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MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

School Closures:

The school will be closed on **Monday the 18th March** for Staff Development and will close on **Thursday 28th March at 12pm** for the Easter holidays. School will **reopen on Monday 8th April**.

Bring and Buy Sale

A huge thank you to the parents and pupils of St. Mary's who raised **£825** for school funds through our recent Bring and Buy Sale. It was a huge success in terms of fundraising but also because the children loved it. Visit our school website to see lots of great photographs of the day.

Children's Mass

Canon Jimmy has invited us to participate in our monthly Children's Mass on Saturday 16th March at 6pm in St. Mary's Church Maguiresbridge. The P.7 children will lead the liturgy, P.5 & P.6 children will participate in the choir, P.4 children will bring their Communion Candle and P.1-P.3 will bring their Grow In Love books.

St. Mary's Parochial Hall Committee

Pupils, parents and all the family are invited to the St. Patrick's Eve official opening of the newly refurbished hall at 7pm on Saturday 16th of March. The committee would love to hear from children who are happy to dance and/or play an instrument to add to the celebration. Contact Majella on 07523052561.

P.7 Class: Service of Light at 7pm on Wednesday the 20th March in Holy Cross Lisnaskea.

Holy Thursday Mass

The Confirmation Class will be attending the special Chrism Mass in Monaghan Cathedral on Holy Thursday the 28th of March. Bishop Larry Duffy will be celebrating the mass. We will leave school at 9.45am and return at 3pm approximately, the children will get treated to Mc Donald's for their lunch on the way home.

First Holy Communion Class

First Holy Communion Enrolment on Saturday 2nd March in St. Mary's Church
First Penance Thursday 14th March 7pm in St. Mary's Church.

Easter Raffle

An Easter Raffle will take place on **Wednesday 27th March in school**. Tickets cost 40p each or 5 for £1:50. All money raised will go to our Chosen Cancer Charity this year.

World Book Day:

We will celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 8th March**. We would like your child to dress up as a character from a Book to mark the occasion. We expect this to be a fun day for all, using clothes they have at home. Teachers will provide the children with ideas in class. Prizes (book vouchers) will be given for the best dressed in each class. Children will also be taking part in lots of fun reading challenges to mark the day. Children who prefer not to dress up should come in uniform as normal that day.

Upcoming School Trips

P.4, P.6 & P.7 will be travelling to St. Michael's Church Enniskillen on Tuesday the 5th of March to attend a Special Mass with a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

P.1 & P.2 will travel to Fermanagh Fun Farm on Thursday 14th March. P1. as part of their topic 'Growth' and P.2 'On the Farm in Spring' - children will handle the pets, feed the animals, walk and groom the ponies.

P.3 will travel to Florencecourt House and Gardens on Friday 15th March to support their learning on their topic "Houses in the past."

P.5 will travel to W5, Belfast on Wednesday 13th March as part of their topic "Electricity."

Big Walk and Wheel 11th - 22nd March 2024

As part of our work to encourage active travel to school we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2024, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling, and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11th March to 22nd March and we would love everyone to be involved. On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, cycling, or scooting to school. We would encourage families to travel actively to school for as many days as possible during the event.

Cumann na mBunscol

Best of luck to Finn, Colum, Jude and Joe who are competing in the Ulster Quiz Final to be held in Cavan Crystal Hotel on Tuesday 5th March.

Best of luck to the boys and girls who are representing St. Mary's in the County Indoor Gaelic Finals to be held in the Castle Park Centre on Wednesday 6th of March.

We will be hosting the county camogie and hurling skills' tests on Friday the 22nd of March. Children from all over the county will descend on St. Mary's to participate in a skills' competition for the prize of playing in a half time game in Croke Park.

Shared Education

Children from St. Mary's P.S and Maguiresbridge P.S will be meeting up during the month of March. Reminder to parents when children are meeting up they will be walking to their partner school.

P.4 will welcome Maguiresbridge P.4 to St. Mary's on Tuesday 12th March.

P.4 will visit Maguiresbridge P.4 class on Thursday 21st March.

P.6 will welcome Maguiresbridge P.6 to St. Mary's on Thursday 14th March.

P.6 will visit Maguiresbridge P.6 class on Thursday 21st March.

P.7 will visit Maguiresbridge P.7 class on Thursday 14th March.

P.7 will visit Maguiresbridge P.7 class on Thursday 21st March.