

St Mary's Primary School Newsletter



UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we embark on a new school year, it is our continued aim to place our pupils at the centre of all our work, supported by a dedicated, hard working staff enabling the whole school community to live out our school motto "Together We Achieve".

To further enhance our pastoral provision we, as a school, are participating in the Rights Respecting Schools Award in this school year 2014-15. This is an award that strives to support the rights of all children as

outlined by UNICEF in the United Nations Convention on the rights of the child. Through our involvement we hope to further develop the pupil voice and empower our pupils by providing them with the knowledge and skills to enable them to make informed, responsible choices and express opinions on matters personal to them and within the wider context of their school, local community and globally.

Throughout this school year pupils will undertake different activities relating to the Charter on the Rights of the Child, we invite you to engage with your son / daughter on the work undertaken and will keep you updated through our half termly newsletter.

Mrs Flanagan Mrs Roarty
Vice Principals



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL



Patrick McAneny: "I have always involved myself in the school and enjoy helping people. I have been involved in steering group meetings, and have my day to day duties such as maintaining the playground and register hand-outs. I've also represented our students at our school Mass. I am enjoying my role and look forward to making a difference.

Aine Maguire: "I am very excited to be elected as head girl, over the next year I am looking forward to working with all of the students and help make the school a better place. I hope students will tell me their ideas and opinions and I will put them forward. I hope everyone will have a fun, safe learning experience at St Mary's Primary School."



Happy Halloween

SPONSORED WALK



Congratulations to all the pupils in the school who took part in our sponsored walk on Friday 10th Oct in aid of Clic Sargent and school funds. Thanks to all the parents who assisted in supervising the walk- your support is very much appreciated. In total we raised a magnificent £5071 (well done boys and girls).

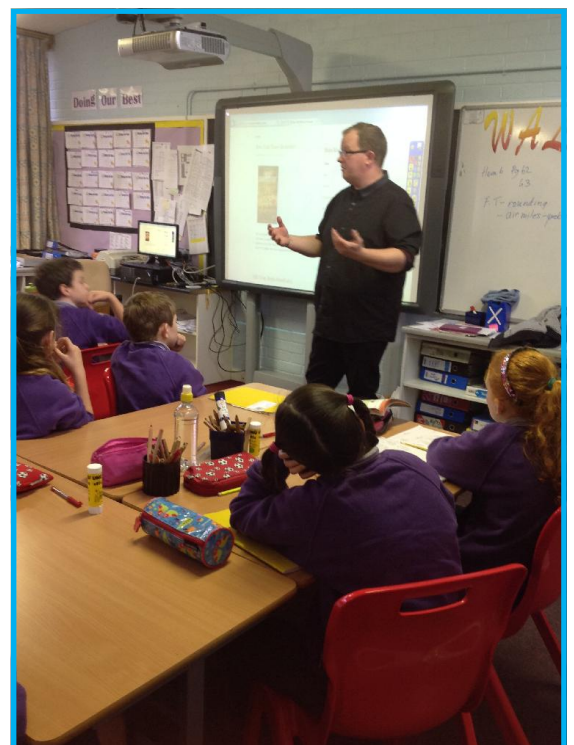


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BOOK WEEK



This week is book week 20-24th October. A number of events were held throughout the week to mark this. The whole school had the opportunity to visit the library, there was storytelling, reading buddies and book swaps. Local author Brian McGilloway visited the students of year 6 and 7. The children got an opportunity to ask questions about the life of an author. We look forward to inviting Brian back later in the year to undertake writing workshops.





CHARITY CYCLE

The school would like to thank Alex Doherty for organising the recent charity cycle in aid of school funds. We would also like to thank all those who volunteered, the marshals, the Order of Malta, the PSNI and the NIAS for ensuring the safety of the cyclists. We would also like to thank Asda who provided bananas and water for the riders and all the local businesses who sponsored prizes. Over £500 was raised for school funds.



St Mary's PTFA Loose Change Challenge!!

Can your class raise the biggest amount of money before Christmas... and win a treat for the whole class???



THANK YOU O'NEILLS

The boys and girls in St Mary's Gaelic Football team would like to thank local company O'Neills for providing the school team with a set of footballs for use in training and matches. P7 Students Ciaran O'Reilly and Tara Doherty visited the O'Neills factory to present O'Neills Managing Director Kieran Kennedy with a Thank You card. Also pictured is their teacher and Gaelic coach Mr Murphy.



IFA FOOTBALL FOR ALL

The P7 pupils recently completed a 4 week "Football For All" course run by Daniel Chambers an IFA football coach and Marty Gormley. The focus of the course was to respect the rights of others and covered areas such as discrimination, sectarianism and racism. The school would like to thank Marty and the Daniel for their efforts.

