



# St. Mary's Newsletter



**October 2024**

## 'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

### P3-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Breacan
- June
- Lukas

### P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Daire
- Cabhan
- Nyree

## 'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

**P5-P7 Class:**  
**Saorlaith**

**P3-P4 Class:**  
**Breacan**



## Thought for the month:

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."  
— Mahatma Gandhi

Please keep in mind our staff member– Mary– who is currently undergoing treatment for a serious illness. Hopefully we see Mary back with us soon but in the meantime we send her our best wishes and prayers.



## Maths Week 2024

Thank you to all the kids who dressed up for maths week 2024– the idea of maths week is to encourage pupils and parents to discuss maths in their homes and why it is important. Throughout the week pupils took part in many maths based activities and games.

## Attendance

There is lots of information on the school website, including the school policy, about the importance of school attendance. A big well done to the pupils who achieved full attendance for the month of October. Maith thú!

## Governing Body

Our governing body held their first full meeting on October 9th. A list of who the governors are is available on the school website.

## Oral History Project

Thank you to all the people involved in the project and we look forward to the production of the new book marking 200 years of a school on this site on Rathlin.

I wish you and your families a safe and restful half term break– it has been a very busy half term and the pupils, as usual, have responded so positively to everything that is going on in our school. 'Beag agus Bródúil: Small and Proud!'

## News and Information

Our 'x' and Facebook pages will keep you up to date on what's happening in school.

### **Follow us**

@StMarysRathlin

### **Website:**

www.stmarysprischat  
hinisland.co.uk

**facebook**



## Halloween Celebrations

We had a great time celebrating Halloween with our annual Halloween party on Friday 25th October. The kids had a great time dressing up and enjoyed our spooky disco.



## Boathouse Visit

Thank you to Jim and Stephen in the boathouse for the informative talk and guide. Our pupils had to decide what their favourite items were in the museum– not an easy thing to do.

## School Improvement Suggestion

Parents can give feedback on any views you have on a particular issue here .  
Please cut this box out and hand your idea or suggestion to the school.

## Cúpla Focal

### Míonna Na Bliana

Eanáir

Feabhra

Márta

Aibreán

Bealtaine

Meitheamh

Iúil

Lúnasa

Meán Fómhair

Deireadh Fómhair

Samhain

Nollaig

## School Timings

Remember our new school timings will be implemented after the half-term break. The main aspect for parents to consider is the new 2pm finish for all pupils on a Friday.



## Break Time

Breaktime will now take place from 10:40am-11am— please ensure your child has a healthy snack that they can eat during breaktime.

## School policies

Please try and familiarise yourself with all the school policies that are on our website— these are updated on a regular basis.

## Need advice about online safety?

If you're stuck, not sure what to do, or if you're worried about your child, you can also contact NSPCC counsellors on 0808 800 5000. Childline also has lots of information about online and mobile safety that will help you and your child.

## What are the risks for children online?

There are potential risks for children online. Consider these things when you talk with your child about

- What they're doing online.
- What they might see.
- Who they might speak to.
- How they behave.

## PE and ICT days:

### KS1– P3-P4

PE– Monday and Friday

ICT– Monday

### KS2– P5-P7

PE– Tuesday and Friday



## November 2024

| Mon                                  | Tue                        | Wed                                      | Thu                        | Fri                        | Sat | Sun |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----|-----|
|                                      |                            |                                          |                            | 1– HT holiday              | 2–  | 3–  |
| 4– Pupils return to school after HT. | 5–                         | 6–                                       | 7–                         | 8–                         | 9–  | 10– |
| 11– Anti-Bullying Week 2024–         | 12–Anti-Bullying Week 2024 | 13–Anti-Bullying Week 2024–Odd socks day | 14–Anti-Bullying Week 2024 | 15–Anti-Bullying Week 2024 | 16– | 17– |
| 18–                                  | 19–                        | 20–                                      | 21–                        | 22–                        | 23– | 24– |
| 25–                                  | 26–                        | 27–                                      | 28–                        | 29–                        | 30– | 1–  |