effort and determination was shown as usual, along with fair play. Well done lads!



Recycling Fast Fashion Session

A very productive morning was had by P5/6 and 7 making bags from old T-shirts! A very enthusiastic and talented bunch of pupils led by Ben who demonstrated the activity and presented a most informative PowerPoint highlighting the advantages of up cycling old items.



STEM Forces Project

Our P7's designed and constructed their very own land yachts. The land yachts were tested down a ramp to see what distance they travelled. Distances were recorded and averages calculated. Niamh's landyacht (NMG) travelled the furthest by quite a bit!



Outdoor Learning

The Primary 2/3 are loving their new topic 'In The Garden'!



St Mary's in DCU Compendium

St Mary's Primary school was one of the 38 schools who contributed a written piece to Dublin City University's compendium on target setting in Stormont tonight. The school described how it targeted the mental health and well-being of pupils as they returned to school post-pandemic. This research will be shared with over 150 schools in the DCU Cluster. Many thanks to Dr Paddy Shevlin and Dr Martin Brown for their support.

