

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

7TH MARCH  
WORLD BOOK DAY

14TH MARCH  
FIRST CONFESSION

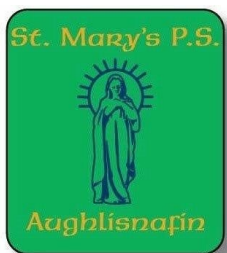
15TH MARCH  
GREEN DAY (PUPILS  
MAY WEAR GREEN  
CLOTHING)

18TH MARCH  
SCHOOL CLOSED

28TH MARCH AT 12.00  
NOON  
SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR  
EASTER HOLIDAYS

8TH APRIL  
SCHOOL REOPENS

12H APRIL  
FIRST COMMUNION



## News At Saint Mary's Primary School

### Principal's Message

Hello, we are getting near Easter and we want to reflect on some news at our school. Firstly, we wish best of luck to those in the St. Malachy's All-Ireland final team. We have four past pupils who are in the team (Harry Keenan, Caolan Flanagan, Corey Trainor and Shea Baker) and we know they will do our school and community proud in the finals.

I would like to remind parents that the yellow lines in front of the school should not be parked on, please use the graveyard or parish hall car parks.

We are currently carrying out surveys of staff, pupils, governors and parents currently as part of the Being Well, Doing Well programme. The survey will be open until next Monday so please check your messages from the school app if you have yet to carry out this questionnaire as your opinion matters to us.



### **Tesco Stronger Starts Campaign in April**

The school has been accepted to the Tesco Stronger Starts campaign and will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week in April 2024 until the end of June 2024.

The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500.

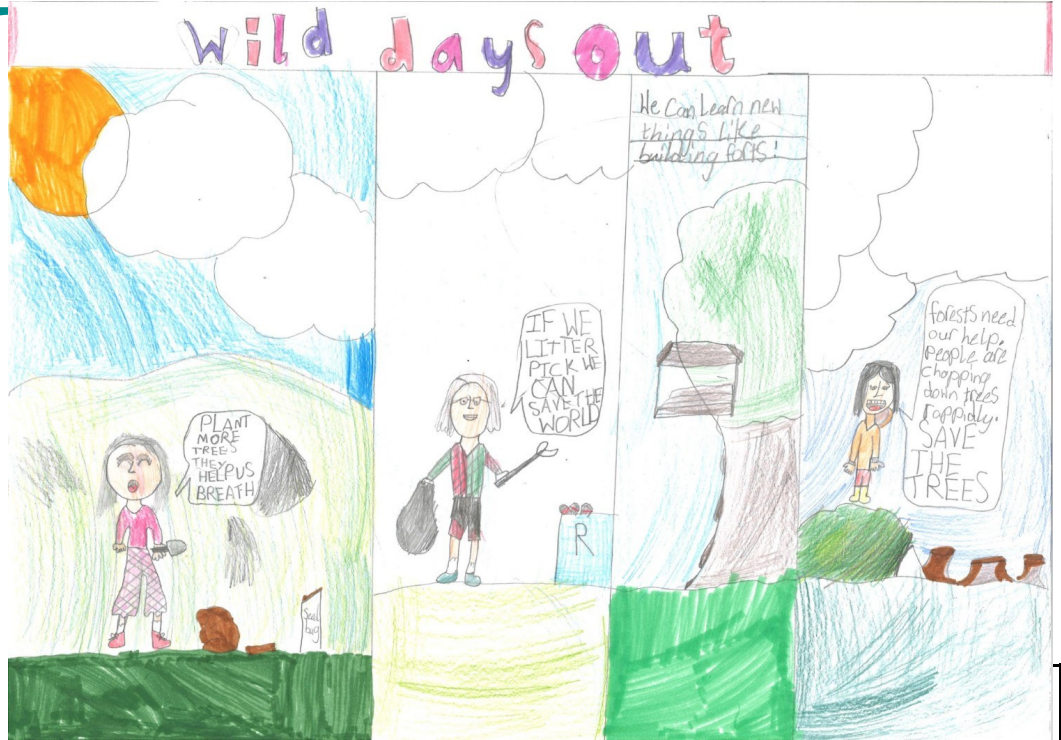
Stores which will vote on our project  
Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.

Banbridge, Large Unit, Banbridge Extra, Newcastle Newry Downshire

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.



## Wild Days Out with Primary 4/5



## Wild Days Out

On 27th February the Primary 4/5 class had their Wild Day Out prize with Lauren and Adam from Conservation Volunteers.

The children won the event as a prize in a Northern Ireland wide competition, sponsored by Hughes Insurance. The children wrote a submission on their views on the environment, and Cara Steele's artwork was chosen to represent their submission. Well done Cara, and well done P4 and P5.

The children had a very enjoyable morning birdwatching, building bird-houses and planting wildflower seeds.

Many thanks again to Lauren and Adam from TCVNI.



### Movie Day

The Friends Of The Fin held a movie day on 9th February to raise funds for outdoor play equipment. In total it raised £146 for school funds. A great day was had by all of the children. Thank you to Laura and Declan Brennan who donated popcorn, drinks and sweets for the event.



### Dancing Queens

Well done to Aoife and Emma from Primary 5 and to Evie and Mia from Primary 6 for their achievements in Irish dancing. All 4 girls must have giant trophy cabinets by now!



### Measuring with Miss Coughlan

P2/3 have really been enjoying their super fun measurement lessons with our student teacher Miss Coughlan. This week they have been exploring capacity



## Emily wins at Gymnastics

Well done to Emily Murray on her recent gymnastics awards! With all her new medals, a trophy and a certificate she showed great gymnastics skill. We are so proud of you!



## Clara wins St. Malachy's Prize

Congratulations to Clara Cope from P7, who won a One4All voucher at the St. Malachy's Open Day Quiz. She was presented with her prize earlier in the month by Mrs Travers. Well done Clara!



## AoEA certified

Mr Murphy has been accredited by the Association of Education Advisers (AoEA) and as fulfilling their criteria for excellence in the provision of educational advice has been awarded the certificated position of Associate.

