



St. Mary's Newsletter



March 2025

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

P3-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Lily
- Lukas
- Breacan
- June

P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Nyree
- Oscar
- Keavy
- Saorlaith

'Golden Tie' Winner for the Months:

P5-P7 Class:
Conan

P3-P4 Class:
Lukas



News and Infor- mation

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Thought for the month:

'March is a month of transition—winter fading into spring, endings making way for new beginnings. It's a reminder that change is inevitable, but growth comes with it.'

Our Ireland Themed Week

During the week 10th-14th March we held a themed week of activities based around Irish culture, history, and traditions! The pupils get so much out of these themes weeks and are so enthusiastic to learn lots of facts about Ireland. Pictures of the event are available on our social media platforms and on our website.

200th anniversary book launch by Rathlin Oral History Group

All pupils and parents are invited to the launch of the of the Rathlin School Days booklet as part of the 200th anniversary of the school site. This event will take place in the Branson Centre on **Friday 11 April at 12.30pm**. After the event pupils can go home with you if necessary.

Date for your diary: 200th anniversary Mass and celebration— **Friday 23rd May 2025.**

Look out for our special commemorative badges that will distributed to our families soon as part of our celebration year.

Future Island-Island

In May, we will welcome back Jenny from Future Island-Island as she completes the project with our pupils. They will be focusing on our 200th anniversary and what school may look like in the future. Thank you also to the team for their donation of a VR headset to our school.

Lent and Easter Preparations

As we journey through Lent towards Easter, we have been doing activities to help the children reflect on this special season. Through class discussions, we have been learning about the importance of kindness, gratitude, and helping others. The children have also had a chance to deepen their understanding of Jesus' journey to the cross and the joy of Easter.

Mr. E McGuigan

Family Holidays

Recent correspondence from the Department of Education School Attendance team have made it clear that all family holidays will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence** as the **'Department does not condone families taking children out of school during term time.'**

Please remember this when booking holidays during the school term.

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

Ar mhaith leat? Would you like?



Ar mhaith leat anlann tráta? Would you like tomato sauce?

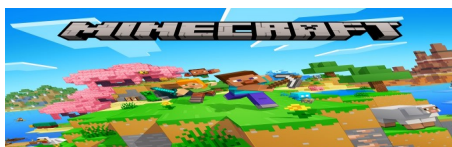
Ar mhaith leat glasraí? Would you like vegetables?

Ar mhaith leat deoch? Would you like a drink?

Ar mhaith leat bainne?

Ba mhaith liom bainne. I would you like milk?

How to Establish Healthy Gaming Habits



- **Screen Time Limits:** Work with your child to create a balanced schedule that includes homework, physical activity, family time, and gaming. Set clear limits on daily or weekly screen time.
- **Regular Check-Ins:** Keep an eye on how the game is affecting your child's behaviour, mood, and sleep patterns. Open a dialogue to discuss any concerns they might have about their gameplay.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

PE and ICT days:

KS1- P3-P4

PE- Monday and Friday

ICT- Monday

KS2- P5-P7

PE- Tuesday and Friday

ICT- Wednesday

April 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1-	2-	3-	4- Future Island Workshop	5-	6-
7- SCHOOL TRIP Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week	8-Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week	9-Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week	10-Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week	11- 200th anniversary book launch Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week	12-	13-
14-	15- Visit to RSPB Nature Reserve	16-	17- 11:30am Finish for Easter-Easter Party	18- Easter Holidays	19-Easter Holidays	20-Easter Holidays
21-Easter Holidays	22-Easter Holidays	23-Easter Holidays	24-Easter Holidays	25-Easter Holidays	26-Easter Holidays	27-Easter Holidays
28- Wellbeing Day- non uniform day	29-	30-				

