



MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

November 2018



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DATES TO REMEMBER		NOVEMBER 2018
Sunday 28 October	PTA Hallowe'en Disco from 5 – 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre	
Monday 29 October	Hallowe'en Fancy Dress	
Tuesday 30 October – Friday 2 November	Hallowe'en Mid-Term School Closed	
Monday 5 November	Final Swim for Y5	
Tuesday 6 November	Multi-Skills Club Resumes (Y4-5)	
Wednesday 7 November	Needlecraft Club (Y4-5) with Mrs McKeown ICT Coding Club (Y4-5) with Mrs Gormley	
Friday 9 November	Flu Immunisation Cross-Country Club Resumes with Mr Conlon	
Monday 12 – Friday 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week: Choose Respect	
Monday 12 November	Y6 Swimming Begins	
Tuesday 13 November	ECO Schools with Mrs McConway	
Friday 16 November	Shared Education Y4 & Camphill PS: Teambuilding Day @ The Sports Hut (Galgorm) Christmas Dinner Returns	
Monday 19 November	BRAKERS – NI Road Safety Week	
Tuesday 20 November	Final Multi-Skills Club	
Thursday 22 November	GAA: Boys' Indoor Football Tournament @ Antrim Forum	
Friday 23 November	Be Safe Be Seen Day	
Sunday 25 November	Commitment Service Y4 & Y7 @ 11 a.m. Mass	
Monday 26 November	School Closed	
Thursday 29 November	Pupil of the Month Assembly (Y4 Mrs Gormley) GAA: Girls' Indoor Football Tournament @ Antrim Forum	
Tuesday 4 December	Open Morning (Sept 2019 entry, details to follow)	


COMMUNITY

Links with our local community are very important. This term we held a Silver Surfers' Club, where Mrs Gormley and pupils from Y7 showed senior members' of our parish how to use iPads and laptops. This follows on from the Feis Club (May/June 2018), when senior community members came into school to teach our children how to knit and crochet. Our school also enjoys tremendous support from Glenravel and District Community and Residents' Association. In 2017-18, Y6 were involved in designing road safety banners and one of our pupils also created a Hi-Viz Vest which was

manufactured and distributed to every child in the school by the Association. The pupils made a short film about their work, which was played at The Housing Executive Conference in Tullyglass House, Ballymena on Wednesday 24 October. We are proud of these initiatives and very proud to be a part of a special community, here in Glenravel.



PTA HALLOWE'EN DISCO



Mary Queen of Peace PTA
Children's Fancy Dress
Halloween Disco
Spot Prizes Tuck Shop
Parish Hall Martinstown
Sunday 28th October
5pm - 6:30pm
Admission: £2 per child or £5 per family
Tea/Coffee and Apple Tart



WELCOME to the SCHOOL

Mrs Lauren McLoughlin (left) who has joined the permanent teaching staff and is teaching in Y7.

Mrs Angela Duffin (right) who will be teaching in Y5, during Mrs Sharkey's maternity leave. Welcome to our school.



SCHOOL COUNCIL



Congratulations to our school councillors who were elected for the 2018-19 school year. We look forward to hearing your suggestions for ways in which we can improve MQP, at our first School Council meeting.

MENU

From the start of Term II (January 2019) the dinner menu will be published on-line, on the school's website, only.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Our very best wishes and congratulations to Mrs Sharkey, and her family, on the birth of her baby boy.



RELIGION

Preparation for the sacraments has started in Y4 and Y7. Our sacramental programme is a joint partnership between the parish, school and family. Fr Lyons will celebrate the children's Commitment Service at 11 a.m. parish mass on **Sunday 25 November**.

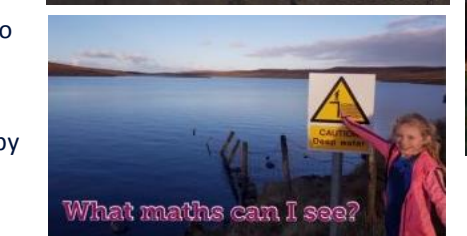
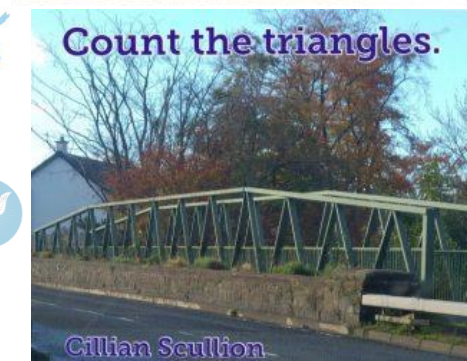


CURRICULUM

Mary Queen of Peace PS has a 3-year School Development Plan (SDP) to manage its curricular, pastoral care, finance and accommodation priorities.

Maths has been our school's curriculum priority and we have been working on promoting the teaching of mental maths strategies at the start of a lesson; encouraging practical maths classes, including maths games; and the development of problem solving strategies.

At the same time, we have also been raising the profile of mathematics and showing how maths learning in school can be connected to maths learning at home. We have just finished **Maths Week** and enjoyed outdoor number trails, coding (linking to ICT) as well as a Maths Eyes initiative. Parents were fantastic in sending in photos of maths in their home and community – not all learning takes place in school. Thank-you for your support and we look forward to working with you, later in the year, on purchasing a new maths scheme for MQP (our top fundraising priority)! The development of Mathematics in the curriculum is led by Mrs McConway.



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