

## **BULLETIN – FEBRUARY 2024**

- CLOSINGS:** Monday 18th Bank Holiday  
There will be no 3-4.30pm After School Club on Thursday 21 April due to the school show. School closes on Wednesday 27 March at 12.00 pm for Easter Holidays (No school bus at this time). School re-opens on Monday 8th April for Summer Term.
- SACRAMENTS:** **P4** First Confession Tue 27th February 7pm / First Holy Communion Sat 18 May 11am.  
**P7** Service of Light Wednesday 17 April 7pm / Confirmation Saturday 4 May 11am
- IMPORTANT DATES :** Friends of St Mary's Meeting Monday 26 February 2.15-3pm. New members welcome.  
P7 Trip to Cavan Museum Wednesday 28 February  
Thursday 7 March World Book Dress Up Day  
Wednesday 13 March Chinese Opera Performance for all classes. Workshops for P3-7.  
Friday 15 March Green Day  
21 March 'Aladdin Trouble' 7pm Parish Hall  
21 March World Down Syndrome Day
- STAFF CHANGES** Miss McGuigan will commence a secondment to the EANI SpLD service on Monday 26 February until 30 June. We will miss her and wish her every success in her role. Miss Montague has been carrying out some transition work in preparation for teaching P6.
- MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING** Classes continue to use the Neuronimo mental health and well-being programme from the 'Reverse the Trend Foundation', to develop lifelong skills, which will help children cope with the challenges they may face now or in the future. The programme has been funded through Friends of St Mary's Initiatives. We encourage parents to log into the programme for use at home. There is a link specifically for our school:  
[https://www.neuronimo.com/bundles?bundle\\_id=neuronimo-at-home-primary-12-week](https://www.neuronimo.com/bundles?bundle_id=neuronimo-at-home-primary-12-week) When you register your details, under the coupon prompt enter our unique Coupon code which is **StMarysLand23**.  
We continue to benefit from additional physical activity through the Daily Mile, Core Kids (focus on athletics this term) and County Board Gaelic Coaching. Work is under way to create sensory spaces and walks along our corridors. We are currently awaiting the completion of electrical work to install heat and lighting to the playhouse as a first step in converting it into a sensory shed. Thank-you to everyone who has supported the fundraising to facilitate these initiatives.
- SCHOOL AND ECO COUNCILS:** Our School council continues to gather pupil opinions or concerns and share the pupil voice. The ECO-council is also active and influencing change for the better. One of the recent achievements is the sourcing of additional trees to be planted in school grounds.
- SCHOOL GARDEN:** We look forward to developing our poly tunnel and garden area as Spring approaches.  
[Help from parents or grandparents would be much appreciated, particularly in power-washing our poly tunnel. Please contact the school if you are willing to volunteer.](#)
- CHILD PROTECTION:** The Designated Child Protection Teacher is Mrs Fitzpatrick. Mrs Kelly is the Deputy Designated Teacher.

**Many thanks to all parents for their support. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries,  
P Kelly  
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