

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9TH OCTOBER

PRIMARY 2/3 VISIT
CASTLEWELLAN FOREST
PARK

20TH OCTOBER

SCHOOL NURSE VISITS

30TH OCTOBER - 3RD
NOVEMBER

MID TERM BREAK

7TH NOVEMBER

N.I. WATER VISIT

8TH & 15TH

NOVEMBER

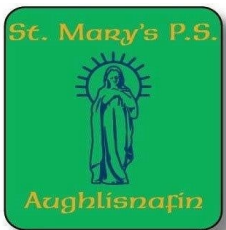
MUSEUM ON THE MOVE
P6 & P7

13TH NOVEMBER

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

5TH DECEMBER

PANTOMIME TRIP



News at Saint Mary's Primary School

Principal's Message

Hello everyone. My vision for the Finn is to provide a school that is 'Engaging hearts, inspiring minds and serving our community.'

Through engaging hearts we care for the pupil's spiritual, moral, social and physical needs. We have a happy and secure school where our children feel valued and special.

By inspiring minds we have created an environment in which each child will enjoy the full range of learning opportunities in order to grow in confidence and independence. The high quality teaching and learning provided at St Mary's ensures our pupils are well equipped to thrive throughout their time in primary school and beyond.

In serving our community we wish to work in collaboration with all of our parish as a Catholic school and to foster a respect for the local community and the wider world.

My staff and I will always be available to discuss any aspect of your child's development.

If you wish to avail of the school's breakfast club or after school services please phone 02843778460 or email the office at hcairns221@c2kni.net



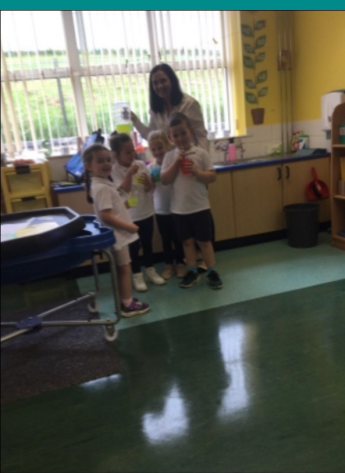
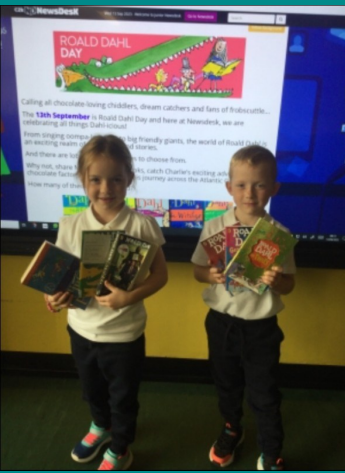
Reception / Primary 1 2023/24

Pupils from Reception and Primary 1 had their photograph taken for the local newspapers earlier in September. Look at all of the happy faces on display!



Playground Buddies

Roald Dahl Day in Primary 2/3



Girls from Primary 6 and 7 who will be acting as playground buddies. These girls are available to help and play with younger pupils throughout the school.



Congratulations to our yard supervisor Pepe McCartan, who has been working at St Mary's Aughlisnafin for 25 years. What an achievement! Here's to many more happy years at St Mary's to come.

P.E. Uniform

Ciaran and Maya are displaying the current P.E. uniform for St. Mary's pupils of a plain polo shirt plain navy bottoms and a school jumper



Rosary Beads

Catenian Rosary Group sent free Rosary beads to the School. These beads will be used to promote prayer in our outdoor sacred space. They also included 'How to Pray the Rosary' cards and cards with quotes by Saints and Popes on the value of praying the Rosary.



Summer Scheme

BeeActive hosted an amazing Summer Scheme for St. Mary's pupils. It was a great for our pupils to keep in touch over the Summer and to promote healthy living. More photos can be seen on the school's website or on our Facebook page. Thank you to all the coaches!



Mona's Guitar Club

Guitar with Mona has returned to St Mary's on Thursdays. Mona Owens takes guitarists from 2.45pm - 3.45pm. The cost is £32 for each 4 week block of lessons.



Gaelic Success for Ciarrai

Congratulations to Ciarrai Flanagan and

her Under 12 Castlewellan team on winning the May Steele Cup earlier this month. Great job Ciarrai and all of the girls in the team!



Emma McKeating's Dancing Success

Congratulations to Emma McKeating from Primary 5, who was successful this month in her Irish dancing competition. Emma was highly commended for her performance! Very impressive Emma!



Just 2 Easy Live Lesson

P2/3 loved their live lesson last week, looking at “All about me!” Using JIT paint to create a self portrait first, we then used the image as a background for a writing piece with JIT write. Everyone loved following along with Miss Kimbell in real time as we continue to develop lots of ICT skills.



Brennan Boys Swimming Certificates

Well done to Adam and Jake Brennan, who both picked up certificates for swimming this month. Jake received a Goldfish Level 3 certificate and Adam achieved Shark Level 3.

Well done boys!
Great performances!

