

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019



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DATES TO REMEMBER		APRIL 2019
Thursday 28 March	Please Note: No Pupil of the Month Assembly	
Monday 1 April	Final Swim Y7 Mrs McAlister	
Thursday 4 April	Half the Pot Easter Draw I Piano Lessons (Please note the change)	
Friday 5 April	Shared Education Celebration in Camphill PS	
Sunday 7 April	All-Ireland Credit Union Primary Schools' Final (RDS, Dublin)	
Monday 8 April	Swimming Y7 Mrs McLoughlin Shared Education Celebration in Mary Queen of Peace PS	
Wednesday 10 April	Annie @ 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre Growing Club (Y5)	
Thursday 11 April	Annie @ 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre Half the Pot Easter Draw II Boys' Gaelic Football (7 a-side), Creggan GAC	
Mon 15 & Wed 17 April	School Nurse	
Thursday 18 April	Half the Pot Easter Draw III School Closed @ Noon, Non-Uniform Day No School Bus, No Lunches	
Friday 19 – Sunday 28 April (inclusive)	Easter Holidays 	
Monday 29 April	School Re-opens Y7 Mrs McLoughlin Swimming resumes	
Tuesday 30 April	First Communion Parents' Meeting in Martinstown @ 7 p.m.	

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Congratulations to Mrs O'Mullan's Y3 class who made their First Confessions.



Confessions will take place, in the school, for our Y4-7 pupils in preparation for Easter.

ANNIE

Our very first musical – Annie, premieres this month. The show will be staged in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 10** and **Thursday 11 of April**. We wish everyone involved in the show the very best of luck – we can't wait to see it!



FUNDRAISING: EASTER HALF THE POT

Half the Pot Draw makes a return for the three weeks leading up to Easter. There will be three draws:

Thursday 4 April; Thursday 11 April & the final draw, on Thursday 18 April. A set of envelopes will be distributed to families every week.

Envelopes cost £1 each and the buyer should write their name and telephone number on the envelope.

Proceeds from the draws will go towards the purchase of a much needed maths scheme for the school. We get fantastic support from our families and parish. Good luck!



ON-LINE SAFEGUARDING

We have created an on-line safety section on our website where you can access advice on keeping your child safe while they are on-line. This can be found on our home screen, at the On-Line Safety tab on the green bar that runs along the top of the screen. A new update for April has been added: You Tube Parents' Guide.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform supplier for 2019-20 will be Select Kidz, Church St, Ballymena.



Select Kidz will be announcing details of school uniform offers, which will be posted on our website.

The school very much appreciates the support of parents in ensuring that the children wear black shoes as part of the school uniform code. This was particularly noticeable at our recent celebration of First Confessions. Thank-you.

SCHOOL QUIZ TEAMS

Congratulations to all of our quiz teams.

In the Credit Union Quiz (Chapter) Final our team in Competition A were runners-up, narrowly losing out on a place in the All-Ireland Final after a sudden death tie-breaker. In Competition B our team were runners-up and came through their tie-breaker. They will now compete in the All-Ireland Primary Schools' Quiz Final (RDS, **Sunday 7 April**). In the Cumann na mBunscol Quiz, our teams won the SW Antrim Shield and went on to finish 6th and 7th in the Ulster Final in Co. Monaghan.

Well done to everyone involved: the children; their parents; the club for their assistance with transport; and Mrs Jean O'Loan, for all her work with the teams.



SCHOOL SPORT

We are set for a busy couple of months of Gaelic games, beginning with football. First up, the boys on **Thursday 11 April** (thank-you to Conor Carey from Con Magees for assisting the team with their preparation), then the girls on **Thursday 2 May** (with Mrs Duffin).

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TERM III

Activity	Yr	Coach
Camogie	Y6/7	Mrs McAlister/Club
Hurling	Y6/7	Mr Conlon/Club
Games	Y4/5	Mrs McLaughlin
Tennis	Y6/7	Mrs O'Mullan
Art	Y4/5	Mrs O'Broin
Crochet	Y6/7	Mrs Hynds/Community

SHARED EDUCATION

Y4 have been working with Camphill PS on a Shared Education project based around ICT. The children, every Friday, have been alternating between the two schools; getting to know each other; and working on animations, in small groups. Special assemblies to showcase the children's work have been organised for Camphill PS and Mary Queen of Peace PS (**Parish Centre – Monday 8 April**). Work will continue on this project in the new school year with a focus on Y2 (outdoor play), Y4 (enhancing film and animation), Y5 (Izak9 ICT/maths problem solving cube).

We have also been working with Clough PS, on a cross-community project, based around creating an app to locate areas of interest in our local communities. The project was called Trailblazers and the app was launched at a celebration event in the Adair Arms.



Thank-you to everyone involved in the project: our pupils, Mrs McConway, Glenravel & District Community and Residents' Association, Wheelworks and finally to our friends in Clough PS. Well-done everyone.

WORLD MATHS DAY 2019 - NUMBER DAY in MQP

Number Day was a terrific success. Thank-you to everyone involved and for the £520 raised. Enjoy the photos and there is also a special film on: www.mqpglenravel.com

