



St. Mary's Newsletter



November 2023

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

P2-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Breacan
- Keavy
- June

P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Saorlaith
- Nyree
- Daire

'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

P4-P7 Class: Nyree
P2-P3 Class: Breacan

Wellbeing Monday

Pupils had great fun on their return to school with our second wellbeing day of the year. On the day, we focused on music and looked at how music can help with our wellbeing– both listening and performing. Miss Bakewell led the pupils in some tin whistle activities and we also had time for some yoga with music.



Thought for the Month:

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."- Dalai Lama

Hurling/Camogie/Football Equipment

We would like to thank everyone at Cumann Na Bunscoil for the kind donation of equipment to the school. This will help greatly when we do hurling and camogie in the summer term as part of games in our PE lessons and will be used for many years to come.

Wren Boys

We were delighted to welcome the Belfast Wren Boys to the school on 10th November. They taught the pupils all about the history of the Wren Boys, their role in Celtic mythology and of course preformed for us. Go raibh maith agat to the Wren boys.

Music Lessons

Miss Bakewell has started our music lessons in school in preparation for our Christmas performance. We will be concentrating on the tin whistle and learning some tunes that will be performed at the Christmas show.

Christmas

Christmas is fast approaching and is obviously a very busy period in any school. Please see some key dates below and as always these dates are subject to change. Homework will be distributed as follows:

- **WB 4th Dec- homework as normal**
- **WB 11th Dec- reading homework only– no Spellings!**
- **WB 18th Dec- No written, reading nor spelling homework.**

Corrymeela Project

This year we are taking part in the 'Shine a light for Peace' project being run by the Corrymeela Project. We will be selling a tag which can be decorated and displayed on your Christmas tree at home. All donations to the school office please.



Christmas 2023: Key Dates

- (1) Wednesday 13th December– Christmas performance at 1:30pm in the church.
- (2) Thursday 14th Dec– school trip to the panto.
- (3) Tuesday 19th December– pupils Christmas lunch in the Manor House (collection 1:30pm from Manor House). Christmas jumper day.
- (4) Thursday 21st December pupils' Christmas party– 2pm finish.
- (5) Friday 22nd December– last day of term- 11:45am finish.

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.

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Cúpla Focal:

'Tá mé i mo chónaí i
Reachraidh
I live in Rathlin.
Pronounced:

Taw may ih muh
khoh-nee ih Rake Ri'

Wellbeing Day– November 2023



Belfast Wren Boys– November 2023



Anti-Bullying Week 2023



ICT Updates

This term we are continuing to look at 'e-safety' and many aspects of it such as passwords.

With the possibility of remote learning, it is very important that laptops are kept up-to-date, please ensure you switch them on at least once a week and run any relevant updates. Remember pupils can always access their 'MySchool' account through a personal device or laptop at home.

PE and ICT days:

KS1– P2-P4

PE– Monday and Friday

ICT– Monday

KS2– P5-P7

PE– Tuesday and Friday

ICT– Wednesday

December 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1-	2-	3-
4-	5-	6-	7-	8-	9--	10-
11-	12–	13- School Christmas Service– 1:30pm	14-School Trip to Panto in Coleraine	15–	16-	17-
18-	19-School Dinner in Manor House.	20–	21– School Disco – 2pm finish for all.	22– Last day of term: 11:45am finish	23– School Holi-days	24-School Holi-days
25-School Holi-days	26-School Holi-days	27-School Holi-days	28-School Holi-days	29-School Holi-days	30-School Holi-days	31-School Holi-days