



# ST. MARY'S NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents/Guardians

Next week the school will be closed as we enjoy our midterm break. We thank you for your consideration and support as we continue to work through the challenges of the pandemic and the affect the Omicron variant is having on our staff and families. We work continuously to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum and give our children the best educational experience. We have loved seeing all the lovely artistic creations that have been produced by the youngest children of our school.

P1/2 have been making beautiful igloos and the P2/3 children have been making wonderful dinosaurs.

P6/7 are currently involved in 'My Townlands' project which is being funded by SLNRA. The children are currently learning about their town land and completing a piece of art work that is reflective of this. The children have already participated in a story telling session and listened to a local historian. Over the next few weeks they will be learning how to make a podcast using the Bandlab App with the intention that they will interview family members or neighbours. This project follows on from 'Our Unlocking Sound' project that the school engaged in with the NI National Museum last year.

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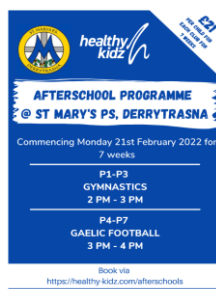
**Please find listed below many important dates and information about events.**



- The closing date for Post Primary Admissions is 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- On Wednesday afternoons the Primary 5, 6 and 7 children will go swimming in the New South Lake Centre from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This will be a great opportunity for the children.
- The Healthy Kidz programe for P1, P2, P3 will continue on Thursday mornings
- The 'Pathways to Music' Programme continues on Fridays as P5-P7 learn how to play the Violin and Viola
- Congratulations to the school football team who had a win over St Teresa's Primary School in their first Gaelic match since Lockdown.
- Internet Safety Day was Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, the children have spent the week learning about ways to keep safe online.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is World Book Day - more details to follow

## School Holidays 2022

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022</li> <li>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022</li> <li>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Children finish at 12.00noon</li> <li>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022</li> <li>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</li> <li>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022</li> <li>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022</li> <li>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul> | <p>Midterm Break</p> <p>St Patrick's Day</p> <p>Holy Thursday</p> <p>Easter Holidays</p> <p>May Bank Holiday</p> <p>May Bank Holiday</p> <p>Children finish at 12.00 noon</p> |
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- Sacrament of First Communion-P4
  - Sacrament of Confirmation – P7
  - Tennis for P6/7 afterschool is on Tuesday from 3-4pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> March
  - Afterschool Healthy Kidz begins on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February



<https://healthy-kidz.com/product/healthy-kidz-afterschools-at-st-marys-ps-derrytrasna-term-2-block-2/>

- The community library van will be recommencing its visit to the school we are hopeful that it will begin after midterm.

### WHAT'S ON

In Brownlow Library

**Rhythms and Rhyme**  
Every Monday  
11.00am - 11.30am

**"NEW" Storytime (Age 4-8)**  
Last Tuesday of the Month  
11.00 - 12.00pm

**Chatterbooks Reading Group (Age 7-9)**  
Monday on a Tuesday  
4.00pm - 5.00pm

**"New" Junior Reading Group (Age 9-11)**  
Monday on a Tuesday  
4.00pm - 5.00pm

**"NEW" Fantasy Teenage Reading Group (Age 12-15)**  
Date/Time TBC

**Adult Reading Group**  
Monthly on a Wednesday  
10.30am - 11.30am

**Knit and Natter**  
Every Tuesday  
11.00am - 12.00pm

**Adult Mindful Colouring**  
Every Tuesday  
10.30am - 11.30am

**Tea, Coffee and Newspapers**  
Every Friday  
11.00am - 12.30pm

Please drop in to the branch or phone 028 3634 1940 to speak to staff to find out more about our groups and activities.

Attendance is free, but we do require all participants to be library members. There is no fee to become a member.

Other events and activities take place throughout the year. Ask staff for details or check our website: [www.brownlow.org.uk](http://www.brownlow.org.uk)

### libraries Brownlow Library

#### Opening Hours

<b>Monday</b>	10:00am — 5:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am — 7:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am — 5:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Closed
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am — 4:00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00am — 4:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed

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- A competition for our talented children