

# MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019



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DATES TO REMEMBER		FEBRUARY 2019
Monday 4 February	Y7 Mrs McAlister Swimming begins Credit Union Quiz at the Showgrounds, Ballymena @ 9.30 a.m.	
Tuesday 5 February	Pupil of the Month Assembly in Parish Centre @ 1 p.m. Safer Internet Day Trailblazers Club (Y6 & 7) @ Clough PS 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.	
Thursday 7 February	Y5 Trip to Glenariff Beach	
Friday 8 February	Waterbus Visits Key Stage 2	
Monday 11 February	Choir Club Rehearsal for Festival	
Tuesday 12 February	Trailblazers Club (Y6 & 7) @ Clough PS NB: during school day	
Wednesday 13 February	Final Rugby Club Growing Club begins with Y5 1.00 - 3.00 p.m.	
Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February	School Closed	
Wednesday 20 February – Friday 1 March	Ballymena Festival <i>Good Luck!</i>	
Monday 25 February	School Choir @ Ballymena Festival	
Tuesday 26 February	Trailblazers Club (Y6 & 7) @ MQP PS 3.30 – 5.30 p.m. First Confessions Parents' Meeting @ 7 p.m. in M'town School	
Thursday 28 February	Pupil of the Month Assembly (Y5)	

### PARENTS' CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Each term we will issue a Parent Curriculum Overview to let you know what your child is doing in their school work. The Parents' Curriculum Overview will focus on:

The **theme/topic** that the children are studying. Through the World Around Us subjects: science, geography and history the pupils will learn about their topic. There will also be opportunities to develop literacy, numeracy and ICT skills. Topic work is also an excellent way to develop art, religion, drama and PDMU (Personal Development & Mutual Understanding). The themes for Term II are:

- Y1: Polar Lands
- Y2: Nocturnal Animals / Night Time
- Y3: Winter/Weather
- Y4: Celebrations
- Y5: Liquid Gold (Water)
- Y6: Fair Trade
- Y7: The Great Hunger



Hopefully you will be able to support the children by talking to them about their theme; helping to research the topic through library visits / on-line research; or taking the children on educational visits.

The Parents' Curriculum Overview will also inform you about what the pupils are doing each term in mathematics, literacy and ICT so that you can support learning at home.

You will also find useful information about PE days,

homeworks or other important events happening during the term. The first Parent Curriculum Overview will be issued (paper copy and on-line) on **Thursday 14 February 2019**.

We hope you find it useful!



### GROWING CLUB

The Primary 5 children will be embarking on a school based project led by a team of volunteers from the Council's Growing Communities Department. From February to the end of the school year the volunteers and children will work together to transform the area between Martinstown school and the car park into a beautiful wildflower garden. We will introduce habitats for bugs and beasts to come and visit. The volunteers will be in school once a month up until June.

During this time, we may need assistance with tools, containers and manpower so P5 are asking for your support. If you can build a bird box, hedgehog home or have a few unwanted pots or containers please contact Mrs McConway. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

### FUNDRAISING

Thank-you for the backing for Christmas Half the Pot. Half the Pot will return for the three weeks leading up to Easter. All of our fundraising profits this year will go towards purchasing a Maths Scheme for our school.

This will be a big task and there are a number of funding initiatives planned. We really value your support.

## YOGA

Mindfulness and relaxation are vital for our overall well-being. To encourage a positive mind-set, the Foundation Stage (Y 1 & 2) children and parents will have the opportunity to participate in a Yoga class.

Funded by the North Antrim Community Network and led by Fiona Jones, the pupils and parents will develop yoga and relaxation techniques to relax both mind and body.

Teachers and Learning Assistants will also have their initial training on 'chair' techniques to employ within the class.

We look forward to an exciting new addition to our curricular and extra-curricular programme in MQP.



## CARGAN GARDEN

Work continues with improvements to Cargan school.

We now have a Wishing Chair in the Fairy Garden.

What's your wish?



## RUAIRI OG

Best wishes to our own member of staff - Christine McAfee and to her son Sean, in the All-Ireland Club Hurling Semi-Final.



# FEBRUARY in PICTURES

## SCHOOL SPORT

January was a busy sporting month. The hurlers reached the semi-final of their indoor championship, while the girls were runners up. In cross-county the girls' team finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the NI Primary Schools' Final (825 primary schools in the north – well done!), with a top 100 finish for a Y6 boy in his race.



## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

more photos and the Grandparents' Day film at: [www.mqpglenravel.com](http://www.mqpglenravel.com)



## SHARED EDUCATION with Camphill PS & Clough PS

