



# Autumn 2021 Newsletter



Thank-you to everyone in the St Mary's community for working together to make this another successful half-term. There have been lots of exciting learning opportunities along with friendship building and of course, some fun. Please sit back, relax and enjoy a journey through just some of the news from St Mary's.

## Halloween Fun

There is a lot of excitement around St Mary's at this time of year. Some strange and eerie figures appeared on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, just before the mid-term break!









Welcome to our new P1 pupils, who are settling in so well!



Many thanks to  
Newtownbutler Credit  
Union for their generous  
donation of £1,000  
towards school funds.



## A Hero's Welcome!

The school turned Red and White on two occasions recently. Firstly, to wish Mr Sludden well in the All-Ireland and then to welcome him back as a champion. There was great excitement as the community joined with the school to celebrate. Thank-you to the parents who decorated the town and sent cupcakes for the P7 class. It was certainly a day to remember as Mr Sludden was led through the town by his class, to cheering crowds and even TV cameras.





## Coaching / Tuition



We are delighted to again have a variety of coaching and tuition available for our pupils, including Swimming, Violin and Football. We look also forward to Mandarin classes recommencing in the near future.



Our new School Councillors have been elected in KS2. All classes have council meetings to discuss how we can continue to make St Mary's the best it can be.

Previously, we would have invited parents to information meetings. This year each teacher is posting a presentation on Seesaw to advise parents on the curriculum to be covered and how to help at home.





## Maths Week Ireland

There has been a great mathematical buzz in the school recently, as we celebrated Maths week. Pupils participated in several fun activities such as Playground Maths Trails, Izak 9 Cubes and Problem-Solving Challenges.

Outdoor Maths



Right Angle Hunt



Using Concrete Materials



Problem Solving



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# Lough Landscape Schools Convention

P6 and 7 recently enjoyed a fun day at Share Discovery Village, where they learned about wildlife and ecosystems on the lough shore. They also spent time canoeing.



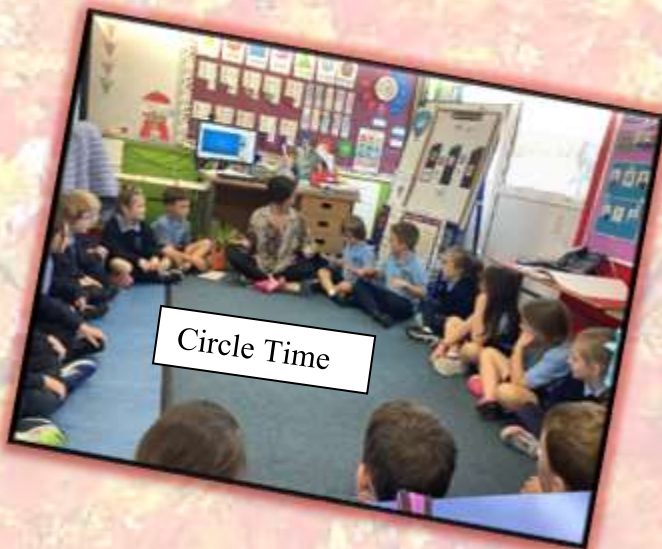
## Neuronimo



We have invested in a 12 mental health and well-being programme called Neuronimo from the 'Reverse the Trend' Foundation. All pupils partake in activities for a few minutes daily. This aims to develop lifelong skills, which will in turn help children cope with the challenges they may face now or in the future.



# Other Learning Experiences in St Mary's



Summer Scheme



Congratulations to Daithi, our first Accelerated Reading Millionaire this year. Well done to all the KS2 boys and girls who have been working hard to meet their individual reading targets.



### **Certificates of Achievement**



Well done to all the pupils who have been awarded 'Student of the Week'. Teachers select pupils for a range of reasons, both academic and non-academic. We are also pleased that a high number of pupils will be awarded certificates for full attendance this half-term.

### **Firework Safety Awareness Raising**

All classes recently enjoyed a very informative talk from the PSNI about Firework Safety. We ask everyone to remember the key messages over mid-term: **'Never Throw Fireworks!'** and **'Never Stand Close to a Bonfire!'**



### **100% Golden Time**

All pupils from P2-7 who have earned 100% Golden Time so far this year, will be awarded a certificate, to acknowledge their good behaviour. Well done to all of them!

**As always sincere thanks to parents for your support and co-operation.**

Remember if you do have any concerns, we are always available and eager to discuss them. Your concern is our concern!



# Happy Halloween



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