



**Week beginning Monday 27th March 2023
Newsletter**

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CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Primary 7 pupils who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 23rd March. It was a very special celebration and we are very proud of all of our Primary 7 pupils. Thank you to Father Feargal, Father Neeson and Deacon Paul for the way in which they set everyone at ease and to the wonderful staff at St Mary's for the manner in which they helped to prepare our pupils, for the preparation with the singing and readings, preparing the church and booklets and for preparing the hall and refreshments back in the school afterwards. It was great to see our schooling community coming together to celebrate with our Primary 7 pupils.



NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 31st March will be our next non-uniform day. Pupils can come to school dressed in their own clothes. Again, we ask for a donation of £2 per pupil or £3 per family, with all money raised going to Trociare.

Also this will be the last opportunity for pupils to guess the name of the two bunny's situated in the school entrance. Tickets for a guess are 20p a guess.

Non-uniform day!

SHARED EDUCATION

On Thursday 30th March 2023, our Primary 4/5/6 pupils will be attending the cinema with their counterparts in Portavogie Primary School. This is a final celebration event as it represents the last activity in our successful Peace IV Shared Education Programme as the funding is now coming to an end. We thank Portavogie Primary School for their partnership and participation in this initiative and we certainly have enjoyed the opportunities presented to our pupils. Hopefully we will find other opportunities in the future to meet up again.



INDOOR CAMOGIE FINAL

We send our best wishes to the Primary 7 Girl's who will be representing our school at the Ulster Indoor Camogie Finals on Friday 31st March. We are so proud of their achievements and we know you will give it your best on Friday.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Clubs will continue on Monday 20th February through until Wednesday 5th April 2023. Clubs can be paid for weekly at £2 per session attended. You



can register your child by sending in weekly payment in an envelope with your child's name clearly stated at the front and which days you wish your child to attend.

IRISH DANCING AFTER SCHOOL

Deirdre will be back in the school on Wednesday 29nd March 2023 for After School Irish Dancing.

JUDO

Peggy will be in the school on Thursday 30th March for Judo.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Remember, you don't necessarily need to pre-book. Just turn up from 8.00am and a warm welcome and satisfying breakfast awaits. The cost is £2 person attending.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

During this month of March our focus is on 'demonstrating a great love and enjoyment for reading.' This week our Pupils of the Week were;

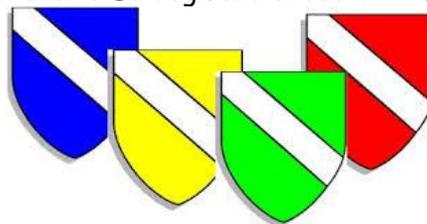
P1	Caragh
P2	Rosa
P3	Callie
P4	Oisin
P5	Cillian
P6	Riley
P7	Aine

HOUSE TEAMS

The results for this week were as follows;

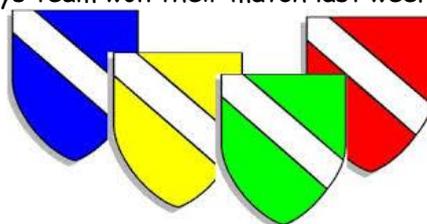
House Colour	This Week	Overall Total
Red	213	546
Blue	199	538
Green	258	551
Yellow	246	545

At our Assembly we presented Gold House points certificates for achieving 100 House Points to Aidan in Primary 3, Oscar, Kayleigh and Alex in Primary 4 and to Darragh and Grace in Primary 5.



CELEBRATION TIME

This week we celebrated together with Gwen and Olivia in Primary 3 who won trophies for Judo, the Under 9 Hurling team that won their first match of the season last weekend, Kayleigh and Isla in Primary 4 won various dance trophies and medals, Meah in Primary 6 was the Star of the Week and her Horse Riding club and the 2013 Portaferry Town Boys team won their match last weekend.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This week we send birthday greetings to Evan (P5), Lee (P5), Abbie (P7), Aria (P5), Jessica (P1),

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SCHOOL DINNERS

Please note a change to the dinner schedule. Pupils can have a choice of dinners and they will notify the class teacher each morning on what dinner they prefer. Dinners cost £2.60 per day and must be paid at the beginning of each week in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and days on which they wish to have school dinner

Monday	Spiced Chicken Fajita Or Oven Baked Pork Sausages Diced Potato/Mash Potato/Coleslaw Baked Beans & Garden Peas Ice-Cream & Pears with Hot Chocolate Sauce
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Tuesday	Oven Baked Fish Fingers Or Homemade Pepperoni Pizza Chips Peas & Coleslaw Zesty Orange Sponge & Custard
Wednesday	Mild Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Or Ham & Cheese Panini Steamed Rice/ Sweetcorn Caramel Tart & Fruit
Thursday	Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy Mash & Roast Potatoes carrots & turnip Iced Sponge with Sprinkles & Custard
Friday	Oven Baked Breaded Fish Fingers Or Beef Burger & Bap Chips Spaghetti Hoops Strawberry Milkshake & Flake Meal Biscuit

BREAK

Monday

Toast 30p or
Pancake 50p

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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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 27th March

P5/6/7 Hurling with Danny Toner

Tuesday 28th March

P7 Swimming

Thursday 30th March

P7 Trip to Slieve Gullion

P4/5/6 Shared Education Cinema Trip

Friday 31st March

Ulster Indoor Camogie Final

Non Uniform Day

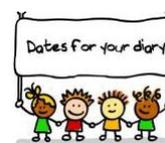
Upcoming Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6th April

School closes at 11.00am for Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April

School re-opens for pupils

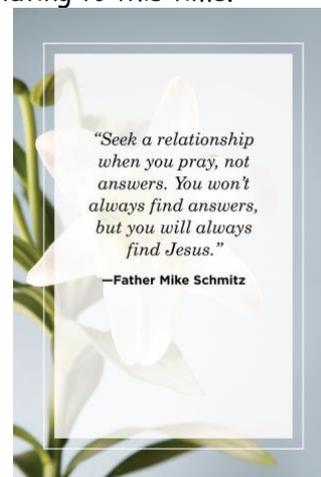


CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFE-GUARDING

If you have any concerns regarding the safety of your child please contact Mrs Breen (Designated Teacher for Safeguarding and Child Protection) or Mr Denvir (Deputy Designated Teacher for Safeguarding and Child Protection).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Each week we will be introducing a different whole schooling community "Thought for the Week." Should you wish to, this is an opportunity to reflect on the words and relate to how they might influence or impact upon us. During this period of lent our themes will be relating to this time.



CONTACTING SCHOOL

If your child is absent from school, or you need to contact the school, for whatever reason, please contact the school, either by telephone on 028427 28278 or by e-mail at info@stmarysps.portaferry.ni.sch.uk If there is no-one in the office to take your call, please leave a message on the answering machine stating the nature of your call or that your child will not be in school that particular day. When your child returns to school please give a written confirmation for their reason of absence. This is also needed, even if you have contacted the school already.



