

# MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019



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DATES TO REMEMBER		JUNE 2019
Monday 3 June	Y4 Trip to W5, Belfast	
Wednesday 5 June	Y7 St. Killian's Tests Y6 STEM Visit to St. Louis' GS Y5 Trip to the Ulster Museum PTA Meeting @ 7 p.m. in Cargan School	
Thursday 6 June	Y7 What's Inside Workshop in Cushendall New Pupils Visit Y1	
Friday 7 June	New Y1 Parents' Induction Meeting @ 1 p.m. in Cargan	
Saturday 8 June	Camogie & Hurling Teams Playing at Half-Time at the Antrim v Westmeath, Joe McDonagh Cup Game (Dunloy)	
Monday 10 June	Y6 CSI Day in St. Killian's College	
Wednesday 12 June	Final Growing Club Y5	
Thursday 13 June	Shared Education Soccer Match v Camphill PS	
Friday 14 June	Sports Day	
Monday 17 June	Y7 Final Swim	
Wednesday 19 June	Pupil Reports Issued	
Thursday 20 June	Prize Day	
Friday 21 June	Year 1 Film Premiere for their Parents @ 1.40 p.m.	
Monday 24 June	School Closed @ 12.30 p.m. for all pupils, Lunches & Buses On Leavers' Mass @ 1.30 p.m. (Church then Parish Hall)	
Friday 28 June	Final Day of School Year: School Closed @ noon, No Lunches, Buses On, Non-Uniform Day	



Mary Queen of Peace Primary School  
First Holy Communion 2018-2019



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our Y4 pupils who made their First Holy Communion.



Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the children for the sacraments. Our best wishes and prayers to the children and their families.



Mary Queen of Peace Primary School  
Class Confirmation 2018-2019



## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations too, to our Y7 children who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Thank-you to our PTA and Y3 & Y6 parents who provided the fantastic catering at both ceremonies.

## UNIFORM: TRAINERS & SHORTS

Now that summertime is approaching the children will have more opportunities to learn outdoors as well as practise for Sports Day. Children may wear trainers to school instead of shoes during the month of June.

If the weather is particularly good, then the children may also wear navy shorts. The shorts should be navy and knee length. Sports shorts are not appropriate for school uniform. We appreciate the support of parents in ensuring that we maintain high standards.



**Please remember to label your child's clothes.**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have been meeting to discuss uniform, playground games and Sports Day. Our school councillors came up with the proposal that the children should be allowed to wear shorts but that they should be knee length.



The School Council have also been working on plans to revamp some of the games on Sports Day and they have been consulting with Mrs Gormley on the proposals. We look forward to seeing the changes.

## SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will take place on **Friday 14 June** (weather permitting) at the GAA pitch. Check the website for details on the navy bar across our home page.



Sports Day is an exciting day for the school and for the children, who really enjoy the support of their parents. Children should have sunscreen, a hat and water if the weather is particularly good.

If your child needs an inhaler, please make sure they have it with them on the day.

Children should be left directly to the pitch for **9 a.m.** and collected from the pitch at **2 p.m.**

This is a non-uniform day.

## PRIMARY ONE 2019-20

We look forward to welcoming our new Y1 children who will be visiting the school on **Thursday 6 June** to meet their class mates and staff.

To help prepare the children for starting school there will be a Y1 Parents' Induction Meeting on **Friday 7 June @ 1 p.m in Cargan.**

## FILM PREMIERE

Our current Y1 class haven't left yet!

Before they move on to their next class they would like to invite their parents to a special film premiere on **Friday 21 June @ 1.40 p.m.**

in Cargan.

It will be well worth it!



## GAELIC GAMES

Our hurling and camogie teams will play at half-time in the Antrim v Westmeath, Joe McDonagh Cup game in Dunloy on **Saturday 8 June**. This game is scheduled for 3 p.m. but is subject to change.

## ONLINE SAFETY

This month we have published on our school website information in relation to **Online Bullying**.



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.

## WEBSITE

June is always a busy month. Please keep checking the website for updates on key dates and news items.

## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Our literacy priorities this year were:

### 1. Report Writing

This was our number one literacy priority for the 2018-19 school year. From Y1 to Y7 the children were taught how to:

- Read reports and identify the features of a report (title, labelled pictures/diagrams, contain facts, sub-headings etc.);
- Research a topic;
- Take notes;
- Use Thinking Maps to organise information;
- Write a non-fiction report.

We are delighted with the quality of the pupils' work. This is a piece of work from Y2:

Thinking Map – Circle Map	Bats
	<p>Did you know there are 17 different types of bats in Ireland?</p> <p>A bat's home is called a roost. They live in trees, caves and also attics.</p> <p>Most bats eat insects.</p> <p>Bats have fur to keep them warm in the winter. Bats have wings to help them fly. Bats are nocturnal animals. They hunt at night.</p>

To continue with our work in:

### 2. Accelerated Reading (AR)

We want the children to *read more* and thanks to a super effort we have read **3,789 books** and **22,629,975 words** this year in KS2 (Y5-7).

### 3. Guided Reading

We want the children to *read better*. This means that we want the pupils to better understand and appreciate what they are reading. To do this we have devised challenging and interesting activities based on the children's guided reading books (the book a reading group uses with their teacher). The activities may include, for example: drama, writing an alternative ending to a book, comparing /contrasting characters from different books.

Mrs McKeown, Literacy Co-ordinator