



EVERYONE AT ST MARYS  
PRIMARY WOULD LIKE TO  
WISH YOU ALL A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



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# St Mary's Primary School Newsletter

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello everyone.

Its hard to believe that we are approaching our Christmas holidays. St Mary's is extremely busy preparing for all our Christmas events. The Nursery and Primary one pupils are practising for their Christmas plays, our Senior choir is about to begin their tour of carol singing events out in the community and the whole school is preparing for the Christmas Pageant tonight Monday 16th December in St Mary's Church Melmount.

I would like to thank all the staff and pupils for their continuous dedication and hard work and for making Christmas such a very special time within St Mary's Primary School.

On behalf of St Mary's staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every family for your on going support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. I look forward to working with you in 2014.

**Mrs O'Doherty**

## ELLA BAKES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

On Children In Need day Friday 16th November Primary 7 pupil Ella Stewart brought her home made cakes and buns to school and sold them to the staff and pupils. Congratulations to Ella for showing initiative and raising over £140 for good causes.



## ROAD OF HOPE APPEAL

The senior school took part in the Road Of Hope shoebox appeal and managed to donate over 160 shoeboxes full of gifts and essential items for those less fortunate than ourselves in eastern Europe. Mrs McHugh's Primary 7 class held a special assembly for the handover and highlighted the issues faced by those who will be receiving the shoeboxes. Once again the generosity of the students and their families is to be applauded. The donations will help to make it a brighter Christmas for many less fortunate people.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to all pupils who received certificates in recognition of their perfect attendance.

**5 Years Perfect Attendance:**

Dylan Murphy  
Odhran O'Brien

**3 Years Perfect Attendance:**

Thomas Donaghey	Daniel Boyle
Caitlin McGinn	Shona Boggs
Patrick McAneny	Caitlin Kelly
Benedict McGilloway	Dylan Boggs
Aaron McDaid	Ava Kelly
Chloe McConnell	Alfie McCay
Aoibhin Stewart	Deane Bradley

**1 Year Perfect Attendance:**

Nikol Czarnecka	Conor Graham	Gary Quigg	Daire McCauley	Ronan Ward
Ronan Brolly	Brea Falconer-McLaughlin	Kayla Houston	Ben McGavigan	Fintan Carlin
Danny Walsh	Leah Harron	Courtney McGinty	Paiti McGarrigle	Jude Caldwell
Ronan Tourish	Ciaran O'Reilly	Alex Shields	Adam Vaughan	Lydia Reid
Ethan Bradley	Callum McCosker	Adam Duffy	Connor Devine	Cora Johnston
Ciagan Patton	Adam Boggs	Korey Haughey	Tom McGilloway	Brooke Duggan
Oriaiht Doherty	Aoife Brolly	Lorcan Coyle	Ronan McColgan	Mark Conwell
Charlie-Ann Corry	Conor Boyce	Oran Doherty	Coran Brown	Michael Doherty
Ronan Kerlin				

## CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS CELEBRATION DAY



On 29th of November St Mary's held a special assembly to mark Classroom Assistants Celebration Day. It was a day to say thank you to all the classroom assistants for the great job they do in helping out and adding value to the children's learning. Head Boy Oran McGrath and Head Girl Kristin Rice presented the classroom assistants with a certificate and a box of chocolates as a token of appreciation.



## CULTURE DAY



A number of pupils from Primary 7 had the opportunity to visit a culture day organised by Strabane Community Relations. The students got to take part in a number of different cultural activities including African drumming, Indian Costume, Chinese dancing, Polish art, and Japanese Origami.



## PRIMARY 1 PUPILS VISIT SANTA

Primary 1 Pupils got the chance to meet Santa on a recent visit to Oakfield Park in Raphoe. The children also got to travel on the Santa Express steam train.

## THE SNOWMAN

Pictured right are St Mary's Senior Choir who joined, St Mary's Brass ensemble, St Mary's tin whistle group and St Joseph's Concert Brass in the Alley theatre on Tuesday 10th November in a production of The Snowman.





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**PRIMARY 2 PUPILS FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT FUN DAY**



Pupils from Primary 2 travelled to CBS Omagh recently to take part in a fundamental movement fun day run by Tyrone GAA star Joe McMahon.



**PRIMARY 6 AND 7 PUPILS COMPLETE SWIMMING COURSE**

Congratulations to the Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils who received their swimming certificates recently. The pupils completed a 10 week swimming course at Riversdale Leisure Centre.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Event	Date and Time
Christmas Pageant– St Mary’s Church Melmount	Monday 16th December 7pm
P1 Christmas Play— Junior School Assembly Hall	Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December 10am
Ballycolman Nursery Play -Junior School Assembly Hall	Wednesday 18th December 10.30am
Melmount Nursery Play- Junior School Assembly Hall	Thursday 19th December 10.30am
Christmas Holidays Begin	Friday 20th December 12 noon
Spring Term starts	Monday 6th January