



# St. Mary's Newsletter



January 2024

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

### P2-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Conan
- Lukas
- Lily
- Oscar

### P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Cabhan
- Daire
- Nyree
- June

## 'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

**P5-P7 Class: Rowan**  
(Dec)  
**Saorlaith** (Jan)

**P2-P4 Class: Keavy**  
(Dec)  
**Conan** (Jan)

## Catholic Schools' Week 2024

Catholic Schools Week took place from Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th January 2024 and the theme was: Catholic Schools as Communities of Service. Pupils took part in some activities and assemblies during the week.

## News and Information

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## Website:

www.stmarysprisrathlinisland.co.uk

## Thought for the Month:

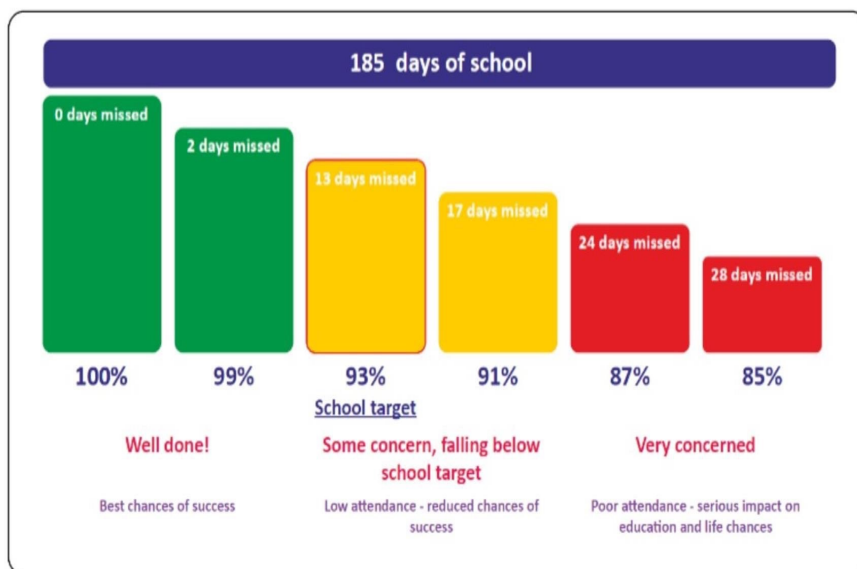
"There are better things ahead than any we leave behind." C.S. Lewis

## New Year

Happy new year to everyone our school community. As we look forward to a new year, we are always thankful for what we have and look at helping those around us who may be less fortunate.

## Attendance:

Regular attendance at school ensures that children get the best possible start in life. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life. School education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment.



## NSPCC Assembly:

We are participating in the NSPCC's '**Speak out. Stay safe**' programme this term. '**Speak out. Stay safe**' is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

## 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:



**Na huimhreacha**  
**Numbers 1-20**



LÉARGAS

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|----|-----------------|---------------|
| 1  | A haon          | a he-in       |
| 2  | A dó            | a daw         |
| 3  | A trí           | a tree        |
| 4  | A ceathair      | a ka-her      |
| 5  | A cúig          | a coo-ig      |
| 6  | A sé            | a shay        |
| 7  | A seacht        | a shocked     |
| 8  | A hocht         | a h-ock-t     |
| 9  | A naoi          | a knee        |
| 10 | A deich         | a j-i         |
| 11 | A haon déag     | a he-in jeg   |
| 12 | A dó dhéag      | a daw yeg     |
| 13 | A trí déag      | a tree jeg    |
| 14 | A ceathair déag | a ka-her jeg  |
| 15 | A cúig déag     | a coo-ig jeg  |
| 16 | A sé déag       | a shay jeg    |
| 17 | A seacht déag   | a shocked jeg |
| 18 | A hocht déag    | a h-ock-t jeg |
| 19 | A naoi déag     | a knee jeg    |
| 20 | Fiche           | fee-ha        |



Muintear Sarah



Muintear John

## Wellbeing Monday

We had our first wellbeing day of 2024 in January when the pupils returned to school. The theme of the day was art and design. Pupils had to design and build their ideal space ship- a place where they would feel safe and comfortable travelling in. They had to:

- Discover ways of working together with friends by drawing or building a spaceship.
- Explore what would make the spaceship a comfortable and enjoyable place to be with friends.
- Think about what could be learned from spending time with friends in the spaceship.



### ICT Updates:

What are parental controls?  
Parental controls allow you to block and filter up-setting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices.

For more information please see follow the advice from the NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

### PE and ICT days:



#### KS1- P2-P4

PE- Monday and Friday

ICT- Wednesday

#### KS2- P5-P7

PE- Tuesday and Friday

ICT- Wednesday

## February 2024

| Mon                 | Tue                   | Wed                            | Thu                 | Fri                 | Sat                | Sun                |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                     |                       |                                | 1- St. Brigid's Day | 2-                  | 3-                 | 4-                 |
| 5-                  | 6- Safer internet day | 7-                             | 8-                  | 9-                  | 10-                | 11-                |
| 12-                 | 13- Shrove Tuesday    | 14- Ash Wednesday- PLP Reviews | 15-                 | 16- Half-Term Break | 17-Half-Term Break | 18-Half-Term Break |
| 19- Half-term Break | 20-                   | 21-                            | 22-                 | 23-                 | 24-                | 25-                |
| 26-                 | 27-                   | 28-                            | 29-                 | 1-                  | 2-                 | 3-                 |