



St. Mary's Newsletter



March 2024

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

P2-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Whole Class
- Keavy
- Lily

P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Cabhan
- Daire
- Nyree

'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

**To be presented on
Monday April 8th af-
ter Easter Holidays!**

Confession

Well done to Lukas in P3 who made his first confession this month.

This is another important step in his faith development.



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Thought for the Month:

"For last year's words belong to last month's language, and next year's words await another voice." - *T. S. Eliot*

Wellbeing Day

For our next wellbeing day– 8th April– pupils can wear old clothes and wellies/boots to school as we will be outside for the day. Please ensure your child has a warm coat as well. The focus for our day will be outdoor learning and we will be joined by members of the LIFeraft team. We will also be having outdoor learning sessions every Friday this term so pupils will need to be dressed accordingly– these will be fun sessions but will have specific learning goals for each one. We will send reminders closer to the time.

March Updates:

What a busy month we had in March! Thank you to all our parents for embracing so much of what was happening in the month of March- the virtual online story night and dress up the 'spud' for world book day, our St. Patrick's day celebrations and themed week- 'Our Ireland', first Confession, the AGM and of course our Easter preparations. We were very lucky to have local author Paddy Donnelly present every child with a signed copy of his book courtesy of the Booktrust NI. We presented Paddy with his very own Rathlin golden hare– handmade on the island. Thank you to Oscar's family who kindly donated it. Pictures of these events are available over-leaf, on the school's website and also our twitter/x page.

PE after Easter

After Easter both classes will be doing hurling/camogie for PE. If your child has their own helmet and stick, please ensure they take it to school on their PE day– P5-P7 will do so on a Tuesday.

Be Proud Afternoon

All parents and family are invited to the school on Tuesday 30th April at 2pm to look at your child's books and other work from this year. This is an opportunity for you to see the progress your child has made this year and share their journey with them.

Future Island Project- Architects of Change

As a school we will be taking part in this project in Term 3. Most of you will be familiar with it after the recent NI Science Week events on the island. Please ensure permission slips for photos etc. are returned asap.

The Future Island-Island project will apply the best design-led research to the 'real world' and see which are most feasible on a large scale. This two-year project will find out what works for Rathlin and what can be applied to other communities – through lifestyle changes, eco-friendly waste management options. Look out for our school trip as part of the project– more details to follow.

Sensory Workshops

The Children's Occupational Therapy Service is inviting you as a parent/ carer to attend a Sensory Regulation Parent Workshop. These workshops can be accessed remotely– please see the school website for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations 2024

We had a great time celebrating St. Patrick's Day 2024.



Paddy Donnelly Visit



PE and ICT days:



KS1- P2-P4

PE- Monday and Friday

ICT- Wednesday



KS2- P5-P7

PE- Tuesday and Friday

World Book Day 2024

We celebrated world book day by decorating our potatoes as our favourite book character. Both classes also enjoyed their virtual bedtime stories. Can you spot the characters?



April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1- Easter Holi- days	2-Easter Holi- days	3-Easter Holi- days	4-Easter Holi- days	5-Easter Holi- days	6-Easter Holi- days	7-Easter Holi- days
8- Wellbeing Day. Outdoor learning!	9-	10- Future is- land Project	11-	12- Outdoor learning 2pm- 3pm	13-	14-
15-	16-	17-Future island Project	18-	19- Outdoor learning 2pm- 3pm	20-	21-
22- Earth Day 2024	23-	24-Future island Project	25-	26-Future island Project Outdoor learn- ing 2pm-3pm	27-	28-
29-	30- Be proud afternoon 2pm in school	1-		2-		

