

DATES FOR THE DIARY

13TH NOVEMBER
ODD SOCKS DAY

22ND NOVEMBER
OPEN MORNING FOR
PROSPECTIVE P1 &
RECEPTION PUPILS

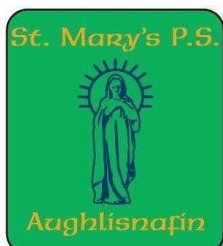
5TH DECEMBER
PANTOMIME AT LYRIC

20TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS PLAY

22ND DECEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR
CHRISTMAS 12 NOON

4TH JANUARY
PARENT TEACHER
MEETINGS

5TH JANUARY
SCHOOL REOPENS



News At Saint Mary's Primary School

Principal's Message

Hello, we have had another busy month at St. Mary's with lots to report in this newsletter. Next week is anti-bullying week so pupils are to come to school next Monday in odd socks, to celebrate our acceptance of each other's differences and to stand up against bullying.

We will be having an open morning on Wednesday 22nd November for pupils and parents who are considering joining our school. If you have any relations who are at school age please keep them informed, we would love them to become a part of our school family.

The Christmas performance is scheduled for 20th December, with a matinee and evening performance to ensure all family members will have an opportunity to attend.

Finally many thanks for your generosity in the Smarties tube fundraiser, this money will go towards saving for an outdoor play area for our pupils.

Please check our website for updates
www.stmarysaughliscnafin.co.uk



Smarties Tube Total

Amazing creativity and generosity were in display from our pupils as the annual smarties tube fundraiser took place. Great designs were made by the pupils and an incredible £663.65 was raised, which will go towards our fundraising for an outdoors play area. Incredible support as always from our incredible families! Thank you to Friends Of The Finn for organising this event.



**First days at school
for Reception and P1**



Cancer Fund for Children Fundraiser

Thank you all for your generosity in giving to the Cancer Fund For Children. The dress down day raised £233.60 for the charity. Thank you to the Cancer Fund For Children for providing each child with a pencil. Jake and Adam Brennan also took part in a bog run for the Cancer Fund For Children! Great efforts made for a very good cause!



Mr Hardy was back at the school working with the P7 pupils on the school sensory Garden and sacred space. Some superb gardening was On display.



P2/3 had a wonderful trip to Castlewellan Forest park! On their Autumn walk the children explored using their senses the sights, smells and sounds of the woodland and Annesley Gardens. They collected lots of beautiful colourful leaves and made their own nature bracelet.

Halloween

Great effort was made by all of our pupils for Halloween. There are lots of photos of the boys and girls in their spooky costumes to be found on our school website.



Fire Safety with Commander Brown

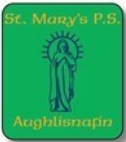
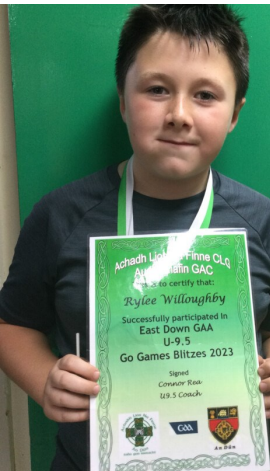
The P4/5 class had a visit from local fireman, Commander Brown. Commander Brown gave the children a very useful and interesting talk on Fire Safety. We got to try on his fire helmet.



Super congratulations to our P6 and 7 athletes who competed in the Newry Mourne and Down cross country challenge in Downpatrick. The race was 900 metres long and over 30 schools competed. Our best placed girls were Ellen and Ciarrai who were 37th and 38th. Our best placed boy was Adam at 4th!

Prize Winning Pupils

Lots of prize winning pupils this month—Emma and Aoife in P5 won Irish dancing medals, Adam from P5 competed in the Flahavans Cross Country tournament, James from P5 won a medal at the Aughlinnafin gaelic ceremony, Riley from P6 won a certificate and medal at the Aughlinnafin gaelic presentation and Michael from P6 who received a Juvenile Presentation medal from Liatroim Fontenoy's.



Saint Mary's Primary School, Aughlinnafin

"Engaging Hearts, Inspiring Minds, Serving Our Community"



Here at Saint Mary's, we are committed to our local families and provide high quality learning, superb pastoral care and a staff that are willing to go that extra mile for your child. A caring environment with

- High expectations and standards of academic achievement
- A warm, enriching environment where your child is safe, secure and stimulated
- Commitment to ICT, technology and creating pupils ready to achieve in life
- Expert use of academic data to provide our pupils with personalised learning
- Sensory garden and outdoor classroom
- A fine tradition of sporting achievement
- Extended school opportunities

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