



Parents' News

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St Mary's Win Irish News Club and Volunteer Award

THE IRISH NEWS unveiled the winners of their highly contested Irish News Club & Volunteer Awards at an award ceremony in the Wellington Park Hotel on 12th May 2017 and we were worthy winners of the coaching initiative award.

The Awards initiative, now in its 15th year, recognises and rewards GAA Schools, Clubs & Volunteers throughout Ulster for their commitment to Gaelic games and their community irrespective of their playing ability.

As an award winner the school received a £500 Irish News development cheque and £500 O'Neills Sportswear voucher.

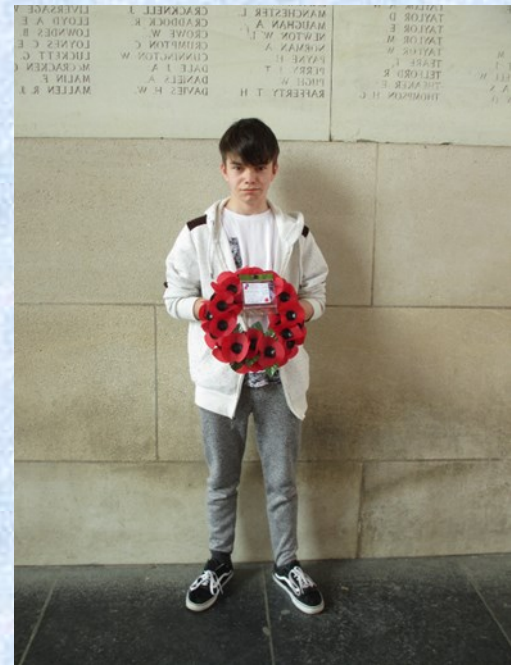


Balmoral Show

On Friday, 12th May 9Y travelled to the Balmoral Show as part of the Shared Learning for Life and Work Programme with Limavady High School. Pupils visited various exhibitions and enjoyed seeing rare breed animals, sheep shearing, "the grass men", cookery demonstrations and tasting. The day ended with fun at the fair!



WW1 Battlefields Trip



Two Year 10 pupils Emily Curran and Thomas Young accompanied by Mrs McGee travelled to France and Belgium to visit WW1 Battlefields from 8th - 11th May after winning an essay competition organised by the Education Authority. Our pupils visited Museums, Battlefields and Cemeteries related to WW1. Thomas Young laid a wreath at the Menin Gate, Ypres on behalf of his great - great grandfather who died in WW1.

Junior Prizegiving

Parents are invited to attend our Junior Prizegiving which will be held on Friday, 23rd June at 2.15 pm. This event celebrates the achievements of our pupils in the junior school. Mrs Mary O'Hara, retiring Principal of St Matthew's will be our guest of honour.

Sports Corner

Girls Gaelic

Our U14 girls Gaelic team reached the semi-final of their Ulster shield competition where they were narrowly beaten by a very strong team from St Aidan's, Coothecill. The girls played some fantastic football and showed great promise for the future at U16 level.

Our Year 8 girls took part in the Ulster Ladies Gaelic Development Blitz in MUSA Cookstown on Wednesday, 17th May.



High Flying Historians :

Year 8

Faolan Boyd, Cian Doran, Saoirse Anderson, Matthew Hasson , Shanice Doherty and Danny Kelly.

Year 9

Caitlin Cassidy, Seana Cummings, Rianna Donaghy, Casey Ferris, Conor McWilliams, Aoife Kealey, Joshua Murray and Matthew McCrea.

Exam Result Dates

17th August A2 results - 9am

As results - 10am

24th August GCSE results

Year 12 - 9am

Year 11 - 10am

Interviews for admission to Year 13 will take place on 24th August, 9am—2pm.

End of Year Examinations

The end of year exams for Key Stage 3 pupils will be held on 5th, 6th and 7th June. The annual report will be forwarded to parents at the end of June.

Induction Day

Pupils transferring to St Mary's in September will be invited to spend a day at the school on Friday, 16th June. Mr Mullan will visit the Primary Schools to meet with the pupils and give details of the induction day programme. We look forward to meeting the new pupils on that day. Year 10 and 11 pupils will remain at home on this day.

As part of our transition programme mentors have been selected to support our P7 pupils on Induction day. They will work with the new pupils in September ensuring a positive start to life in St Mary's.

Curriculum Challenge

P6 pupils from our feeder Primary Schools were invited to take part in a Curriculum Challenge in St Mary's over a period of 3 days: 22 May to 24 May. Pupils took part in active learning across a range of subject areas. Pupils from Year 10 acted as mentors. Congratulations to all staff and pupils involved who made this such a successful venture for our Primary School pupils.



Uniforms

Uniforms no longer required (in good condition) would be greatly appreciated. We ask all Year 12 students to donate their ties on completion of their exams.

Return of Text Books

Parents are asked to remind Year 11, 12, 13 and 14 students to return all text books after examinations are finished.