



# St. Mary's Newsletter



September 2023

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

### P2-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Lukas
- Conan
- Keavy
- Lily

### P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Nyree
- Cabhan
- Daire
- Rowan

## 'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

**P4-P7 Class: Oscar**  
**P2-P3 Class: June**

We are very proud to have been the first school in NI to be involved in the upcoming project for organ donation. The final project will be published soon.



## News and Information



Our twitter page will keep you up to date on what's happening in school. Follow us @StMarysRathlin

Website:  
[www.stmarysprisrathlinisland.co.uk](http://www.stmarysprisrathlinisland.co.uk)

## Thought for the month:

'Team Work divides the task and multiplies the success.'

Author Unknown

Welcome back to another school year– where did the 'summer' go? We have started the school year in positive mood and despite staffing changes we are all settled and learning new things. A big welcome to our new Key Stage 1 teacher Miss Bakewell. You have all made her feel very welcome.

## Fundraising

It was a busy summer for us all and we would like to thank all those who donated to the fundraising initiative– the BBQ and walk- over the summer. A special thank you to the Manor House and McCuaig's bar for their kind donation and organisers Tania and Jessica. Please look out for 'Cash for Clobber' as we will be taking part in it soon too.

## Credit Union

We have recently signed up the Credit Union Young Savers initiative– we are very thankful to the Credit Union for their kind donation to the school. Please see the pupils' packs for more information.

## Communication

Please remember to regularly check the school website and follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with what is happening in school. I will also publish key dates in the monthly newsletter (see calendar overleaf).

## Remote Learning

Thank you to those families who attended the 'TEAMS' workshop. I would encourage you to familiarise yourself with the guide to Microsoft Teams for parents that was published recently. It may be useful in the coming months.

Mr E McGuigan

## Wellbeing Day September 2023



## Cúpla Focal

Dia duit

Meaning: "Hello"

## New Build Update:

The tender for design has now been agreed. Updates will follow.

## Internet safety

This term our big focus in ICT will be internet safety. It is an ever changing picture and as parents and teachers we can find it hard to keep up to date with technology and what is happening online. Please talk to your children about what we are doing in school and find out about some of the things they are learning about internet safety.

## Useful Websites and Apps

Please see our school website for a list of useful websites and apps that may help you with home and remote learning. As is always the case with these sites, they may not always work as technology moves so quick and quite often they are removed to be replaced with the 'latest version'. They can be found on the section entitled 'curriculum'.

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## ICT Suggestion of the month:

Start by discussing the questions that are most relevant to your family :

### Getting started

- What do we enjoy doing online?
- What apps, games and websites do we use the most?
- Do we already have any rules about use of tech we want to include in our family agreement?

## PE and ICT days:



**KS1- P2  
-P4**

**PE-  
Monday  
and Fri-  
day**

**ICT- Monday**

**KS2- P4-P7**

**PE- Tuesday and Friday**



## October 2023

| Mon             | Tue                             | Wed                   | Thu                                             | Fri                                                  | Sat | Sun |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
|                 |                                 |                       |                                                 |                                                      |     | 1   |
| 2               | 3                               | 4                     | 5- Flu vaccines for pupils.                     | 6                                                    | 7   | 8   |
| 9               | 10- Liz Weir (author) visiting. | 11                    | 12                                              | 13                                                   | 14  | 15  |
| 16              | 17                              | 18- Parents' Meetings | 19                                              | 20                                                   | 21  | 22  |
| 23              | 24                              | 25                    | 26- Halloween Party. 2pm finish for all pupils. | 27- Last day of Term- 11:45am finish for all pupils. | 28  | 29  |
| 30- HT Holidays | 31- HT- Holidays                | 1- HT- Holidays       | 2- HT- Holidays                                 | 3- HT- Holidays                                      | 4-  | 5-  |

