

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 $\pounds 69$ 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 1^{st} 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











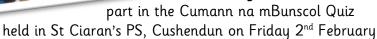




CUMANN na mBUNSCOL QUIZ

Congratulations to the St Mary's teams Corey, Angelika, Charlie, Keeva & Daniel, Eimear, Thomas, Mary-Rose who took

took part and helped raise





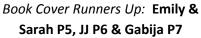




















PTA CRAFT WORKSHOP

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





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





SPONSERED EVENTS 2018 FOR TROCAÍRE & MENINGITIS RESEARCH TROCAÍRE **FOUNDATION**



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

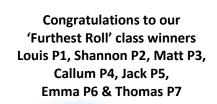
spent so much time painting their eggs.













COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Meetings for the <u>parents/guardians</u> of children in Primaries 4 & 7 (<u>children should not attend</u>) 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 13th & Friday 27th April - Walk To School (Weather Permitting)
Thursday 26th April - Communion & Confirmation Meetings

Friday 27th April - Service of Light (Primary 7)

Monday 7th May - Holiday for Primary School & Nursery Unit Wednesday 9thMay - Confirmation 4.00p.m. (Primary 7 children)

Saturday 12th May - First Holy Communion 11.00am (Primary 4 children)

Thursday 25th & Monday 28th May - Holiday for Primary School & Nursery Unit

Friday 26th May - Exceptional Closure — Primary School & Nursery Unit

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



PUPIL OF THE MONTH

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



January

Casey P1, Ruairi P2, Sorcha 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 Cliodhna P4, Callum P5, Molly P6 & Thomas P7