

DATES FOR THE DIARY

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY  
PTA MOVIE DAY (£2)

12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY  
MID-TERM BREAK

19TH FEBRUARY  
TEMPUS PHOTOGRAPHY  
VISITS SCHOOL (WEAR  
FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM)

4TH MARCH  
LYRIC THEATRE  
PERFORMANCE AT FIN  
HALL—12.45

7TH MARCH  
WORLD BOOK DAY

14TH MARCH  
FIRST CONFESSION  
AUGHLISNAFIN 11.00

18TH MARCH  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
HOLIDAY

St. Mary's P.S.



Aughlisnafin

## News At Saint Mary's Primary School

### Principal's Message

Hello everyone, January saw St. Mary's achieve a distinction in the Spirit of Catholic Education awards for the second successive year. This is an amazing achievement and a testament to the hard work and support of our staff, governors, parents, PTA and of course our amazing pupils. 2024 sees the 190th anniversary of education in Aughlisnafin and this award was a fitting way to kick off our anniversary year. Thanks also to Mr Hardy who supported the work carried out by our students in the garden.

There are lots of different events and activities on the horizon so I would ask everyone to keep an eye on our school website for the most up to date information on life at the school. Sacramental dates are

First Confession (P3) - 14th March  
at 11.00am at Aughlisnafin Church  
Confirmation (P7) - 12th April at  
11.00am at Aughlisnafin Church  
First Communion (P4) - 20th April at  
10.00am at Aughlisnafin Church



### Dancing with Jenna

The boys and girls from P5 and 6 have been taking part in dance classes with Jenna. The children have had a great time! It was fun, energetic and included a range of music and dance moves that were enjoyed by all. It will finish with a final performance in Down Leisure





**Primary 1 look at measuring**



**Girls Indoor Football**

**Congratulations to the Finn P6/7 girls who competed in an indoor football tournament in the Assumption Grammar School, Ballynahinch. The girls came third overall. Well done ladies!**



**Kazoku Kart Mid-term club**

Kazoku Karate, who offer after school support on Tuesdays, will be holding a mid term fun camp. Contact Gerard on [kanulty6@hotmail.com](mailto:kanulty6@hotmail.com) if interested in booking a place.

**KID'S MID TERM FUN CAMP**

**KAZOKU KARATE**

Venue - Aughlisnafin Community hall  
When - 12th to 15th of February  
Time - 10am to 12pm

Only 20 spaces available  
Book now to avoid disappointment

**£40**



**Mrs Quinn helps us make St. Brigid's crosses**

Many thanks to Mrs Quinn, grandmother of Aidan in P7 and Aoife in P5 who came to our school to help us make Saint Brigid crosses. This tradition is 1500 years old this year (524 AD is when Saint Brigid died and the tradition began) A great afternoon's craic was had by all with 33 crosses in total made! Fantastic work everyone!



**Young Writers in Primary 1**

The P.1. Children entered a young writers competition earlier in the school year. They had to draw a picture of their family. All the children in P.1. had their work chosen for publication in a book " Me and my family". They received their certificates and stickers today. Brilliant work, we are so proud of you all!

**£2 PER CHILD**



**MOVIE DAY:**  
 9TH of the  
**FEBRUARY**



## Soup-er Healthy Eating

Primary 2/3 made some delicious vegetable soup to warm everyone up on a cold Winter day. Very tasty, and great life skills shown.



## St Mary's wins Spirit Of Catholic Education award



## Northern Ireland Water Visit

Pat and Lewis from Northern Ireland Water paid a visit to the boys and girls at the Fin. They gave the children a very informative talk on how we can conserve our water supplies.

