



# St Mary's Primary Newsletter

## March 2023



Dear Parents,

We would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions toward our FOSM St Patrick's Day Green Hamper and for supporting the Cow Clapping Competition in partnership with St Ronan's College Foundation. Our school received £470 as a result of your generosity

Mrs U McAlinden



*Neelia Feighan (P5) the winner of the St Patrick's Day Green Hamper Raffle.*



*Erin Donnelly (P5) and Harry McAlinden (P6) representing us at the Cow Clapping Event.*



This term we said a sad goodbye to Mrs Comiskey, who has been our School Secretary for over 15 years. Mrs Comiskey has been a big part of our school life and we are most grateful to her for all she has contributed over the years. We wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Primary 5/6 organised a successful school Jumble Sale. There is much excitement and delight when the other year groups were invited to purchase a range of toys, books, games, baked goods, and participate in the 'beauty' workshops. Well, done!



### **Reminder of Important Dates:**

- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 - Whole School Trip as part of 'Outdoor Learning' to Hillsborough Castle and Gardens.
- Easter holidays – 12pm finish on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April and returning to school Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm - P7 Confirmation (P7 wear their own clothes); (P4-P7 -school uniform)
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May– King's Coronation
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Staff Development Day
- First Communion for P4 is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 1.00pm in St Mary's Church, (P5-P7 to wear school uniform)
- Primary One Admissions Outcome - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Well done to our St Mary's Football Team of Primary 6 and 7 pupils who competed in the Armagh GAA Blitz in Middletown. They all played brilliantly.



Our boys from P5-P7 got the opportunity to participate in a workshop with Alison McNeill from the National Youth Choir Northern Ireland. A number of these boys were successful in the auditions that followed.

Well, done to all our past pupils who won an Ulster Title and have progressed to the All-Ireland Finals. We wish Captain Orla McAlinden and her team, all the best in the All Ireland Final.



### Upcoming Whole School Trip.

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 Primary 1 – 7 are attending our first whole school trip since COVID-19. As part of our 'Outdoor Learning' we will be visiting Hillsborough Castle and Gardens and working with the gardeners there. We are hoping to develop our Eco Garden further. Following this visit we will be working in partnership with Portadown Health and Wellness and the Empower Garden Centre with this project. Our aim is that everyone will feel involved in a project that should enhance and develop our school grounds and learning experiences.

**Other Events**, we have been enjoying several programmes with outside agencies. We thank them for supporting our children.

- Healthy Kidz coaches – (Thursdays) are helping to keep all our children fit.
- The North Armagh Gaelic football league recommences next Tuesday at St. Peter's GAA
- Lurgan Cricket Club are providing coaching for 5 weeks beginning on 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Swimming continues for P5 to P7 on Wednesday afternoons
- Music Lessons for P5 to P7 continues Fridays with the EA School of Music
- P4 have enjoyed Mensanna Workshops
- 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April – School Nurse visit for Primary 1
- Credit Union saving scheme continues - Wednesday 19th April



*Many thanks to you all for your continued support*

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