



St. Mary's Newsletter



February 2024

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

P2-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Breacán
- Keavy
- Conán

P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Rowan
- Saorlaith
- Oscar

'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

P5-P7 Class: Daire

P2-P4 Class: Lukas

'Our Ireland'

On the week beginning 11th March we are having a themed week called 'Our Ireland'.

During this week we will learn lots of facts about Ireland in the lead up to our St. Patrick's Day celebrations. We will also welcome local author Paddy Donnelly as he talks about his new book about the golden hare of Rathlin.



News and Information

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Website:

www.stmarysprisrathlinisland.co.uk

Thought for the Month:

"It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe." – Muhammad Ali

Curriculum Updates:

One of the key areas of mental maths that all children need to try and master is the rapid recall of the times tables. We work a lot on this in school and have this year introduced pupils to 'TT Rockstars'. Please encourage your child to use it at home. More guidance on helping your child learn them is available on this website:

<https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/how-to-help-your-child-learn-times-tables-at-home/>

(NB: this is written for English schools so Year 1 means P2, Year 2 means P3 etc.)

Policies:

Please note that all school policies are available on the school website. They can be found in the 'About Us' section on the home page. I would encourage you to check the school website as we update it on a regular basis.

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Internet safety Day 2024 Assembly:

Safer Internet Day 2024 took place on the 6th of February 2024. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day focused on change online. As a school, we are always aware of the issue of safer internet use and have already completed a full section of our ICT curriculum this year on this area. As a parent of two primary school children, I fully understand the challenges we face in keeping our kids safe but there is help and guidance out there. Please see overleaf for some ideas.

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:

- Maidin mhaith- good morning.
- Tráthnóna maith- good afternoon.
- Oíche mhaith- good night.
- Fáilte- welcome
- Slán- bye

Newsletter Online:

Please note the newsletter (and past editions) are always available on the school website so any website links can be accessed interactively.

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Please have a look at our latest school letters and monthly newsletters below to keep up to date with everything that's happening in our school. Make sure you check back regularly!

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Outdoor Learning:

After the Easter break we are launching our new outdoor learning initiative with the pupils. We are keen to make this an integral part of our school life and curriculum and have planned:

- to have at least one period of the school timetable set aside for outdoor learning over of the course of the school week.
- to use the school garden area during lunchtimes in the summer months.
- to set up and maintain our own growing area.

I would like to thank the LIFERAFT team who have agreed to come along to our wellbeing day on the 8th April. Anyone else willing to help please let us know.

P5-P7 'Sinking Titanic Project'



ICT Updates:

For tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online please see the following website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

PE and ICT days:



KS1- P2-P4

PE- Monday and Friday
ICT- Wednesday

KS2- P5-P7

PE- Tuesday and Friday
ICT- Wednesday

March 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
4	5- P5-P7 Attending Céilidh in BC	6- First Confession	7	8	9	10
11- Theme Week - Our Ireland	12- Theme week - Our Ireland	13- Paddy Donnelly-Author Visit	14- St. Patrick's Day Celebrations - 2pm finish for all	15- St. Patrick's Day Weekend	16-St. Patrick's Day Weekend	17-St. Patrick's Day Weekend
18-St. Patrick's Day Weekend	19-	20-	21-	22	23	24
25- Visit from W5	26-	27- AGM in Branston Centre - all pupils in to 3:30pm	28- 11:45am finish Easter Party	29- Good Friday	30- Easter Saturday	31- Easter Sunday