



St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

Summer Newsletter 2018



We have had an extremely busy time since we came back to school in April and we hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and seeing what we have been doing.



GOLF CLUB BURSARY 2018

Congratulations to Primary 6 pupils, Charlie & Éabha who each won the School Bursary Award from Cushendall Golf Club. They had to write a letter to the Golf Club explaining why they should win the prize which included Golf Club membership for the next year. Golf Club Captains Mr Andrew Burns & Mrs Eveleen McCurry presented Éabha & Charlie with their prizes. We hope they have great fun learning how to play golf. Well done!

NEW SCHOOL KIT

Niall & Brian Kearney from TeamKit, Ballymena present Mrs Smart and the boys & girls of St Mary's with their new School Strip. Mrs Smart, on behalf of everyone, thanked TeamKit for their very generous sponsorship



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our P7 children who received the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Farquhar on Wednesday 9th May.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our P4 children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May.



SEASONS OF SAFETY WORKSHOP – GRAND OPERA HOUSE

The children of P6 & P7 really enjoyed this workshop which was delivered by the Grand Opera House, Belfast and focused on safety in the country and on the farm.



CUMMAN NA mBUNSCOL

Well done to our girls, **Erin, Emily, Eimear, Keeva, Kirsty, Ciara, Theresa, Emma, Maeve & Grace** who represented St Mary's in this camogie tournament held in Loughguile on 18th May. The girls were delighted to be the first team to wear the new St Mary's strip.



ANTRIM GAA

Thank you to Dominic 'Woody' McKinley, Antrim GAA Development Coach, who has been coming to school every Thursday this term to train the P5, P6 & P7 children. They have really enjoyed their training.





ULSTER GAA

Our Ulster Council coach this year was Niall Gavin and he has been teaching fundamentals to P1, P2 & P3/4 classes. Thank you Niall, the children have had great fun.



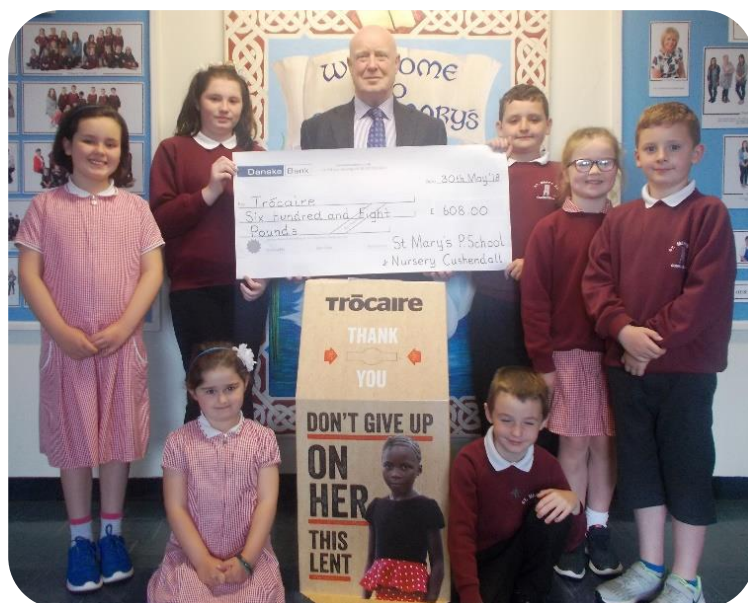
CUMMAN NA mBUNSCOL HURLING

After many date changes the boys finally got to wear the new school kit in Dunloy on Friday 8th June. Well done to the St Mary's team who took part in this tournament **Oran, Charlie, JJ, Diarmuid, Alex, Charlie, Thomas, Conor, Charlie & Ryan.**



TROCAIRE PRESENTATION

On Thursday 31st May we were delighted to present Ciaran O'Loan from Trocaire with a cheque for £608. Ciaran talked to the children about all the great things their money would help the charity with. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children in their Fun Run & Penalty Kick events at Easter.



SPORTS DAY 31ST MAY





SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to our School Council who were able to purchase lots of new playground equipment with the money raised from their Christmas Snowman Drive.



MUSIC EQUIPMENT

Thank you to Mrs Boyle who secured a Grant for £303.17 from the EA 'Friends of Music' to buy lots of new musical instruments for all our budding musicians to play.



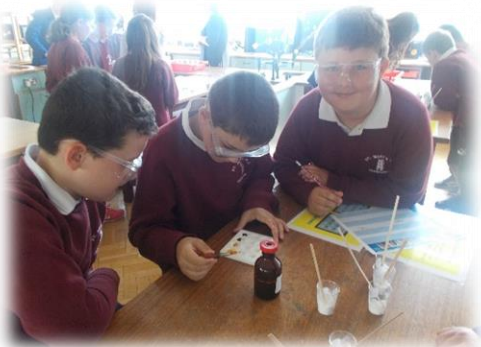
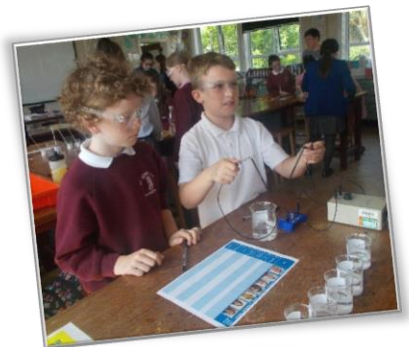
MENINGITIS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

On Monday 18th June we were delighted to welcome Sinead McMurray from the Meningitis Research Foundation, to St Mary's. Sinead told us about the very important work that all the scientists, doctors and nurses do to try to find a cure for this terrible disease. The children presented Sinead with a cheque for £608 raised from their sponsored events at Easter. Once again, thank you to our whole school community for your very generous donations.



CSI – ST KILLIAN'S COLLEGE

On Thursday 7th June P6 spent the day at St Killian's College trying to discover who stole Miss McKay's Ipad. They had great fun doing all the investigations to solve the crime.



CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS COUNCIL – ENERGY DETECTIVES INITIATIVE

On Monday 18th June Primary 6 & Primary 7 were invited to the Marine Hotel, Ballycastle to take part in a Celebration Day following the Energy Detectives project they took part in earlier this year. The day consisted of fun games and activities followed by a lovely meal and presentation of certificates.



SCHOOL TRIPS

Primary 1 & Primary 2 spent the day at Belfast Zoo. Primaries 3, 4 & 5 had a great day out at the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra and Primary 6 & Primary 7 visited the Titanic Centre, Belfast. Everyone had a great time on their trips.



PRIZE DAY 2018

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Prize Day. Also to Ann McLaughlin, Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club and Adrian McNaughton & Orlagh O'Hara, Ruairí Óg who presented prizes. Congratulations to all our girls and boys who received medals at Sports Day and at Prize Day on Wednesday 20th June. Extra congratulations to all our trophy & cup winners.



P7 Awards
Orán, Molloy Cup;
Mary-Rose, Endeavour Award



Class Achievement Awards
(absent – Emily P3)



Sports Awards



Tom & Nancy McLaughlin Sailing Bursary
Won by Ryan & Erin
Presented by Ann McLaughlin, CSBC



Ruairí Óg/St Mary's Award
Won by Charlie & Emily
Presented by Ruairí Óg's
Adrian McNaughton & Orlagh O'Hara

ST MARY'S GOT TALENT



On Thursday 21st June the spotlight was shining very brightly on the stage at St Mary's. We had a fantastic night being

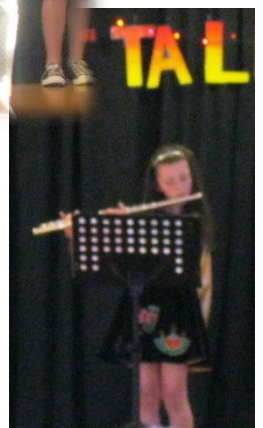
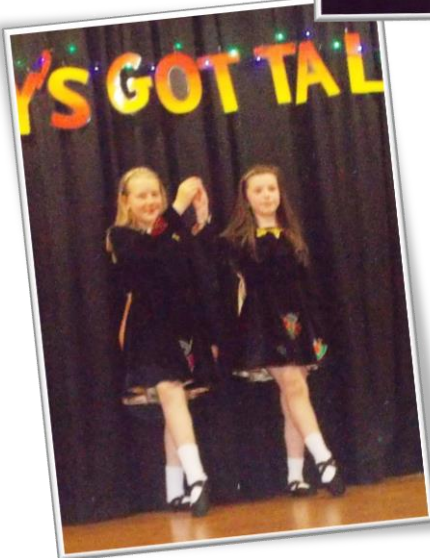
entertained by our very talented pupils who made it to the Grand Final of this year's St Mary's Got Talent. Thank

you to our very special guest judges (aka Kathleen, Rose & Bernie) they were FABULOUS!!!! Congratulations to everyone who took part and to everyone who reached the Final.

Special congratulations to our prize-winners and to this year's WINNER Diarmuid. And finally

to Éabha who had most of the audience in tears with a very special performance of a song she wrote herself to mark Mrs Smart's retirement – it really was very special. Well done Éabha.

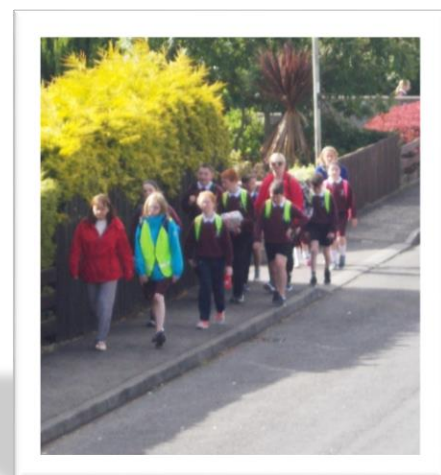
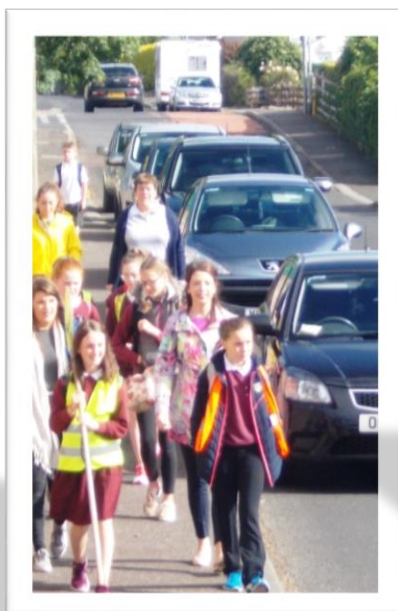




FINAL WALK TO SCHOOL 2018



On a beautiful sunny Friday morning we held our final Walk To School for this year. Well done to all the children and adults who have supported our 'Walk To School' mornings. It is fantastic to see so many taking part in this now well established event.





PUPIL OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our Spring/Summer Term 'Pupil of the Month' winners.



April

*Nuala P1, Emma P2, Alex P3, Noah P4,
Sarah P5, JJ P6 & Orla P7.*



May

*Louis P1, Niamh P2, Ellen P3, Nicole P4,
Aimee P5, Aronas P6 & Ciara P7.*

SUMMER READING

We are asking for your help in promoting and encouraging further reading over the summer holidays. To assist your child's progress in Literacy, reading a range of books will greatly enhance their verbal ability and expand their vocabulary. It will also improve their imagination and creativity whilst developing their memory. We at St Mary's are committed to the promotion of the enjoyment of reading at all levels through the usage of our school library and our links with the Cushendall Library. The Cushendall Library is promoting reading through its 'Summer Big Read' programme and we would encourage everyone to join this worthwhile project. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year and enjoy your summer reading!

PRIMARY 7 2018

Finally, we would like to wish our Primary 7 class every success in their new schools. They have been a pleasure to know and we hope they will come back to visit and tell us how they are getting on.

We wish our P7s all the very best for the future.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

I am very pleased to let you know that the school website has been launched today and everyone can access it at www.stmaryspscushendall.com. The website will be a forum for the school to let you know about activities and important news. The school will be adding more content over the next few weeks and you should all keep in touch!

NEW PRINCIPAL

As you already know, Mrs Helen Magee has been appointed by the Board of Governor's to succeed me as Principal of St Mary's. Further details regarding her appointment will be posted on the school website when they become known.



END OF AN ERA

When Gráinne leaves St Mary's this summer an unbroken tradition of attendance at St Mary's by the Kinney family lasting 54 years will come to an end. In the history of any school this is remarkable. Mrs Kinney is pictured here along with her daughters, Fiona & Theresa, her granddaughters, Grainne, Fiona & Sophie, great-granddaughter Heidi and Mrs Smart.

MY RETIREMENT

I want to take this opportunity, in my last newsletter, to say a huge **Thank You**. I want to thank everyone for your best wishes for my retirement and your lovely cards and presents. My time as Principal has been very special and I leave St Mary's with many happy memories. I wish you all a very happy summer.





IMPORTANT DATES

New school year begins on Wednesday 29th August 2018

Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st August - Class will end at 12.30p.m. for Primaries 1-7
(*no break or lunch provided*)

Mrs Anne Smart
Principal



St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit, Cushendall

2018-19 School Calendar

Notes:

21st April'19 - Easter Sunday

Term 1 – Wed 29th Aug – Fri 21st Dec

Term 2 – Mon 7th Jan – Thurs 18th Apr

Term 3 – Mon 29th Apr – Fri 28th Jun

Exceptional Closure Days

28th September 2018

30th November 2018

1st February 2019

18th March 2019

24th May 2019

N.B. The dates for Exceptional Closures are provisional and may be subject to change. They will be confirmed as soon as possible.

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