

DATES FOR THE DIARY

7TH MARCH

**SCHOOL CELEBRATES
WORLD BOOK DAY**

17TH MARCH

**ST PATRICK'S DAY
(SCHOOL CLOSED)**

28TH MARCH

FIRST CONFESSION

17TH APRIL

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT
12.00 NOON**

28TH APRIL

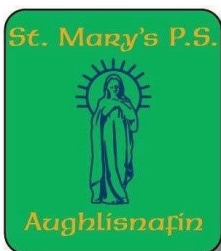
SCHOOL REOPENS

8TH—15TH MAY

BOOK FAIR

26TH & 27TH MAY

BANK HOLIDAY



News At Saint Mary's Primary School

Principal's Message

Hello, we have a lot happening at the school currently, we have invested in new outdoor play equipment, with more to come. This is following up on last year's fundraising. The money you raised is being put to good use and we are very grateful as ever for your support.

We have also responded to last year's questionnaire of parents, pupils, staff and governors by taking part in a programme called Being Well, Doing Well, which is targeted at supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of young people. Staff have already received training in supporting bereavement and handling critical incidents.

We are currently looking at the school's history online and our Throwback Thursday's have highlighted the past of our school as we continue to grow and develop the school for future generations of the local area. We are proud to say 'Up the Finn!'



Confirmation 2025

A massive congratulations to our P7 boys and girls who made their Confirmation with Bishop Alan McGuckian. Their behaviour in the chapel, their readings, presentation of the gifts and Marian procession were all exemplary. Well done to all!



A Pirate's Life for Primary 2



Bring Your Grown Up

Thanks to all who attended our Maths Problem solving workshop for parents. As well as providing a means of supporting pupils at home it helped secure iZak9 Maths resources for the school and provided a good bit of craic.



100% attendance in the first term

The school is also focusing on attendance as part of its development plan and the following boys and girls had 100% attendance in term 1! Well done everybody!



SCHOOL WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Up to date information can be found on our school website www.stmarysaughlisnafin.co.uk or by following St. Mary's on Facebook.

PTA Grandparents Day

On the 21st February our PTA, The Friends Of The Fin, held a coffee morning, to celebrate the parents and grandparents who support our pupils. A fantastic spread was laid on by the PTA members which was greatly appreciated by all. We had an amazing turn out and the pupils put on a show of dance, music, comedy, poetry and song. What a fantastic morning; thank you very much to all who contributed and attended. Our school vision aims for 'serving our community', and the school itself is well supported by our families, especially our parents and grandparents.



Eco Code

The eco council met last month to vote for a new eco-code for the school. Isabella Jennings from Primary 4 has created this year's Eco-code which is now displayed in each class. Special mention to Leena Brennan from Primary 1 who was runner up with her submission.

We should not cut down the bushes or the trees
 Because that's home to the birds and the bees.
 Wasting water is not kind
 Because in some countries it's hard to find.
 Please don't litter, please use the bin.
 We love our wildlife and the planet will win.



Boys Indoor Gaelic

Well done to all the boys who represented the school in the 5 a side indoor tournament. There will be more opportunities for tournaments later in the year and the boys represented the school very well. Good work lads!

Girls Indoor Football

Well done to our P7 girls who came joint top in their heat of the Cumann na mBunscol indoor 5 a side football finals. Three comprehensive wins against Newcastle, Magheramayo and Castlewella saw the girls progress, sadly falling to Kilcoo in the next heat.



N.I. Water Visit

Northern Ireland Water visited P6 & 7 to talk about the water cycle and the importance of water in our lives!



St Brigid's Crosses Workshop

A massive thank you to Catherine Quinn who visited our school and showed us all how to make St. Brigid's crosses. Each pupil had a chance to make their own cross under her help and guidance. This was a fun and challenging experience for the children who all did extremely well. This continued a tradition set by her mum Bernadette. Aoife also got involved by leading the Primary 7 group in their St Brigid's cross-making!

