



St. Mary's Newsletter



November 2024

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

P3-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Lily
- Breacan
- Lukas
- June

P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Conan
- Keavey
- Saorlaith
- Oscar

'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

P5-P7 Class:
Daire

P3-P4 Class:
Lukas



Thought for the month:

"However, the Sun himself is weak when he first rises, and gathers strength and courage as the day gets on." — Charles Dickens

Christmas 2024- Key dates

Please see below key dates in the lead up to the busy Christmas period:

Thursday 5th December- Christmas Panto with BIPS

Saturday 7th December- Christmas market in the Manor House

Friday 13th December- Christmas show in the church at 1pm.

Wednesday 18th December- Christmas Lunch in Manor House/Christmas Jumper Day- collection from Manor House.

Thursday 19th Dec- Christmas Party- 2pm finish for all .

Friday 20th Dec- Last day of term 11:45am finish for all.



Anti-Bullying week

Once again we took part in anti-bullying week. Over the course of the week we had discussions to promote kindness, respect and awareness about the impact of bullying, encouraging everyone to take a stand against it. We took part in the national odd socks day on Tuesday. Thank you, as always, for supporting the event.

School Policies

All relevant school policies are available on the school website. Please take time to familiarise yourself with these and if you have any questions please let us know- paper copies are available on request.

Mr E McGuigan

News and Information

Our 'x' and Facebook pages will keep you up to date on what's happening in school.

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Website:

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Odd Socks Day Nov 2024



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

Mo theaghlach- My family

mamáí (mammy) – mo mhamáí (my mammy)
 daidí (daddy) – mo dhaidí (my daddy)
 deirfiúr (sister) – mo dheirfiúr (my sister)
 deartháir (brother) – mo dheartháir (my brother)
 aintín (aunt) – m'aintín* (my aunt)
 uncail (uncle) – m'uncail* (my uncle)
 iníon (daughter) – m'iníon* (my daughter)
 mac (son) – mo mhac (my son)
 mamó (granny) – mo mhamó (my granny)
 daideo (granda) – mo dhaideo (my granda)

10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1 Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely** and **positively**.
- 2 Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.
- 3 Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.
- 4 Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.
- 5 Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).
- 6 Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.
- 7 Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.
- 8 **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.
- 9 Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.
- 10 **Learn more**: Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

Parent Governor

Thank you to Tania who once again will act as the parent rep on the governing body for another term.

Safer Schools NI App

Please remember to download the Safer Schools NI app– it provides you with easy-to-follow steps to make your home and devices safer.



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December Homework

During the month of December, we will only be sending home reading homework. This will allow the pupils more time to learn their lines for the Christmas play.

PE and ICT days:

KS1– P3-P4

PE– Monday and Friday
 ICT– Monday

KS2– P5-P7

PE– Tuesday and Friday



December 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1-
2-	3-	4-	5– C'mas pan-to with BIPS	6-	7– PTA C'mas event	8-
9-	10-	11-	12-	13– C'mas show	14-	15-
16-	17-	18– C'mas dinner in Manor	19– C'mas party– 2pm finish	20– Half-day for Christmas– 11:45am	21– C'mas Holidays	22–C'mas Holidays
23–C'mas Holidays	24–C'mas Holidays	25–C'mas Holidays	26–C'mas Holidays	27–C'mas Holidays	28–C'mas Holidays	29–C'mas Holidays
30–C'mas Holidays	31–C'mas Holidays					