



## Week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Newsletter

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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 23 January - Sunday 30 January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'.

During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society. Each day this week we will be issuing daily reflections on our school website for families to consider. We will also be doing a series of activities throughout the week in school focusing on this theme.

### COVID UPDATE

If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, follow the guidance on self-isolation and testing below using the link <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating-and-close-contacts>

If the school is informed of a positive Lateral Flow (LF) test result from a pupil a text message will issue to the concerned class via our text messaging service, for your information.

### SCHOOL ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school, for whatever reason, we ask that you contact the school by telephone on 02842728278 or email to [info@stmarysps.portaferry.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmarysps.portaferry.ni.sch.uk) to notify us of the purpose of their absence. A follow up letter of explanation must be brought into school upon your child's return to school.

### PORTAFERRY GAC

Fundamentals for Nursery, P1/2 and 3 aged pupils is on every Saturday in the Portaferry Sports Centre. All new and existing members are welcome and hurls and helmets can be provided, if needed.



### STEP IT UP

It has been calculated that over the last week, participants in our Step it Up challenge walked a total of 4,293,730 steps! This is a fantastic effort by all involved. We estimate this to be approximately 2147 miles and would be equivalent to walking from Portaferry to almost Athens, Greece. It is not too late to get involved. Contact any member of our PSG if you want to join in the fun.



### NURSERY / PRIMARY 1 APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

The application portal is still will open. Visit our school website for further details and if you need any advice, just contact the school office and we'll be happy to help.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>



## AFTER SCHOOLS CLUB

We must still insist that if you intend your child to attend our After School Provision that you notify the school each Monday morning with a clearly labelled envelope containing exact money and stating at the front what days your child will be attending. We are unable to accept mid-week bookings or bookings at short notice. Please remember sessions are from 2pm - 3pm or 3pm - 4pm at a cost of £2.00 per hour. In conjunction with the After School's room we also offer after school activities on the following days;

**Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm P4/5/6/7 Irish Dancing**

**Wednesday 2.00-3.00pm P1/2/3 Irish Dancing**

These Irish Dancing sessions are also £2.00 per hour.

## JUDO

**Thursday 2.00-3.00pm P1/2/3 Judo**  
**3.00-4.00pm P4/5/6/7 Judo**

This club is being run by Peggy Magee and payment for this is independent from the school.

Registration is done using the link

<https://www.teamo.chat/club/register/psj>

The class is £4 a class but there is discount for those already a club member

## SCHOOL DINNERS

School Dinners will be served as normal during this incoming week.

Monday	Breaded cod fish finger, Lemon Slice and Tartar Sauce, Baked Beans, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks & Mashed Potato Flake meal Biscuit, Fruit & Custard
Tuesday	Irish Stew, Homemade Wheaten Bread, Broccoli Florets, Sweetcorn Strawberry Mousse & Fresh Fruit Salad
Wednesday	Roast Beef, Gravy, Herb Stuffing, Cauliflower Cheese Sauce, Fresh Baton Carrots Dry Oven Roasted Potato Mashed Potatoes; Chocolate Brownie & Custard
Thursday	Breast of Chicken Curry with boiled rice, naan bread, Garden Peas & Mashed Fresh Turnip; Lemon Sponge & Custard
Friday	Margherita Pizza, Crunchy Fresh Coleslaw, Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad, Chips or Baked Potato ; Artic Roll & Jelly & Fresh Fruit
<b>BREAK</b>	
Monday	

Toast 30p or

Pancake 50p

**Tuesday**

Toast 30p

**Wednesday**

Toast 30p or buttered bagel 50p

**Thursday**

Toast 30p

**Friday**

Toast 30p or homemade buttered scone 50p

Also available daily!

Apple/ Orange juice 40p; Milkshake 40p; water 50p; Selection of fresh fruit 25p



## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

During the month of January the focus is on "Looking out for the need of others."

This week our Pupils of the Week were;

P1	Conall
P2	Callie
P3	Alfie
P4	Stephen
P5	Enda
P6	Fionn
P7	Caitlin



Bronze certificates for achieving 40 House Points was presented to Oisin in Primary 3. Silver certificates for achieving 80 House points were presented to Teagan in Primary 3, Alannah in Primary 4 and Holly and Meah in Primary 5. Finally Gold certificates for achieving 100 House Points were presented to Brooke, Hollie, Braden and Stephen in Primary 4.





Catholic Schools Week 2022  
Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full

# Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full

23 JANUARY – 30 JANUARY 2022



## MONDAY

**Living Life to the Full with God**



## TUESDAY

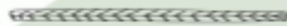
**Living Life to the Full Together**



## WEDNESDAY

**(Grandparents' Day)**

**Celebrating Being Together Again**



## THURSDAY

**Living Life in Wonder and Awe**



## FRIDAY

**Living Life and Facing the Future**





# Saint Mary's Primary School

## After Schools Clubs

Week beginning Monday 10th January 2022

### Monday - Thursday



**P2/3 Pupils**  
**2.00pm - 3.00pm**



**P2/3/4/5/6/7 Pupils**  
**3.00pm-4.00pm**



**Primary 2/3 pupils can stay on**  
**until 4.00pm**



**Activities will vary each day**  
**Cost: £2 per hour**  
**attending**



**This can be paid weekly**

Our After School Club will be held in a room at the "old end" of the school building. All pupils will exit the building via the "old end" entrance facing the chapel car park at their allocated time.

All weekly bookings must be made in advance and confirmed at the beginning of each week with name, days attending and money included stated clearly at the front of a sealed envelope.

