

St Mary's Primary School Newsletter



HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM ALL AT ST MARY'S

The boys and girls of St Mary's have been getting ready for Halloween . The halls and classrooms are festooned with ghastrly ghouls and creepy critters. It's a time of year that is great fun for all children but it is important to keep safety a prime concern taking extra care when out and about. Don't forget about the Halloween Disco in the senior school on Thursday night!

6pm-7.15pm for P1-P4
and 7.30pm- 9pm for
P5-P7 admission £2.



Boys and girls from the Junior School create their own Jack-o-lanterns in the school canteen



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL



Kristin Rice — Head Girl



Oran McGrath— Head Boy

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Halloween is finally here and St Mary's Primary School are getting their first half term break.

We have been chosen as your Head Boy and Head Girl for this school year and we are delighted to be given this honour.

We want you all to know that we will always be there to listen to you, help you and we are committed to making this school year a fun, exciting and successful one. Throughout the year we hope to get to know you all better, so don't be afraid to come up and say hello.

We hope the P5's have settled in to the Senior school and the P7's are enjoying every moment of their last year in Primary School.

Can you believe it's nearly Halloween time? Please remember to keep safe over the holidays and to have fun! Have a spooky Halloween everyone!

SPONSORED WALK

Congratulations to all the pupils from Nursery and P1 to P7 who took part in our sponsored walk on Friday 11th Oct in aid of Clic Sargent and school funds. We had a fine morning for the event. Thanks to all the parents who assisted in supervising the walk- your support is very much appreciated. In total we raised a magnificent £ 5468.70 (well done boys and girls).



FOOD BANK



We would like to extend our thanks to all those who contributed to the food bank appeal being run by Strabane Community Project. Once again the generosity of our pupils and their families has been overwhelming. Strabane Community Project were delighted with the response on all our sites and hope that the pupils and their parents will continue to support this worthwhile cause.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Ruth Montgomery from the National Children's Bureau for Northern Ireland held a pupil workshop on Friday 18th October for our recently elected class councillors. The day involved fun workshops aimed at promoting the pupils voice in our school as well as facilitating training for our school council representatives. This years student councillors are:

P2A Hannah McCay
 P2C Ava McGarrigle
 P3B Peter Maguire
 P4A Darragh Coyle
 P4C Jake McDermott
 P5A Ethan Harkin
 P5C Kacey Harron
 P7A Ronan Tourish

P2B Toni Devine
 P3A Ronan McLaughlin
 P3C Mia Maguire
 P4B Connor Devine
 P4D Jonathon McClintock
 P5B Rebekah Frystal
 P6A Aisling Dunne
 P7B Ethan Bradley

P6B Keeva Quinn P6C Zara McCauley
 P7C Ciaran Quigley

PRIMARY 7 VISIT W5

As part of the Primary 7 "World Around Us" programme the children are currently learning about the topic of 'Flight.'

The pupils enjoyed a visit to W5 in Belfast on Thursday 17th October where they took part in a Flight workshop and explored many exhibitions.

In the Flight workshop the pupils had great fun carrying out experiments whilst learning all about the forces of flight.

A big thank you to the parents who came along and helped to supervise on the day. A fun filled day was had by all!

See more W5 pictures online:

www.stmaryspsmelmount.com



KEEPING STRABANE TIDY



Primary 6B recently assisted in a litter pick in the canal basin with pupils from St Anne's Primary School. They were accompanied in the clean up by members of Strabane District Council and Asda workers.





GAA BLITZ

The school have started Gaelic football and train every Wednesday evening from 3-4pm We recently attended a blitz (Thursday 10th October) and lined out three teams. All players had a great tournament and showed off their skills very well. All teams won most of their games in each section. Well done to all involved.



JOHN O'KANE MEMORIAL 2013

Riversdale Leisure Centre was the venue for the 2013 John O'Kane memorial soccer tournament. St. Mary's Primary School competed in both the boys and the girls sections. The boys and girls of St. Mary's participated against teams from all over the Strabane district.

The boys played extremely well in all their matches but were very hard done by with a few results as they played very attractive football but couldn't put the ball in the net when needed.

The girls competed for the very first time in a soccer tournament and also did extremely well. Although they got off to a tentative start, once they settled they moved the ball around well and played like a real team.

Both teams were commended for their behaviour and sportsmanship. The boys and girls both enjoyed a well organised day of football where they did both the school and themselves very proud.

Teams:

Boys – Conor Graham; Ronan McGinley; Ronan Tourish; Ryan McDaid; Daryl Porter; Oran McGrath; Alex Bishop

Girls – Eve McCrea; Tara Doherty; Zara McCauley; Toni Ferguson; Ella Stewart; Kristen Rice; Clíodhna Cassidy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Halloween Disco	Thursday 24th October
Halloween Break	Monday 28th Oct—Friday 1st November (Inclusive)
Anti Bullying Week	18th—22nd November
Parent teacher meeting (Nursery/Junior School)	Monday 18th + Tuesday 19th November
Parent teacher meeting (Senior School)	Monday 25th + Tuesday 26th November

Diary dates are also available on the website:

www.stmaryspsmelmount.com

Hover over the "About us" crayon and select calendar.

RETIREMENT OF JANE MCGRANAGHAN

The staff and students of St Mary's would like to express our gratitude to Jane McGranaghan who retired after over 20 years of service in the school canteen. Everyone would like to wish Jane a healthy and happy retirement

Aimee Coyle presents Jane with a bouquet of flowers

