



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, CUSHENDALL

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018



As you will see, we have had an extremely busy time since we came back to school in Term 2 and we hope you enjoy reading about what we have been doing.



SCHOOL COUNCIL SNOWMAN DRIVE

On December 21st our School Council organised a 'Snowman Drive' fundraiser.

Thomas & Niamh designed the sheet. Everyone had great fun

building their 'snowmen'. Congratulations to our winners and well done to the School Council who raised £69 to buy playground equipment.



LIBRARIANS WORD JUMBLE FUNDRAISER

The Librarians organised a Christmas Word Jumble competition to help raise funds for our Library. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to all the children who took part they raised a fantastic £62 which bought some new books.



PANTOMIME TIME at the GRAND OPERA HOUSE

On Thursday 11th January we went on our annual trip to the Pantomime. Everyone had a great time at the Grand Opera House, Belfast. This year we watched "Peter Pan".



CREDIT UNION QUIZ

Well done to **Gráinne, Alex, Clodagh & Ryan** who took part in this year's Credit Union Quiz held on Friday 6th January 2018 in Ramoan Parish Centre in Ballycastle.



ST BRIGID'S CROSS MAKING

Thank you to our Grannies, Mums and Dads who came into school to help the children make St Brigid's Crosses on Tuesday 30th January. We took all the crosses to the Chapel to get blessed on the 1st February which was the feast of St Brigid.



GRANDPARENT'S DAY

This year our 'Grandparent's Day' was held on Wednesday 31st January. Once again, the day began in the Chapel with a special Mass. Afterwards our grandparents came back to school for coffee, tea and scones. Everyone then visited the classrooms to spend some time with their grandchildren. Thank you to everyone who came to visit – the children & staff really enjoyed your company.





CUMANN na mBUNSCOL QUIZ

Congratulations to the St Mary's teams **Corey, Angelika, Charlie, Keeva & Daniel, Eimear, Thomas, Mary-Rose** who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Quiz held in St Ciaran's PS, Cushendun on Friday 2nd February



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 1st March everyone had great fun dressing up as their favourite book characters. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped raise much needed funds for our Library.



Book Cover Winners: **Casey P1, Cayla P2, Isaac P3, Josh P4, Aidan P5, Éabha P6 & Clodagh P7**



Book Cover Runners Up: **Emily & Sarah P5, JJ P6 & Gabija P7**





PTA CRAFT WORKSHOP

Many thanks to our PTA Committee Member, Laura Coulter, who facilitated an afterschool Craft Workshop for Primary 3 & Primary 4. The children had great fun making their 'Mother's Day' gifts.



BUSHMILLS RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Primary 7, accompanied by Miss Lennon, Mrs O'Broin & Kathryn, spent a fantastic 3 days at the Bushmills Residential Centre. They took part in lots of activities including canoeing, high ropes, a beach walk, abseiling & had a trip on a speed boat. They also roasted marshmallows on their camp fire. Everyone had a brilliant time and some very tired boys and girls came back to St Mary's on Wednesday 7th March.



CANCER FOCUS WORKSHOPS

Thank you to Emily and Genevieve who visited St Mary's on Wednesday 14th March to talk to the children about healthy living.



ST PATRICK'S DAY & MAD HAIR DAY

On Thursday 15th March we held our annual 'Wear Green for St Patrick's Day' and 'Mad Hair Day'.

As always we had some fantastic hair 'creations' as you can see from the pictures of our class winners. Thank you also to our dancers and musicians who entertained everyone at a special St Patrick's Day assembly.



FIRST CONFESSION

Congratulations to our
Primary 3 class
who received the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
on Wednesday 21st March 2018



SPONSORED EVENTS 2018 FOR TROCAIRE & MENINGITIS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Our sponsored events this year were a Sponsored Run & Penalty Kick. A massive thank you to all our school community. The total raised so far is **£1215.10** a fantastic effort from everyone!





ENERGY DETECTIVES

Thank you to Patrick McGettigan from Causeway Coast & Glens Council who provided the energy monitors and other resources to allow Primary 6 & Primary 7 to take part in this initiative.

EASTER EGG ROLL

Once again, there were some very creative designs on display and everyone had great fun rolling their eggs down the hill. Well done to everyone who spent so much time painting their eggs.



Congratulations to our
'Best Designed Egg' class winners
David P1, Ruairi P2, Alex P3,
Connlaodh P4, Sarah P5,
Eilish P6 & Mary-Rose P7



Congratulations to our
'Furthest Roll' class winners
Louis P1, Shannon P2, Matt P3,
Callum P4, Jack P5,
Emma P6 & Thomas P7



COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Meetings for the parents/guardians of children in Primaries 4 & 7 (*children should not attend*) will take place as follows:

Communion - Thursday 26th April 2018 at 6.30pm in the Primary 4 classroom. It is important that all P4 children are represented by at least one parent/guardian at this meeting in preparation for the children making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 12th May.

Confirmation - Thursday 26th April 2018 at 7.00pm in the Primary 7 classroom. Again, it is important that all P7 children are represented by at least one parent/guardian at this meeting in preparation for the children making their Confirmation on Wednesday 9th May.

Service Of Light In preparation for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, Primary 7 pupils and their families are invited to attend a 'Service of Light' which will be held in the church at **7.30pm** on **Friday 27th April 2018**. Primary 7 pupils must wear full school uniform and parents are asked to bring their child's Baptismal Candle, if possible.

EASTER CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Anyone who still has sponsor sheets and donations please bring to the school office on or before next Wednesday, 19th April, as we would like to organise the presentations to Trocaire and Meningitis Research Foundation as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone for being so generous once again.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 13 th & Friday 27 th April	-	Walk To School (Weather Permitting)
Thursday 26 th April	-	Communion & Confirmation Meetings
Friday 27 th April	-	Service of Light (Primary 7)
Monday 7 th May	-	Holiday for Primary School & Nursery Unit
Wednesday 9 th May	-	Confirmation 4.00p.m. (Primary 7 children)
Saturday 12 th May	-	First Holy Communion 11.00am (Primary 4 children)
Thursday 25 th & Monday 28 th May	-	Holiday for Primary School & Nursery Unit
Friday 26 th May	-	Exceptional Closure – Primary School & Nursery Unit

Holiday list for 2018/2019 School year at back of this newsletter.



PUPIL OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Term 2 'Pupil of the Month' winners.



January

*Casey P1, Ruairi P2, Sorchu P3,
Daniel P4, Meabh P5,
Aodhan P6 & Alex P7*

February

*Holly P1, Rachel P2, Rachel P3,
Cormac P4, Niamh P5,
Grace P6 & Oran P7*



March

*David P1, Caitlin P2, Liam P3
Clíodhna P4, Callum P5,
Molly P6 & Thomas P7*