



St. Mary's Newsletter



April 2024

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

P2-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Breacan
- June
- Conan

P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Nyree
- Cabhan
- Oscar

'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

P4-P7 Class: Rowan
P2-P3 Class: Keavy



Wellbeing Monday

Pupils had great fun on their return to school on 8th April with our final wellbeing day of the year. The focus was on outdoor learning and this is something that we will be focusing on a lot in the summer term. Thank you to the Liferaft team for all your help.



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Thought for the Month:

"No matter how long winter is, spring is sure to follow."- Proverb

Storm Season

I am sure you all agree that this has been a particularly bad season in terms of named storms. According to the MET office this has been one of the worst years for named storms in recent times. Hopefully, the weather start to calm down and we can have a calmer end to the school year. Thank you for your patience as we work through the season and to the school staff who have stayed over to ensure the school can deliver face to face learning.

Going Paperless

As a school community we are making a big effort to use less paper and are pushing towards becoming more paperless. With this in mind, you will notice that more and more correspondence will be sent electronically including the newsletter. All letters that need a response will continue to be sent by paper. Please note that key letters and the newsletter will also be posted to the school website.

June Homework

In the month of June we will not be sending home normal written homework. We will be sending home a selection of activities for your child to complete and many of these will be non-screen and outdoor based. Spellings and reading will only be sent home in the first two weeks. Pupils will be asked to complete at least two of these each week but may choose to complete more if they want and we ask that pictures are sent to the office for the school website.

Microbits

This term, we have started our coding in ICT. KS2 pupils are using the microbits that were delivered at the beginning of the year. Microbits are tiny computers that help teach pupils how to code. Please encourage your child to code at home using the 'scratch' website or free app.

TT Rockstars

Please continue to encourage your child to use TT Rockstars at home. We are starting to see this have an impact on their ability to quickly recall their timetables— a key skill in the maths curriculum especially in the older year groups.



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 or alternatively email the school office.

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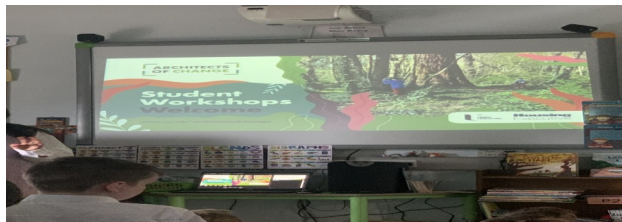


#BeProud After-noon

Thank you to all the parents who attended our #BeProud afternoon. The idea of the afternoon was to allow parents to see some of the great work our children have completed this year– in their books and in the classroom. We should all be immensely proud of them.

Future Island Project

The Future Island team started their project with us this month. The main focus of the visits was to teach the pupils about sustainability and climate change. Later in the term we will attend a special event in Cushendun with some other local schools. Further updates on the project will be posted on the school website and 'X' page.



School Sport

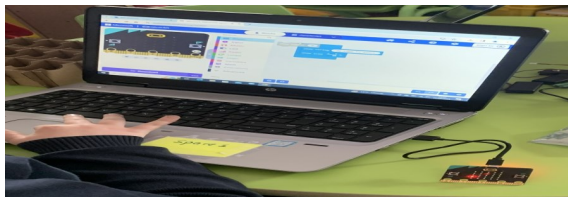
Pupils have been enjoying their PE lessons this term as we focus on hurling/camogie and sports day practise. It is great to see so much enthusiasm for our sporting sessions– this has been a big initiate that we started last year and we will continue to try and develop school sport in the coming months.



Sport and exercise is such key part of mental wellbeing so it's imperative that we encourage our pupils to get active and take part as much as possible.

ICT Updates

Using our microbits in school:



PE and ICT days:

KS1– P2-P4

PE– Monday (hurling) and Friday
ICT– Wednesday



KS2– P5-P7

PE– Tuesday (hurling) and Friday
ICT– Wednesday

May 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29-	30-	1- Future Island Project (FIP)	2-	3-Future Island Project (FIP)	4-	5-
6- SCHOOL CLOSED- May Day	7-	8-	9-	10- Future Island Project (FIP)- School Trip- Early Finish	11-	12-
13-	14-	15-	16-	17-	18-	19-
20-Assessment Week	21-Assessment Week	22-Assessment Week	23-Assessment Week	24-Blessing of the Boats!	25-	26-
27- Half-Term	28-Half-Term	29-Half-Term	30-Half-Term	31-Half-Term		