

St Mary's Primary School Newsletter



ST MARY'S CELEBRATES GRANDPARENTS' DAY

On Wednesday 29th January St Mary's Celebrated Grandparents' Day. This was a great opportunity for the children to show their grandparents what they are learning in school. More photos of Grandparents Day can be seen on our website www.stmaryspsmelmount.com



AOIBHIN WINS 1ST PRIZE

Congratulations to Aoibhin Stewart from Primary 4 who won 1st prize in an Art Competition organised by Corrymeela, the peace charity for Northern Ireland. Aoibhin is pictured with her parents receiving her prize from Marie-Louise McClarey Fundraising manager at Corrymeela. She said "The judges liked the picture because it was so bright and



Aoibhins winning picture

cheerful. There was a good use of colour and the whole A4 page was used which all good art critics like to see. I congratulate Aoibhin for her talent in winning this competition" Mrs McClarey presented Aoibhin with an Airbrush set and some treats for her class.



LAUNCH OF PAIRED MATHS



Tuesday January 21st marked the start of the Paired Maths Program for Primary 4 pupils. During the 4 week program the pupils are given a different maths game two times per week. The aim is to get the pupils to work in partnership with their parents to improve their mental maths skills and their recall of number bonds.



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PHONICS TRAINING FOR PARENTS

Mrs Anderson held an evening of phonics training for parents in the Junior School on Tuesday 4th February. The training gave an overview of how phonics is taught in St Mary's and will hopefully help the parents support their child with their reading skills.



WELL DONE THOMAS



Congratulations to Primary 3 pupil Thomas McCosker who received a certificate in recognition of 1 years perfect attendance.

WELL DONE ADAM



Congratulations to P4 pupil Adam McKinney who picked up a number of awards at a recent equestrian event and his horse Minstrel came 1st in the 40cm event 2nd in the 60cm event and 1st in the tack and turnout.

FRIENDS OF THE CANCER CENTRE

St Mary's Pupils present a cheque for £400, the proceeds of the school and nursery Christmas plays, to the Friends of the Cancer Centre charity.

The cheque was received on behalf of the charity by the Doherty family.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tomorrow (Friday) is a non-uniform day. A collection will be held to assist Sharon Hason in her fundraising efforts for Barnardo's. Sharon will be trekking on the Great Wall of China this September.

Friday 14th February	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 17th February– Friday 21st February	Mid Term Break
Tuesday 25th February	Launch of Paired Reading for Primary 3 parents 7pm Junior School
Monday 3rd March	P4 Holy Communion Ceremony 7pm St Mary's Church Melmount
Wednesday 5th March	St Mary's PTFA AGM 7.30pm Senior School
Monday 10th March	Service of Light for Primary 7 pupils 7pm St Marys Church Melmount
Monday 17th March	St Patrick's Day Break
Tuesday 18th March	Staff Development Day (No school for pupils)
Monday 24th March	Mass of Commitment for Primary 7 pupils
Monday 7th April	First Confession Primary 4 pupils 7.30pm St Mary's Church Melmount
Saturday 12th April	Confirmation 11am St Mary's Church Melmount