

St Mary's Primary School Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S END OF YEAR ADDRESS

Hello everyone,

We have just reached the conclusion of our first year at St Mary's Primary School so I would like to thank you the parents, pupils and staff for all your hard work and effort in making this a very smooth transition year. It has been a very busy but successful year.

I would like to say good bye to our Primary 7 pupils and wish them good luck in their new school and every success in the future.

I would also like to say farewell to Mrs Hunter who is retiring from St Mary's at the end of August after 37 dedicated years in the teaching profession. I would wish her health and happiness in her retirement.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and happy Summer holiday. Enjoy!



Mrs Noreen Hunter retires after 37 years in Education

WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The St Mary's Primary School Website was officially launched on the 20th June. Winner of the ICT award at the recent prize giving awards, Brooklyn Edwards was given the honours. Brooklyn uploaded photos of the school play to the gallery pages and published the website. All the latest news about events going on at the school will be published here so remember to call back regularly during term time to keep up to date.



PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

Congratulations to all the pupils in the Senior school on a hugely successful production of "Pirates of the Curry Bean" which had a sold out three night run in the Alley Theatre from the 4th-6th June. A lot of hard work and dedication on the part of the students, teachers, parents and production team ensured that the play was a huge success. The play would not have been possible without Director Mr Alan Haslett and Choreography by Mrs Caroline Barker and everyone at the school would like to thank them for their patience and perseverance. A huge thank you to John Kerr and the staff of the Alley Theatre for the use of such a fantastic venue. Thanks also to Michael Kielty's sound team.



PRIZE GIVING 2013

Pupil of the Year winners: Back Row: Adam Moore P6C Jamie McColgan P7B Kacey Harron P4B Tegan Moran P7A Courtney McGinty P5C

Middle Row: Erin McNulty P2B Ronan Kerlin P1B Conor Goldrick-McNally P1C Oran Hunter P4A
Bartlomiej Pajor P4C

Front Row: Sean McGinley P2C Ronan Donaghey P3B Taylor-Lee McCafferty P1A Zach Boyle P3A.

**P7 Prize winners L-R:**

James Gallen (Most Co-Operative),
Majella Gallagher (Music and Drama),
Jordan O'Doherty (Sporting Achievement),
Ross Wilders (Music and Drama),
Ellie Duffy (Key Stage 2 Pupil of the Year),
Marley Rouse (Best Individual Achievement),
Tanisha Kelly (Most Creative),
Alina Duncan (Academic Achievement),
Brooklyn Edwards (ICT Award)

Congratulations to all the students who won awards at the Prizegiving on Tuesday 18th June. The evening was a celebration of all the achievements of all our pupils throughout the year. Many thanks to all who participated in the event, Head Boy Ethan McGillicuddy, Head Girl Ellie McFadden, The Junior and Senior choirs, Mrs Feeney's P6 tin whistle group, violinists Catherine Mallon and Jamie McColgan, guitarists Shay Cleary and Patrick Sharkey as well as our guests who sponsored and presented awards; Mr Pelayo Canga, Mr Karl McGurk, Ms Liz Kavanagh, Mrs Rhona Devenney, Ms Majella McCallion and Ms Caren Corry. More Prize Giving photos can be viewed on our website:

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PRIMARY 4 VISIT THE PENNYBURN NATURE TRAIL

The primary 4 pupils enjoyed a great day out studying "minibeasts" at the Pennyburn Nature Trail in Derry as part of their World Around Us topic.



PRIMARY 4'S MAKE THEIR HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the Primary 4 children who made their Holy Communion on 18th May 2013



GRACIAS PELAYO

Everyone at St Mary's would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Pelayo Canga for his contribution to life at St Mary's. Pelayo joined the school in January and taught Spanish to the pupils in both the Junior and Senior schools. Pelayo also ran audio visual workshops with the P6 children. Pelayo has been working abroad for many years but intends to return to Spain after his time in St Mary's and we would like to wish him all the best for the future.

THANK YOU MARC

The staff and students at St Mary's would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Marc MacIntyre for all his help during the year. Mark is studying for a computer science degree at the University of Ulster and joined St Mary's for his placement year. Marc took the after schools computer club, took classes in the IT suite and helped staff and students with any technical issues they experienced. We would like to wish Marc all the best with his studies and much success in the future.





ST MARY'S SPORTS DAY



Van Persie sends the keeper the wrong way

Gavin O'Kane receives Kieran Hegarty Award

Groovy moves in the Zumba tent.

The Junior school held its sports day on Friday 7th June. A great day of fun and sport was had by all on what was one of the warmest and sunniest days of the year so far. The senior school weren't as lucky with the weather on the 13th June with intermittent showers sending the pupils running to the Zumba tent for cover. Despite the conditions everyone enjoyed the day. Congratulations to all the pupils who won medals and well done to all who took part.

ROAD SAFETY



Mr Gerard Walsh from the DoE paid a visit to children in both the Junior and Senior schools to talk to the children about road safety. The primary 3 children were also taken on a walk around the roads close to the school and were given instruction on the correct way to cross the road safely.



Our Road Safety Walk
 Last Tuesday Gerard Walsh took us on our road safety walk. Mrs McNamee and Miss Dunne came. We went to Carlton Drive. We had to work in pairs. We were wearing jackets, we had to stand beside the kerb and cross the road, Gerard told us to stop, look and listen. We got help sometimes to cross the road but then we had to do it by ourselves. After the walk we got a water bottle and a book and a certificate. It was a fun day but we learned a lot about keeping safe.

By Eve Quigley P3A