


# MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2018



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DATES TO REMEMBER		MAY 2018
Tuesday 1 May	First Communion Parents' Meeting @ 7 p.m. in Martinstown School	
Thursday 3 May	INTO Camogie 7s in Portglenone	
Monday 7 May	May Day Holiday	
Tuesday 8 May	Staff Training Day: School Closed	
Wednesday 9 May	Uniform Evening 6.30 - 8 p.m. in Martinstown	
Thursday 10 May	INTO Hurling 7s in Randalstown	
Saturday 12 May	First Holy Communion @ 10 a.m.	
Monday 14 May	Animation Academy Workshop 2.30 – 4.30 p.m.	
Friday 18 May	Y3 & Y4 School Trip: W5 Belfast	
Thursday 24 May	Pupil of the Month Assembly	
Monday 28 May	May Holiday	
Tuesday 29 May	Staff Training Day: School Closed	
Thursday 31 May	Y1 & Y2 School Trip: Galgorm & The Fun Factory Y5 School Trip: Watertop Farm	
Friday 1 June	New Y1 Parents' Induction Meeting @ 1 p.m. in Cargan	

### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Y7 pupils who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Thank-you to our whole school community who helped prepare the children for the sacrament.

Our best wishes and prayers to the children, their sponsors and families.

### ANTI-BULLYING

In November of 2017 we undertook an extensive consultation of the school community's views on the vision and values for our new school; behaviour and anti-bullying. This information was analysed and used to help create two very important Pastoral Care policies: Positive Behaviour and Anti-Bullying.

Our school values the pupils' views and their voice. In addition to consulting with the children we have also worked with the School Council to devise three age appropriate definitions for bullying which the children in the Foundation Stage (Y1 & 2), Key Stage 1 (Y3 & 4) and Key Stage 2 (Ys 5-7) will understand.

*Bullying is being unkind or mean to someone everyday and anywhere. Bullying is getting hurt many times.*

Foundation Stage Pupils

*Bullying is using words and actions to hurt someone on the outside (hitting, kicking) or inside (calling names). It happens over and over again to the same people by the same people.*

KS1 Pupils

*Bullying is continually using words and actions to hurt someone physically or emotionally causing them to feel scared or worried. It can happen in school, outside school or online.*



KS2 Pupils

We have produced an Anti-Bullying Guide for Parents in Mary Queen of Peace PS to help us all to recognise what bullying is, how we can support the children and how we can work together to prevent bullying.

A copy of the brochure has been distributed to all of our families and the Anti-Bullying Policy is available in the school office and on-line.

## SCHOOL TEAMS

April was a busy month for our school teams. We had teams taking part in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) challenges. One of the teams was in an engineering competition (designing a bridge) while the other team came second in a K'Nex Construction Challenge and will now move on to represent the district at Sentinus Young Innovators in the Ulster University (Jordanstown).



Our Credit Union Quiz Team reached the All-Ireland Final in Dublin's RDS. A prestigious and memorable occasion for our four very clever Y7s.



The Gaelic football season is also underway with the boys losing by the narrowest of margins, a point, in the SW Antrim final.

The girls were also in SW Antrim football action:



Next up is the camogie and hurling season and a few different team games for the school – netball and soccer.

## TRÓCAIRE

Our Trócaire total this year was £991.51.

Thank-you for your very generous contributions. There are Trócaire news items on the school's website [www.mqpglenravel.com](http://www.mqpglenravel.com) and they are well worth viewing!



## UNIFORM

Hopefully we will get good weather in the final two months of school. Girls are very welcome to wear summer dresses, in either of the school's colours – navy or Glenravel green. Boys can wear navy shorts. School shoes will continue to be the accepted footwear in May and then in June the children may wear trainers. Your support with maintaining uniform standards is very important.

School uniform evening:

**Wednesday 9 May: 6.30 – 8 p.m. in Martinstown.**

Samples of uniforms, in different sizes, will be available for fitting and a representative will be available to advise you how to make your on-line order.

School uniform can be ordered on-line, directly from the supplier at any time during the school year:



1. Log on to [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk)
2. Find our school (BT43 6QH)
3. Choose items for ordering
4. Deliver to school or home address

## CROSS-COMMUNITY

Mary Queen of Peace PS will begin a new, shared education partnership with Camphill PS, Ballymena.

Shared education and working in partnership with other schools is an important part of our Personal Development & Mutual Understanding (PDMU) curriculum and a very important aim for our school. The partnership will develop our pupils: personally, socially and academically. Mary Queen of Peace PS and Camphill PS will work together (in both schools and on-line) on Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Science projects. Together, the schools are keen to engage in Shared Education which will promote our pupils' personal development, as well as helping to enhance the curriculum in our schools.

We will keep you informed, in our newsletters and on-line, about the shared education work.



## FUNDRAISER

You will know, from the media, the dire position of school finances across the country. We rely on the generosity of our parents to support our work in the school (iPads, school teams, playground equipment). This month we will be launching a major fundraising initiative. Please support our work. Details to follow...



**Lucky Squares**

