

DATES FOR THE DIARY

3RD DECEMBER
OPEN MORNING FOR
RECEPTION AND P1

11TH DECEMBER
SCHOOL TRIP TO
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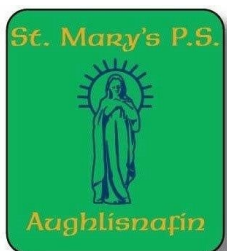
12TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS DINNER

19H DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS PLAY
11.00AM AND 6.00PM

20TH DECEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
12:00 NOON

6TH JANUARY
PARENT MEETINGS
7TH JANUARY

SCHOOL REOPENS FOR
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News at Saint Mary's Primary School

Principal's Message

Hello everyone. The pupils and staff are busily preparing the Christmas performance, thank you to everyone who has spent time practicing their lines and rehearsing the songs. We are looking forward to coming together as a whole school community.

We will be holding our open morning for Reception and Primary 1 on Tuesday 3rd December, if you can not attend we can arrange a visit to the school for those who contact the office. We have lots of events planned for 2025, please keep an eye on the school website for updates.

Finally if you wish to avail of our breakfast club or after school services please phone 02843778460 or email the office at hcairns221@c2kni.net



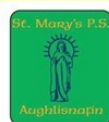
Open Morning

Next Tuesday (3rd December) the school is holding an open morning. Please spread the word about our school.



Saint Mary's Primary School, Aughlisnafin

"Engaging Hearts, Inspiring Minds, Serving Our Community"



Here at Saint Mary's, we are committed to our local families and provide high quality learning, superb pastoral care and a staff that are willing to go that extra mile for your child. A caring environment with

- High expectations and standards of academic achievement
- A warm, enriching environment where your child is safe, secure and stimulated
- Commitment to ICT, technology and creating pupils ready to achieve in life
- Expert use of academic data to provide our pupils with personalised learning
- Sensory garden and outdoor classroom
- A fine tradition of sporting achievement
- Extended school opportunities

- Winner of Spirit of Catholic Education awards in 2023 and 2024.
- Flexible wrap around care for families.
- Excellent pre-school provision.

Email the principal at cmurphy699@c2ken.net

Visit us online at www.stmarysaughlisnafin.co.uk or phone 02843778460



Fancy Dress Frights



Recycling Art Workshop

A big thank you to Noel Lyons from Arc 21 who delivered very interesting, interactive Recycling Workshops to all the classes in St Mary's today.

The girls and boys had good fun and learnt a lot!



This year we have had amazing entries into our annual Smarties tube collection. The Primary 7 girls and boys judged the best entries from Reception to Primary 6 and the Primary 6s picked the best entries from the Primary 7 class. Amazing effort shown once again and great generosity from all our families.

The winners with an amazing £144.83 collected were Primary 6. They won the class party! The grand total was an amazing £643.84! Once again the creativity, generosity and support shown were out of this world.



NOVEMBER 2024

Strong Starts Winners

Tesco Newcastle visited the school last month to present a cheque for £1500 as a result of the school winning their recent Tesco Strong Starts competition. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this campaign, your generosity and support of the school is greatly appreciated.



Odd Socks Day

Our pupils had a colourful display of odd socks for anti-bullying week. Well done!



The Snow Queen

On 11th December the school will be travelling to the Waterfront in Belfast to watch a performance of the Beauty and The Beast. Please remember to be at school promptly to allow the bus to leave at its scheduled time. It should be great fun for all!

Cinema

The reception and P.1. Children had a wonderful day out at Newcastle community cinema . They were so well behaved and enjoyed the film “ Elemental”.



Eco-Council 2024/25

P4/5 - Jake Brennan &
Emily Murray

P6 - Adam Brennan &
Emma McKeating

P7 - Ellen Morrow, Ciarrai
Flanagan & Evie McCann



Student Council 2024/25

P4/5 -Isabella Jennings &
Malachi McCabe

P6 - James Rice & Chloe Dar-
by

P7 - Mia Murphy & Michael
Sclally



Our school student council and eco council have been off to a flying start this year. So far this year the pupils have made important decisions and great suggestions including:

- **Holding a bring and buy sale to promote recycling.**
- **The purchase of new sporting kits for tournaments.**
- **How PTA funds should be prioritising when investing in play equipment.**
- **Consulting on the school's Positive Behaviour policy development.**
- **Creating an eco-action plan for our school.**

