

# MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

November 2019



DATES TO REMEMBER		NOVEMBER 2019
Thursday 7 November	Shared Education Teambuilding (Y5) in MQP Boys' Gaelic Football Club	
Friday 8 November	Shared Education (Y5) in Camphill PS Cross-Country Club resumes	
Monday 11 November	Anti-Bullying Week: Change Starts with Us Swimming begins for Y5 Mrs Gormley	
Tuesday 12 November	Coding Club (Y4-5) Anti-Bullying Week: Odd Socks Day	
Wednesday 13 November	Girls' Gaelic Football Club	
Thursday 14 November	Shared Education (Y5) in Camphill PS Boys' Gaelic Football Club	
Friday 15 November	Shared Education (Y5) in Camphill PS	
Sunday 17 November	Y4 Commitment Service @ 11 a.m. Mass	
Wednesday 20 November	Girls' Gaelic Football Club	
Thursday 21 November	Shared Education (Y5) in Camphill PS Boys' Gaelic Football Club	
Friday 22 November	Boys' Indoor Gaelic Football Competition (Antrim Forum)	
Monday 25 November	School Closed	
Wednesday 27 November	Shared Education Teambuilding (Y2) in Greenmount Campus	
Thursday 28 November	Girls' Indoor Gaelic Football Competition (Antrim Forum)	
Sunday 1 December	Y7 Commitment Service @ 11 a.m. Mass	

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school programme has started with Choir, Rugby and Cross-Country. Choir and Cross-Country Clubs resume after the break and then it is preparation for the GAA season with Boys' Gaelic Football Club (Mr McKenna) and Girls' Gaelic Football Club (Miss O'Donnell).



### SCHOOL TEAMS

Round I of the Cross-Country League took place at the Ulster University (Coleraire). We currently sit in 5<sup>th</sup> position in both the boys' and girls' competitions; while one of our girls was a medal winner in the individual race.



### SERVICES of COMMITMENT

Year 4 and 7 begin their sacramental preparations with Commitment Services at 11 a.m. parish mass:

Year 4 **Sunday 17 November 2019**

Year 7 **Sunday 1 December 2109**

### SHARED EDUCATION

Our Shared Education programme gets in to full swing this month with a Y5 team building session with their friends from Camphill PS (Ballymena). The children are no strangers to each other, having worked together when they were in Y4. Shared Education is, of course, about building mutual understanding but it also has a strong curricular and staff professional development element.

Y5 will work together on their Egyptians' theme as well as an exciting maths/problem solving initiative using Izak 9 cubes.



Y2 will also be involved in the programme and they will start by getting to know the Camphill boys and girls this month with a 'get to know you meet-up'.

In Y6 the children are extending their film and animation skills through a joint project with Clough PS, Rasharkin PS and St. Patrick's PS (Rasharkin).

The first part of their project involved 3D animation and everyone has now moved on to game development.



The indoor GAA season starts with football. First up are the boys on **Friday 22 November** in the Antrim Forum, followed by the girls on **Thursday 28 November** at the same venue. Good luck!



**Mrs FIONA McCONWAY (VICE-PRINCIPAL)**

The children, staff, governors and parents of Mary Queen of Peace said farewell to their VP, who has now moved on to the position of Principal at Moneynick PS. Mrs McConway was our first Vice-Principal, so she will always have a special place in the history of the school. We would like to thank Mrs McConway for her huge contribution to helping to establish the new school; and for her role as a teacher (Y2 & 7); as well as her leadership roles in mathematics, safeguarding, the environment, fundraising, shared education and parent/community links.

The children didn't want Mrs McConway to miss out on everything that is going to happen in the school this year; so they decided to present Mrs McConway with the school year in one afternoon – Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, the whole lot! The Parish Hall was filled with fun and song and everyone finished with a version of ABBA's *Money, Money, Money(nick)*. Thank-you Mrs McConway, from all of your friends in Glenravel!



**PTA**

We had a fabulous end to the last half term with a PTA Family Hallowe'en Evening in the Parish Hall. The queues were stretched out the door and the hall looked magnificent. A real credit to everyone involved and the pupils just loved it. Thanks for the support.

**DINNER MENUS**

Dinner menus will, from the start of November, only be published on the school website.

**BANK NOTES**

The school can no longer accept **paper** bank notes.

**HALF the CHRISTMAS POT**

The Half the Christmas Pot fundraiser will be returning in December. There will be three draws, one each week, as we lead up to Christmas.



**COUNCIL BLOOM COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Mrs Duffin's Y5 class from 2018-19 who helped the school achieve second place in the Mid & East Antrim in Bloom Community Competition. Mrs Sharkey's class will continue this work in 2019-20.

