



# St. Mary's Primary School

## Parents' Newsletter

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### GUESS MY NAME

The 'Guess the name of the Bunnies' has had a fantastic response, thank-you to all who have been scratching their heads thinking of two names this year.

A huge thank you in advance to 'Springisland Supermarket' in Coalisland, who once again, have kindly agreed to judge the competition and sponsor the prizes.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will be closed for Easter on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am and reopen on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April for term 3.  
School closed Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.  
School closed Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

### Well done to you!

We were very proud of the Primary 4 children who made their First Confession last week. They participated so wonderfully during the ceremony and made the evening a truly special occasion.

### Fr Seery 50 Years Ordained

We were delighted to have been asked to participate at the special mass on the evening of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate Fr Seery's Golden Jubilee. The P5-7 Traditional Group will be playing as part of the ceremony. Details to follow later.

### Annual Assessments

Unfortunately there is no 'let up' in the pupil's learning as each of the classes start their preparation for the summer assessments. The P7 pupils will commence their tests in the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> April with the rest of the school starting theirs the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

### TROCAIRE

Our fundraising efforts for Trocaire are well underway with each class participating in a "Healthy Breaks for Trocaire" event. Fruit, pancakes and delicious home baked buns have been the order of the day. The total amount raised so far is **£416** this includes the sale of the Easter chicks which went down an absolute treat!

Well done to all pupils, staff and a big **thank you** to you the parents for your support and generosity.

### \*\*\*\*\*Farewell Mrs Marron\*\*\*\*\*

Easter will see Mrs Marron commencing her new job as P6 & 7 teacher in St Malachy's P.S. Ballymoyer. Mrs Marron has been a dedicated and committed member of St Mary's for the past 14 years. As class teacher, PE and Extended School's Coordinator she ensured all children in her care received the greatest care and attention and ensured they accessed a broad range of additional activities. From the bottom of our hearts we wish Kyra all the very best in her new school and thank her for her dedication to St Mary's. Kyra's leaving will be marked at the Easter Bonnet Parade on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### Traditional Group

St Patrick's celebrations saw the traditional group, Irish dancers and Feis speakers take to the stage in a celebration of Irish culture and language. They really were superb and we thank them for their dedication and their participation in many of the school events – confirmation, communion and school masses. As you know Donald Canavan teaches traditional music in school and is tireless in his efforts to ensure that our school is performing at top level. If your son/daughter has been lucky to get a place with Donald please ensure that they complete daily practice with their tunes as Donald's time with us is precious.

### Confirmation

The **Confirmation** ceremony for our P7 pupils will take place this year on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at **5pm**. P7 pupils may leave school early that day.

All P7 pupils to be collected by 12:30pm.

Refreshments and photo opportunities afterwards in Coalisland Parish hall – all welcome. All P7 pupils to bring their confirmation clothes to school: **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** for an official photograph and for their leaver's assembly movie photo shoot!

### Birthdays Celebrations in April

Amy Kells  
Clíodhna Taggart  
Mrs M Hamill  
Mrs McBride

### Drumming Extravaganza

Mrs Duffy's class really put on a show along with Mrs Glasgow's class from Ballytrea when they performed for the school and parents. The performance was thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining. If you didn't get to see it log onto the website where you will get a flavour of the action!



### Money Matters

Santander Bank are providing a 'Money Counts' workshop for Mr Reilly's class on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### School Council and Pupil Voice

As part of the actions for the Shared Education Programme the school council will be travelling to Ballytrea PS on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April. They will be evaluating the progress made to date by the school and what they might like to be involved in next year.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the P 6 and 7 swimmers who took part in the Mid Ulster Schools Gala in in March. Well done also to the P6 and 7 pupils who were awarded either Silver or Bronze level 'Music Medal' for violin or viola by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music!

### Local Feis

Superb results from the Coalisland Feis for St Mary's, where once again we topped the polls! The children's renditions of their stories were remarked upon by the organisers and the school's involvement in their preparations. We can only say we are proud indeed to be involved in this long running tradition within the parish.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY: APRIL

Date	Event
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Hamill's class - Bugs & Beasts @ Parkanaur
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ceremony of Light- P7 pupils 7:30 @ St Mary's Church, Stewartstown
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Marron's class - Wild about Water @ Parkanaur
10 <sup>th</sup>	Shared School Council Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Education Authority Orchestra
12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bonnet Parade
13 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes at 11am
14 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Holidays
School reopens for third term on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Education World Drumming - Mrs Hamill's class
26 <sup>th</sup>	Shared Lesson no.4 with Mrs Duffy's class
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs McBride's class - Spring at Parkanaur
28 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation at 5pm in Church of the Holy Family , Coalisland



## APRIL SCHOOL MEALS



Week commencing:	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	10 <sup>th</sup> April	24 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Monday</b>	Savoury Mince Steak Burger Peas/Carrots/Gravy Pasta and Mashed Pots Shortbread and Custard	Pizza Fish Fingers Pasta/mashed Pots/gravy Beans/Peas Chocolate Muffin Cake and Custard	Savoury Mince Fish Fingers Turnip and Peas Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Fruit Sponge and Custard
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish Finger Peas/Corn Chips Mashed Pots  Ice-Cream Wafer	Home-Made Veg or Chicken Soup Butchers Burger and Bap Cheese/Onions/Sauce Selection of bread  Jelly and Fruit	Oven Baked Sausage Tuna Roll Beans/peas Chips/Mashed Pots/Pasta Semolina and Peaches
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Broccoli and Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy  Jelly and Fruit	EASTER BONNET LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Tuna Roll Salad/Peas Chips/Mashed Potatoes Frozen Mousse	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish n Batter Carrots/Corn Mashed Pots Gravy  Jelly and Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Pasta Bolognaise Pizza Beans/Peas Pots and Gravy Semolina and Fruit	School Closes 11 am	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Peas and Carrots Mashed and Roast Pots/Pasta/Gravy Krispie Square and Custard
<b>Friday</b>	Hot Dog or Tuna Roll Pasta/Salad/Corn Chips and Potatoes  Fairy Cake and Milk Shake	School Holiday	Home-made Veg or Chicken Soup Steak Burger and Bap Mixed Salad Cheese/Onions Ice-Cream and Wafer

Milk & Water available daily, Fruit, Yoghurt & Bread available daily, Menu subject to deliveries

