



St. Mary's Newsletter

May 2021

NATIONAL MUSEUMS NI

Unlocking Our Sound Heritage is a nationwide project that will help to digitise and preserve sound recordings from old formats and open them to everyone. In Northern Ireland the work is taking place at Cultra, the home of the National Museums NI sound archives. This archive contains an extensive collection of recordings spanning transport, industry, crafts, folklore, language, traditional music and song.

As part of this work, sound recordings by the children from St Mary's Derrytrasna on 11th June 1968 and Ardmore Primary School on 20th October 1966 have been uncovered.

The school and the community are delighted to be involved in this project that will include our pupils learning about the science of 'sound', the valuable work that is being done to digitise and rescue old recordings and how pupils spent their childhood and summer holidays in and around the Derrytrasna area in the past.

A very special part of the project involves former pupils hearing their childhood voices for the first time in over 50 years. National Museums NI has asked if they could record the voices of some pupils who are in school today, for the purpose of comparison. We have arranged that this would happen on 11th June 2021.

We are very excited to be part of this community project.

Mrs McAlinden

Congratulations to our Primary 4 Children who made their First Communion on Saturday 8th May 2021. A special word of thanks to Rev.Fr Fitzpatrick, Deacon Juan, FOSM and everyone involved.



Reminder - School Closed:

**Monday 31st May & Tuesday 1st June 2021 – Bank Holiday & SDD
June 2021 –SDD to be confirmed**

Important dates for the weeks ahead are:

2 nd June	Transition Talk – Primary 7
3 rd June	Unlocking Our Sound Heritage Project
11 th June	Unlocking Our Sound Heritage Project
15 th June	Healthy Kidz Sports Day
18 th June	Clever Cloggers– P7
19 th June	Post Primary online portal is open for P7

Many thanks to:



TADA Rural Support who have supplied three tablets to our school community.

Lurgan Cricket Coaching to P6/7 which has now finished



SLNRA for their funding of Relax Kids

Friends of St Mary's for all their fund raising and grant applications. They have been successful in their grant applications to Armagh Banbridge Council and NIE. Continue to follow their Facebook page:

Friends of St Mary's FOSM

Resources for parents to support your child's maths learning at home can be found on <https://ccea.org.uk/learning-resources/help-your-child-maths>.

Please continue to use our remote learning packages IXL, Accelerated Reader, and BIG CAT Collins.

Parent line Information- Monday 7th June Fussy Eating

A flyer for Parentline NI titled 'The Formative Years'. It features colorful icons of a watermelon, apple, banana, and grapes. The text includes: 'Parentline NI is running FREE sessions on how parents can support their children through their formative years', 'Session 3: Fussy Eating', 'Parentline NI is delighted to have Dr. Kirsty Porter from Nutrition-Kids deliver this session for parents.', 'This workshop will help you navigate the often challenging process of getting your child to enjoy a wide variety of family-friendly meals. Dr. Kirsty helps you strike the balance with making food fun, providing a healthy and balanced diet, all in a way that works with your busy lifestyle.', 'When: Monday 7th June 2021', 'Time: 10am via Zoom', 'For more information or to book a place call free 0800 8020 400', 'Coming soon - Session 4: Managing Transitions', and social media links for Facebook.com/parentlineni and ParentlineNI.

Thank you to all our staff and pupils for participating in the 'Blue Balloon Challenge'

Many thanks to you all for your continued support.

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EDUCATION RESTART



EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE AND HELPING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

EVERYONE SHOULD CONTINUE TO:

- ✔ **Wash** hands regularly
- ✔ **Cover** coughs and sneezes
- ✔ **Wear** a face covering where necessary
- ✔ **Practise** social distancing
- ✔ **Follow** the latest public health advice

WHAT SHOULD I NOT DO?

- ✔ **Don't** send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms or if they have been identified as a close contact
- ✔ **Don't** allow your child to use public transport unless you have no alternative
- ✔ **Don't** gather at the school entrance/gate
- ✔ **Don't** allow your child to share food/drinks with friends

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- ✔ **Do** let the school know if your child will be absent due to COVID-19 symptoms
- ✔ **Do** follow the advice given if you have been contacted by the PHA Contact Tracing Service
- ✔ **Do** encourage your child to socially distance if it is possible
- ✔ **Do** encourage good hand hygiene
- ✔ **Do** use alternative transport if you can
- ✔ **Do** walk or cycle if it's safe and appropriate to do so
- ✔ **Do** use park and ride or other car-parking facilities (if available), and walk the remainder of the journey to school
- ✔ **Do** avoid parking close to or at the school gates
- ✔ **Do** encourage the use of face coverings on school transport and in post-primary schools/ settings
- ✔ **Do** encourage and supervise your child to carry out a COVID-19 test if they have been invited to participate

FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS, CAN BE FOUND ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S WEBSITE AT: WWW.EDUCATION-NI.GOV.UK