



# ST. MARY'S NEWSLETTER

January 2021

Term 2

## Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well during this Lockdown. We thank you for your participation and the full engagement of your children in our remote learning programme. If you have any difficulty or require support during this current lockdown, please contact the school.

Mrs McAlinden

## **Reminder: Admissions for Primary 1 close on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at noon.**

If you have any younger children who will be requiring a pre-school or primary school place in September 2021, the deadline for making an application via the Education Authority is this Friday, January 29 at noon. If you know of any other families with children who will be starting school this September, particularly those who may not have access to social media, could we ask that you let them know of the importance of making an application. The Education Authority has help desk emails and phone numbers should there be any queries. These are listed below along with the link for making an online application.

Online Application: [https://pupilservices.eani.org.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://pupilservices.eani.org.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

Admissions Helpdesk: 028 9598 5595

Email: [preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk](mailto:preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk) or [primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk)



## **Catholic Schools Week**

The theme for CSW this year is **Communities of Faith, Learning, Love, Resilience, Hope**. On **Wednesday 27 January at 2:00pm** a special mass will be streamed on <http://www.lurganparish.com/stpauls-webcam/> specifically for the schools of St Ronan's Pastoral Area in our diocese, i.e. the parishes of Magheralin, Moyraverty, Seagoe and St Peter's and St Paul's, Shankill. An invitation has been extended to all pupils, parents, teachers and staff to join online.



The Seagoe branch of Saint Vincent de Paul has thanked the school for their generous contribution to their Christmas appeal. They have also asked that the following message be shared with the school community:

*'Dear Parent, please note that if, during these difficult times, you are unable to meet the cost of a digital device for your child to access the school's remote learning, the local St Vincent de Paul will be willing to help you in confidence. Just contact the SVP Confidential Helpline 078-2777-0304'*



## Celebrating Our Achievements



At the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, approval was given for the street name 'Oakwood Grove.' We would like to congratulate Abbie Coleman who had suggested this name for the new development.

The planning committee has forwarded a letter of thanks to the school and its pupils commending us for our initiative.

### **Literacy**

The school has purchased the digital licence for BIG CAT readers. This will provide access to digital reading books for the younger children. Primary 4 to Primary 7 children can continue to use Accelerated Reader.

Don't forget the children can also access NI Libraries with their membership cards.

### **Healthy Kidz**

Thank you to the FOSM who have linked up with Paul Carville in Healthy Kidz to provide online PE sessions for the children. The zoom link will be shared on Class Dojo and Google Classroom before each session.

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**healthy kidz**

**Online PE sessions**

*Delivered Live by Healthy Kidz Coach Mags. 30-min fun home workouts*

**Wednesdays for all classes Via Zoom**

<b>P1-P3</b>	<b>P4+P5</b>	<b>P6/P7</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>10.35am</b>	<b>11.10am</b>

*Click on the Zoom link sent by the school at your child's designated PE time*

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***Many thanks to you all for your continued support.***



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