



Autumn 2022 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 28th, just before the mid-term break!



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





**WELCOME
TO P1**



PIC • COLLAGE

Congratulations to
all the pupils who
won awards at
Lisnaskea Feis.





First Fermanagh Champions Join Us For Assembly



We'll be
cheering
for
Newtown
on 6/11



Coaching

We are delighted to welcome Pat Cadden our Gaelic Coach and Orlagh Leonard from Healthy Kidz who provide specialist coaching. The young generation are certainly inspired to bring more trophies home to Newtownbutler. Next half-term the Healthy Kidz after school sports clubs will be rolled out to P2 and P6.



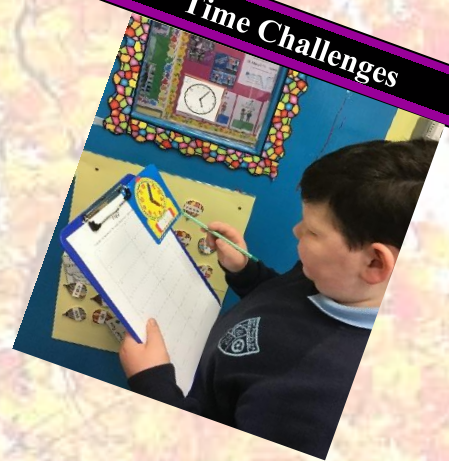
Maths Week Ireland

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.

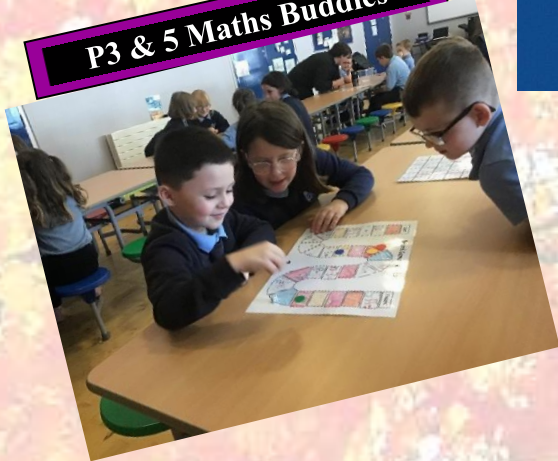
Using Concrete Materials



Time Challenges



P3 & 5 Maths Buddies



Top Maths Week
Puzzle Solvers



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Problem Solving



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.

Outdoor Learning

As an official Forest School we continue to develop opportunities for outdoor learning. P7 recently enjoyed a fun day at Share Discovery Village, where they learned about wildlife and ecosystems on the lough shore and also enjoyed some time canoeing. P5 had a nature trail through Sprig Grove Forest as part of their Shared Education Programme. Foundation Stage classes continue to benefit from outdoor play based learning



Congratulations to all the Pupils who have earned Mathletics and Accelerated Reading Awards this half-term, some of whom are pictured here.



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



Healthy Eating

We continue to encourage healthy eating and as part of this, we have linked with the Fare Share Charity to provide free breakfasts, brunches and snacks to pupils.



Playground Fun

Last year the school council fund raised to get additional equipment for the playgrounds. The children are really enjoying the new stilts, balls, building blocks, skipping ropes, balance boards and basketball hoops. We have reintroduced our Playground Buddy System in the lower playground and we have Buddy Benches in each yard.



Other Learning Experiences in St Mary's



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The World Around Us



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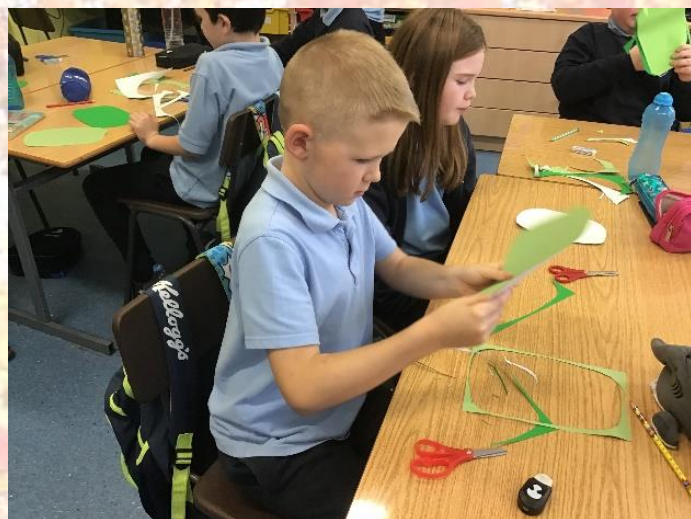


Mandarin



Book Week NI





ART



Sport



Active Learning

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.



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryspstnewtownbutler/>

Firework Safety Awareness Raising

Classes have been learning 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, have been 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!