



St. Mary's News

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Some key dates

Confirmation

28th April in Holy Family Church @ 12.00 noon

School Closed

4th May

Mid Term

22nd May & 25th May

Reports Issued

29th May

P1 Induction Meeting

2nd June

First Communion

6th June

Sports Day

9th June-
weather permitting

P7 Performance

18th June @ 7.00pm

P7 leavers Mass & Records of Achievement

24th June @ 11.00am

Choir Celebrations

26th June

P7 Residential

29th & 30th June

Summer Scheme

1st July-10th July

A Big Welcome!

This month we have welcomed Mr Mc Guigan our Vice Principal to the school. Mr Mc Guigan is committed to raising school standards and has experience of moving schools forward. He is a keen GAA player and has a passion for ICT. We wish him every success and happiness in his position in St. Mary's Primary School.

Mr Mc Guigan will take a key role in developing Literacy within the school.

Action Plan for Improvement

The management of the school have worked with CCMS and the Education Authority to develop an Action Plan for Improvement. This has been submitted to DENI and we now await correspondence with the Inspectorate.

As part of this plan staff will undergo training provided by the Board. This will ensure all staff have the necessary skills and expertise to provide High Quality teaching and learning experiences for all the children in the school. This programme of training has already begun.

Liturgical Events

We started the month with the solemn celebration of our Passion play hosted by our P5/6 class. Each child adopted their role with confidence and reverence and brought the story very much alive.

Our P7 children demonstrated their responsibility and deep faith at both their service of commitment and their confirmation. They were very memorable occasions for the whole school community. As always we were very proud of our children. Well Done!

Admission to year 1 September 2015

Parents will be informed on Wednesday 29th April for P1 placements.

Punctuality & School Attendance

We ask parents to give this their full attention. This is one way you can help make our school a very successful school in this community. Please ensure your children come to school everyday and are in the line for five to 9! It makes a difference to your learning and achievement!

Internet Safety

For our children to be well equipped for the world in which they live we acknowledge the importance of advancing technology. However we urge you to ensure that your children are safe on the internet. We would suggest you visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk, where you will find clear information relating to the safe use of all digital methods of communication.

Soccer Fever

Soccer fever has gripped St. Mary's PS and under the coaching skills of Mr Sharvin we play our first match against Killyleagh PS on Wednesday 6th May. Come on St. Mary's!

Follow us on twitter:
[@StMarysKillyl](https://twitter.com/StMarysKillyl)





Happy Birthday
To the April Boys
and Girls

Bethany Medwell

Amy Rooney

Orla McComb

Sophie Newman

Madison Beattie

Jayden Crothers

Katelyn Fegan

Finlay Quigley

A Big Thank you to Mrs Hagan for leading us in the Big Pedal. Our participation won us first prize and a wonderful trophy. Hopefully this is the first of many!

Ready to Report!

Our writing focus for the month of April was report writing. Every class explored a variety of reports and identified the key features of a report. After much modelled and shared writing experiences the children produced their own reports. We are very proud of our writing and many wonderful reports are displayed in our library for others to enjoy. Ask about our report writing and we will gladly show it off!

Look Smart..... Think Smart!

Help us to get the image of our school right. Always wear the proper school uniform. To think smart you need to drink plenty of water and eat healthy foods. Please leave the sweets and chocolate at home for treat day!

Every Day in Every Way we are Getting Better and Better at Numeracy.....

Help us to develop Numeracy language by talking to your child about Numeracy Strategies. How many strategies can they talk to you about?

Action Plan for Improvement

The Education Authority is supporting staff in their professional development. Some of the training staff are currently undergoing is as follows:

- ✓ Effective teaching in Literacy
- ✓ Building an effective team
- ✓ Developing Best Practice in Mental Maths
- ✓ Observing Best Practice in Play Based Learning

Are you a Star Catcher?

Classes of the week for April were;
13th April..... Mrs Miller's class
20th AprilMrs Cieslik's class
27th April... Dr Daly's class

