



ST MARY'S P. S. NEWTOWNBUTLER



Christmas 23

Feis Success

Again this year many of the pupils have been successful in Lisnaskea Feis, in the verse speaking, art, own poetry, handwriting, music and dancing sections. Florence in P7 was awarded a trophy for best own poetry writing and St Mary's was awarded the best school. Well done to all those who competed!



Accelerated Reading Millionaire



Congratulations to Ava in P6, who is the first pupil this year to read 1,000,000 through the Accelerated Reading Programme. She has reserved her seat at the Millionaire's Tea Party with Mrs Kelly in June!

Pupil Voice

We continue to make strides in developing the pupil voice within the school, through circle time, listening ear boxes, surveys and class ECO and school councils. The school council are pictured here at one of their recent meetings with Mrs Kelly.



Attendance Matters!



100% Attendance

Well done to all the pupils who have attended school every day this term!

Anti-Bullying

A preventative anti-bullying curriculum is taught in all classes throughout the year, in particular through PDMU, Religion and



circle time. There are also

a number of whole school initiatives such as Buddy Benches and the P6 playground buddies, who join the P1-3 pupils in the lower playground to model good play skills, reassure and help the younger pupils. Our P5 pupils recently visited NTB Community Playgroup to get to know the pupils for whom they will be buddies

next year. We also held our annual Anti-Bullying competition in November (led by the School Council) and the posters are displayed around the school.



Friends of St Mary's

Our PTA have continued to do great work in supporting the school. We are well on our way to achieving our goal of raising £5,000 to help develop physical and emotional wellbeing have their bespoke designs produced on cards, mugs and coasters. The design from Lucy in P7 was selected to be reproduced as our school Christmas card this year. Lucy is pictured here with her winning design.



Physical and Emotional Wellbeing

Classes have been enjoying weekly sports lessons from Pat (GAA) and Nathan (Core Kids). The P6 pupils complete their swimming programme on Wednesday 20th

December. We have also participated in the Santa run and the Healthy Kids 'Big Fun Workout'.

Christmas Festivities

Spirits have been high over the past couple of weeks in St Mary's with, Christmas dinner, the Christmas Preparation Mass, Carol Singing in Supervalu and the Playgroup, the internal postal service, the trip to the Pantomime in Belfast and lots of fun art and music.



Thinking of those less fortunate.



Many thanks to all the families who sent in a shoe box filled with Christmas gifts. The shoeboxes will be delivered to less fortunate children in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. The school council were delighted with the response to their suggestion that each family bring a non-

perishable food item on the day of our Christmas dinner. These were combined to produce hampers for the St Vincent de Paul charity, to help those in need, closer to home.

Online Learning at Home

We continue to provide home access to Abacus Maths, LEXIA, Mathletics and Bug Club Online for pupils. So even if you get stuck at home in the floods or the snow, don't put learning on ice- there's always lots to get on with. Check with your teacher which programmes have been allocated for you. The ICT suite is also supervised from 8.45-9am every day, for those pupils who want to get ahead!



Certificates of Achievements

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who have been awarded certificates of achievement so far. **Keep up the good work**

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

Remember if you do have any concerns we are always here to discuss them.

