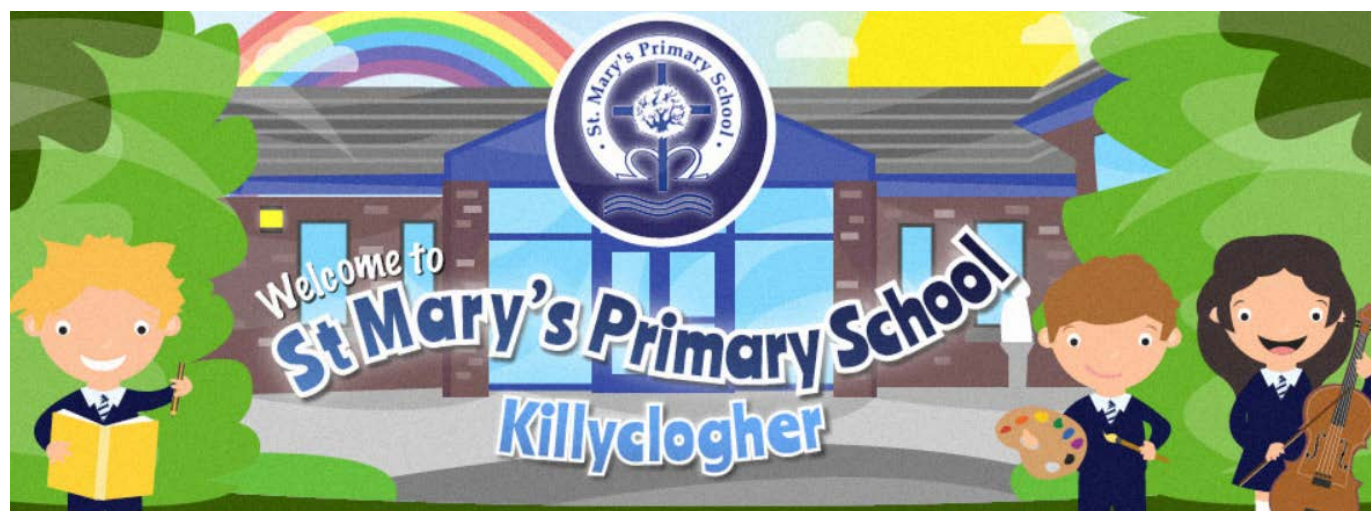


# November 2017 Newsletter



## Calendar

2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.	After School Programme - Block 2 begins for 6 weeks
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	Year 2 - Omagh Fire Station Visit and Autumn Walk
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Years 1 and 2 - Killyclogher GAA Coaching Programme (6 weeks)
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	All year groups - Flu Vaccination
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	All year groups - Wes Magee Author Visit
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Year 6 - Visit to the Library
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Entrance Test - <i>Best wishes to our Year 7 pupils who are taking the Test!</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	Year 6 - Visit to the Library
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.	St. Conor's Girls Indoor GAA Blitz (Station centre)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	Non-uniform Day to raise money for St. Vincent de Paul (£1.00 per child donation)
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	School Development Day - school closed to pupils - Parent/Teacher Meetings
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	'Do This in Memory of Me' Mass in Christ the King Church at 12 noon
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Year 7 - Young Enterprise: Our World Year 6 - Visit to the Library
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Years 6 & 7 - Foyle Film Festival Education Outreach Film Screening in school

## Open Morning

Our 'Open Morning' will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am for all prospective parents and children due to start school in September 2018. As word of mouth is such a powerful way of reaching new families, please encourage any new parents/families that you know - who have children of nursery or primary school age - to consider coming along to our Open Morning. Parental recommendation is the best possible form of endorsement and could make all the difference so please do help us to advertise the event. Thank you for your continuing support.

## Christmas Shows

Our Christmas Shows (Nursery - Year 6) will take place as follows:

Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am
Year 3	Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am
Year 5	Wednesday 13th December at 11.00am
Year 4	Thursday 14th December at 9.30am
Year 6	Thursday 14th December at 11.00am
Nursery	Friday 15th December at 9.30am

## Anti-Bullying Week 2017: "All Equal, All Different, All Together"

Pupils will take part in 'Anti-Bullying Week' running from 13th-17th November 2017. This year will focus on supporting children to celebrate difference and diversity. Pupils will consider what makes them and others unique and how to be welcoming and inclusive when dealing with people face-to-face and when online.

## Exciting Literacy Event at St. Mary's!

We are thrilled to welcome Wes Magee, an award-winning author, to our school on the 8th November 2017. Wes has published more than one hundred books for young readers - fiction, poetry, plays, picture books, and anthologies. He will spend the day doing a range of literacy activities - poems, action rhymes, songs, storytelling and creative writing - with each year group. Hopefully this will be an inspiring experience for our pupils.

## Fundraising for our School

The Parent Support Group continue in their fantastic work supporting and fundraising for the school. Many hours go into organising events throughout the year - all for the benefit of our wonderful pupils - so sincere thanks is expressed to the Parent Support Group for this ongoing work.

In particular, thank you to everyone involved in our recent 5K/10K Run. Many volunteers, parents, family members and staff shared their time and expertise so generously to help organise and run this great community event. Thanks also to the Enda Dolan Foundation and Omagh Harriers for all their support and to all sponsors who donated so generously.

## Parent Support Group Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Support Group will take place in school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.00pm. More details will follow.

## Respecting Car Parking Access

Attention all drivers! Please remember that the top Staff Car Park is only to be used by Staff and Blue Badge holders for disabled access. No other vehicles should be in this staff carpark at any time and parents/childminders should not be using this area to drop children off and/or turn vehicles. Thank you to the vast majority of our visitors who respect this rule.

Also, in the interests of child safety, please ensure you allow the children to cross at the Zebra Crossings within and at the exit of the Visitor Car Park. All drivers must take extreme care where children are crossing. The safety of our children is paramount.

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Any child preparing a Shoebox for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal should have their box returned to school by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017. With thanks.

## After School Programme

There are still some spaces available in the After School Programme for November–December. Call with Angela in the School Office to register. Payment for after school activities should be received no later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 please.

## Congratulations to our Achievement Winners in October

Year 1
Ben Russell Aoife McHugh Oran McCartan Mark Kennedy
Year 2
Patrick Kelly Anna Leen Ellie Donohoe Dagmara Jez Conor Drumm
Year 3
Dylan Wilson Eabha Rose Donnelly Lucy Meenan Daire Cummings Rinaldo Aukstuolis Aimee Fulton
Year 4
Henry Miles Conall McKenna Katie McGinty Molly McGinn Aoife Lynch Jacob Hassett

Year 5
Jack McGinn James McPhillips Emma Hagan Ella McBride Isabella Coyle Katie Mitchell
Year 6
Orla Donnelly Ben Higgins Lara Keyes Clodagh McCloskey Ella Corrigan Ethan Clogherly
Year 7
Oscar Jarosz Ellie McAleer Oisín O'Neill Jack R Kennedy Cara Walsh

## Reporting Absence

All Parents/guardians are required to contact school by telephone or written note providing a clear reason for any absence. Where possible, parents are asked to try to avoid medical/other appointments during the school day.

# Congratulations to our Accelerated Reader Award Winners (September/October)

## Year 4

Conall McKenna    Ella McCartan    Ronan Swift    Phelim Bowes    Vilte Virnietze  
Points Winners:    Jacob Hassett    Maryanne Coyle    Jarlath Cunningham

## Year 5

Oran Conway    Isabella Coyle    Caolan Cunningham    Rose Coyle    Ciarnan Devine  
Eoin Cunningham    Bronagh Reape    Flynn Sweeney    Oliver Barton    Ben Corcoran  
Aimee McCloskey    Sarah McElmurray    Maebh McVerry  
Points Winners:    Matthew Doherty    Finn McNamee    Charlie Meenan  
Special Award Points Winner:    Erin McGlinchey

## Year 6

Aoife Doyle    Shane McPhillips    Cara Eannetta    Erin Cummings    Ella Black  
Kayleigh Brown    Conan McCartan    Orla Donnelly    Edward Cunningham  
Conor McDonagh    Kyla McGinty    James McGurren  
Points Winners:    Eimear Rodgers    Clodagh McCloskey    Cliona O'Reilly    Ciara Reape  
Laoise McCartan    Aine Campbell    Lara Keyes    Aobha Quinn

## Year 7

Cassie McCaffrey    Maebh O'Connor    Mia PapakyriacouGavin    Samuel Doherty  
Jesse Jayne Colton  
Points Winners:    Lucy McBride    Cara Walsh    Sean Hagan

The Class with the most successfully completed Accelerated Reading quizzes  
was **Mr O'Neill's Year 4 Class!** Congratulations!