

# MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019



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DATES TO REMEMBER		MARCH 2019
Friday 1 March	Credit Union Quiz Chapter Finals All-County Finals: Girls' Indoor Football @ Antrim Forum	
Tuesday 5 March	Number Day in MQP	
Wednesday 6 March	Ash Wednesday Growing Club (Y5) Parent Yoga Class (Group 1) 2.15 – 2.45 p.m. (Cargan)	
Thursday 7 March	Cumann na mBunscol Quiz Parent Yoga Class (Group 2) 2.15 – 2.45 p.m. (Cargan)	
Tuesday 12 March	First Confessions @ 6.30 p.m. in the Church	
Wednesday 13 March	Parent Yoga Class (Group 1) 2.15 – 2.45 p.m. (Cargan)	
Thursday 14 March	Parent Yoga Class (Group 2) 2.15 – 2.45 p.m. (Cargan)	
Friday 15 March	Green Day (£1 Trócaire) & St. Patrick's Day Assembly (Y2) Trócaire Bun Sale, Y1 & 2 in Martinstown All Day	
Monday 18 March	School Closed	
Wednesday 20 March	Growing Club (Y5)	
Saturday 23 March	Trailblazers' Celebration Event, Adair Arms 12 – 3 p.m.	
Monday 25 March	Annie Tickets Go On Sale Girls' Gaelic Football Club	
Tuesday 26 March	Service of Light @ 7 p.m. in the Church	
Thursday 28 March	Please Note: No Pupil of the Month Assembly	

### WORLD MATHS DAY 2019 – NUMBER DAY in MQP

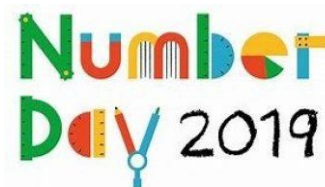
In previous year we have focused on World Book Day but this year it is time for a change! Instead, we are going to celebrate World Maths Day 2019 with a **Number Day**. World Maths Day clashes with Ash Wednesday, so we will celebrate our Number Day in MQP on **Tuesday 5 March**. All proceeds from the activities will go towards a much needed 'Maths Scheme' for our classrooms.

Pupils and staff will dress up by wearing a number. This may be a favourite footballer's jersey number or a top with a lucky number.



We really want to encourage creativity so there will be spot prizes for:

- Creative Costumes
- Families that Dress Up with a Theme



e.g. a family that come together to make a 3 digit palindrome.

All children who dress up will complete class games/activities using the numbers e.g. find all the odd numbers in the class or calculate the class average. A £1 donation towards the purchase of a new maths scheme will be collected on Number Day.

The children once again will have the opportunity to 'Buy a Number' for the chance of winning a 'Happy Hamper'. Number grids will be located on both sites and the children can buy their lucky number at the cost of £1 per number. Lucky numbers will be drawn from a 'random number generator'. So get thinking about your lucky number!

Thank you in advance.  
Fiona McConway  
Maths Co-ordinator



*Positive or negative, big or small, prime or squared, we can wear them all.*

## BALLYMENA FESTIVAL

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's festival. We are very proud of the children. It isn't easy to go up on a stage and perform in front of judges! Well done everyone. Congratulations too, to our School Choir who were second in their competition, making this our best every performance at the festival. Miss Rodgers and Mrs Duffin are delighted with the choir's success. Well done!



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform dress code includes black shoes. Children should bring trainers to school to change into for PE lessons. The pupils looked really well at recent public events, including the Ballymena Festival, dressed in their uniform and black shoes. We want the children to be smartly dressed everyday and we need the support of parents in order to achieve this.



## SACRAMENTS

Our best wishes and prayers to the Y3 pupils who will make their First Confessions on **Tuesday 12 March @ 6.30 p.m.** in the Church. Service of Light: **Tuesday 26 March @ 7 p.m.** in the Church.



There will be Ash Wednesday services in the school for children from Ys 1-7.

## SCHOOL QUIZ TEAMS

Good luck to our Credit Union Quiz teams in the Chapter Finals on **Friday 1 March**. The school entered three teams into the local quiz heats, where MQP won Competition A and were placed first and second in Competition B. The children now progress to the Chapter Finals, where they will represent the Ballymena district.

Our quiz teams will also defend their SW Antrim Cumann na mBunscol title. The quiz will take place in St. Brigid's PS, Ballymena on **Thursday 7 March**.



## TRÓCAIRE

Our traditional Lenten work for Trócaire will begin on Ash Wednesday. There will be a Trócaire box in each classroom and every Friday the P1 pupils will visit the classrooms (on both sites) to collect the *coppers*. Education forms an important part of our Lenten Trócaire work. This year's themes are:

P1-3 Our Land

P4-7 Our Land Our Rights



## SCHOOL SPORT

The girls' Gaelic football team will be competing in the county finals on

**Friday 1 March @ 10 a.m.**

in the Antrim Forum.

Good luck girls!



## ANNIE

Our very first musical – Annie, will premier in April. The children are working hard in rehearsals, as well as organising a programme for the musical. We are seeking sponsorship from local companies and organisations who would like to purchase an advertisement in the programme. If you feel you can support the school then please contact the office:

028 2175 8358 [info@mqpps.glenravel.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@mqpps.glenravel.ni.sch.uk)

Tickets on sale: **Monday 25 March**.



## St. PATRICK'S DAY

Y2 will also put on a special St. Patrick's Day Assembly for the whole school on **Friday 15 March**.

Y1 and Y2 pupils should go directly to the Parish Hall in the morning, they will stay in Martinstown all day and the children will be collected from the Parish Hall at 2 p.m.

**Green Day: Friday 15 March.** Pupils will dress in green to mark the holiday and make a £1 donation to Trócaire.

Y6 have organised our one Lenten treat – a Bun Sale, again in aid of Trócaire (25p per bun).



## GROWING CLUB

Primary 5 have teamed up with Mid & East Antrim Borough Council to transform the grounds around Martinstown school. Using recycled materials e.g. brush shafts, beams and plastic, in just two hours the children created two raised beds. Everyone enjoyed their experience and they can't wait until the next monthly Growing Club which takes place on **Wednesday 6** and again on **Wednesday 20 of March**.

