

DATES FOR THE DIARY

5TH DECEMBER
PANTOMIME AT LYRIC

8TH DECEMBER
P2/3/4/5 TRIP TO
DOWN MUSEUM

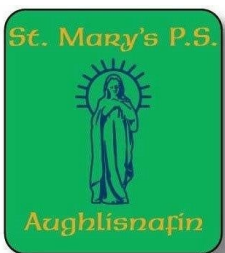
20TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS PLAY

22ND DECEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR
CHRISTMAS 12 NOON

4TH JANUARY
PARENT TEACHER
MEETINGS

5TH JANUARY
SCHOOL REOPENS

12TH—16TH FEBRUARY
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
MID-TERM



News At Saint Mary's Primary School

Principal's Message

Hello, everyone. It is hard to believe we are approaching the Christmas season and the end of the first term of school. We have lots of events planned for 2024 as it is the 190th anniversary of education at Aughlisnafin!

We had our open morning earlier this month but to those pupils and parents who were unable to attend and are considering joining our school, please contact the school office and we will arrange a visit. 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.

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.

Christmas dinner will be 12th December and please let your child's teacher know if they intend to have the special dinner by Wednesday 6th December.

Please check our website for updates.



Anniversary plaque

Thank you to Mr Hardy who presented an anniversary stone he had commissioned for the school's sensory garden. This stone has links with the previous school sign for Aughlisnafin's Primary school and will link with the forthcoming 190th anniversary of education in Aughlisnafin. We will be celebrating 190 years of learning at the Fin throughout 2024.



Primary 6 made wonderful dioramas of the rainforest



School Council Meeting

Our student council had their first meeting of the year and shared lots of good ideas about buddying, school rules and life at our school.

- Great contributions from all.
- P2/3 - Noah Warnock & Emma Lee O'Hare
- P4/5 - Niall Ahern & Cara Steele
- P6 - Mia Murphy & Ciarraí Flanagan
- P7 - Kimberley Rice



Eco Council meeting

Our Eco council met and shared some great ideas. They will be judging an Eco code challenge and carrying out an audit of the environment around our school.

- P2/3 - Jake Brennan & Eabha Lennon
- P4/5 - Aoife Cummings & Emma McKeating
- P6 - Ellen Morrow & Evie McCann
- P7 - Hollie Murray & Clara Cope



Primary 2 & 3 and the P6 and 7 classes had a trip to Newcastle Community Cinema. The younger classes got to watch the Gruffalo and Gruffalo's Child, while Key Stage 2 watched Minions; The Rise of Gru. An enjoyable and relaxed morning was had by all!

Our P6 and P7 classes participated in an interactive online session with the Ulster Museum and the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum on 19th Century cures and potions in Ireland and looking good in ancient Egypt! Artifacts were sent in to school for the pupils to evaluate resulting in a session that was very informative, interesting, educational and fun!



Congratulations to our Irish dancing winners—Caitlin, Clara, Emma, Aoife and Mia, who added to their ever expanding trophy cabinets.



Congratulations to Cora, Charlie, Coran and Adam who were presented with medals at the St. John's awards. Special congratulations to Adam Flanagan who won under 13 player of the year. What an achievement Adam! A future Down player in our midst.



Aughlisnafin Award Winners

Even more prize winning pupils in gaelic games this month—Paudie, Sadie, Olivia, Eabha, Casey, Ciaran, Coran, Riley and Connaire were presented with certificates at the Aughlisnafin GAC awards.



Saint Mary's Primary School, Aughlisnafin

"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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