



St. Mary's Newsletter



December 2023

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

P2-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Lukas
- Whole Class

P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Rowan
- Saorlaith

'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month: (to be announced Monday 8th Jan)

Thought for the Month:

"A new month marks a new beginning and a fresh start."
- Winifred Kal

January

Pupils return to school on Monday 8th January. As usual, we will commence the new term with a wellbeing day. The focus of it will be art so pupils can wear their own clothes for the day. We would encourage pupils to please bring in any old boxes, magazines, egg boxes from home for the day- a perfect opportunity to recycle some of those boxes from Santa's presents.

Targets

In January we will be setting the pupils some child friendly targets to work on over the course of the term. These should help pupils take real ownership of their learning. The targets will be displayed in their homework diary.

RATHLIN Values

Over the course of this term we have been looking at what makes our school unique. Pupils and staff have come up with a set of values to remind us of this.

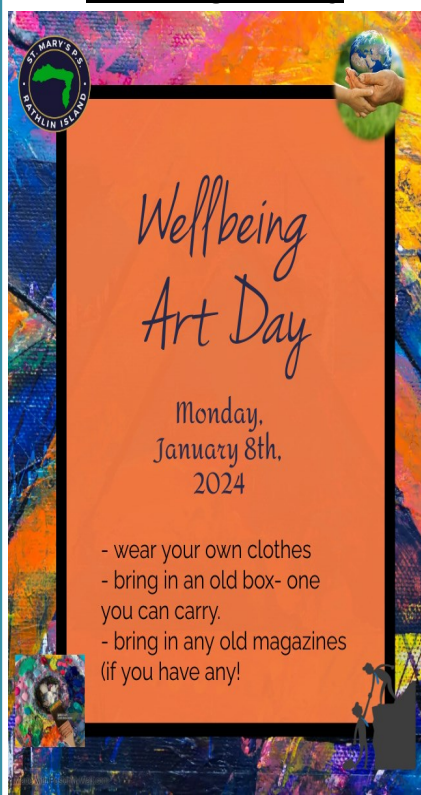
R- resilience
A- attitude
T- teamwork
H- helpfulness
L- laughter
I- independence
N- nurturing

You will see and hear more about these values throughout the rest of the year.

Christmas

Thank you to everyone for coming to our Christmas service 2023. The pupils read, sang, performed and played their tin whistles so well. We are all very proud of them. As we break up for Christmas, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. Let's hope the weather is kind to us and we can all enjoy some time with our families. A special good luck at anyone travelling over the Christmas period.

Wellbeing Monday



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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:

Nollaig shona duit!
 daoibh– Happy Christmas
Daidí na Nollag– Santa
Bronntanas– present
Crann na Nollag– Christmas Tree
Cárta Nollag– Christmas Card
Turcaí– Turkey
Cloííní Nollag– bells



School Panto Visit

We attended the annual Pantomime in Coleraine on Thursday 14th December. We had a great time and before boarding the bus we had a visit to the Integrated school where we were treated to a breakfast snack.



Christmas Service 2023



Christmas Lunch 2023

Pupils and staff enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th. Thank you to the staff of the Manor House for a lovely afternoon.

ICT Updates

Please always monitor what your child is accessing online. Some pupils have mentioned that they are playing Fortnite at home.

Fortnite is rated for children over the age of 12 as it contains mild violence with the use of whatever weapon the players can find. Please see this article for more information:

<https://www.bitdefender.co.uk/blog/hotforsecurity/parents-need-know-fortnite/>



PE and ICT days:

KS1– P2-P4

PE– Monday and Friday

ICT– Monday

KS2– P5-P7

PE– Tuesday and Friday

ICT– Wednesday



January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	6-	7-
8– Pupils re- turn to school	9-	10-	11-	12-	13-	14-
15-	16-	17-	18-	19– NSPCC Day	20-	21-
22-	23-	24-	25-	26-	27-	28-
29-	30-	31-				