



Learn to Love, Love to Learn

St. Mary's on the Hill May's Information Sway



Welcome to May's Information Sway. As we move through the third term a number of events will take place. Can I encourage you to read through the sway so you are aware of what is upcoming.

As we move through May we can look forward to a number of events where our school community can come together and enjoy. We will have Sports Days and Summer Fairs, as well as First Holy Communion for our P4's and Confirmation for our P7's. As the summer evenings move in I hope that the children will have the opportunity to spend more time outside and enjoy the good weather that we will hopefully have.

If you have any queries please send a message to the school email address given below.

info@stmarys.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk

Kind regards

Mr. Matthew O'Brien

Principal

Pupils of the Month for May



Congratulations to all our wonderful Pupils of the Month. They have worked so hard and we are very proud of them all.

Class	Name of child	Name of child
P1a	Liam Hughes	Max McMenamy
P1b	Charli Quinn	Noah Clayton
P2a	Lucy Wilkinson Chara Murphy	James Mc Aleenan Meyah McCammond
P2b	Olivia Jablonskaite Robbie Mc Glone	Adam Toney Luca Barnes
P3a	Anna Oliver	Amelia Brady
P3b	Lily Slezak	Cara Clayton
P4a	Cara Douglas	Seth Wright
P4b	Aidan Donnelly	Freddie Mooney Alfie O Hare
P5a	Evie Wagstaff	Daniel Kornacki
P5b	Dillon Conlan	Zara Reilly
P6a	Joseph Campbell	Caoimhe Moss
P6b	Tess Mullan	Tom Donnelly
P7a	Natalia Czyz	Aidan McAllister
P7b	Niamh Boyle	Conor McKinley

Behaviour Targets



One of the things we are proudest of in St. Mary's on the Hill is the children's behaviour. However, there is always room for improvement. In the month of May we are focusing on 'Thoughtfulness'. I will talk to the children at each of our assemblies regarding this and staff will reinforce the message in school. During the month of May we will discuss how we can be thoughtful of other people including how we speak to them and how we interact. We will talk about being thoughtful in and out of school and respecting other people. Can we ask parents and carers to do the same at home? This is to ensure that pupils know the correct way to interact with each other.

Trócaire Fundraising

Trócaire

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Trócaire Lenten Appeal. This year the school raised a massive £4,102. This money will help those families and children in extremely poor parts of our world. This is indeed a fantastic way to show how our school is aware of social need throughout the world. Mark McMahon from Trócaire will be invited to the school to collect the cheque on behalf of Trócaire.

Sponsorship for Belfast Marathon



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CITY MARATHON 2023

I would like to thank everyone for their generous sponsorship of the SMOTH team at the Belfast Marathon. We were raising money for Cardiac Risk in the Young. The total raised stands at £1,655. Thank you all very much for being so extremely generous.

Bounceathon



Thank you to the PTA and to all those who donated to the Bounceathon. The amount raised for school funds was £2,355. This is a fantastic total and will be used to continue to develop our outdoor spaces.

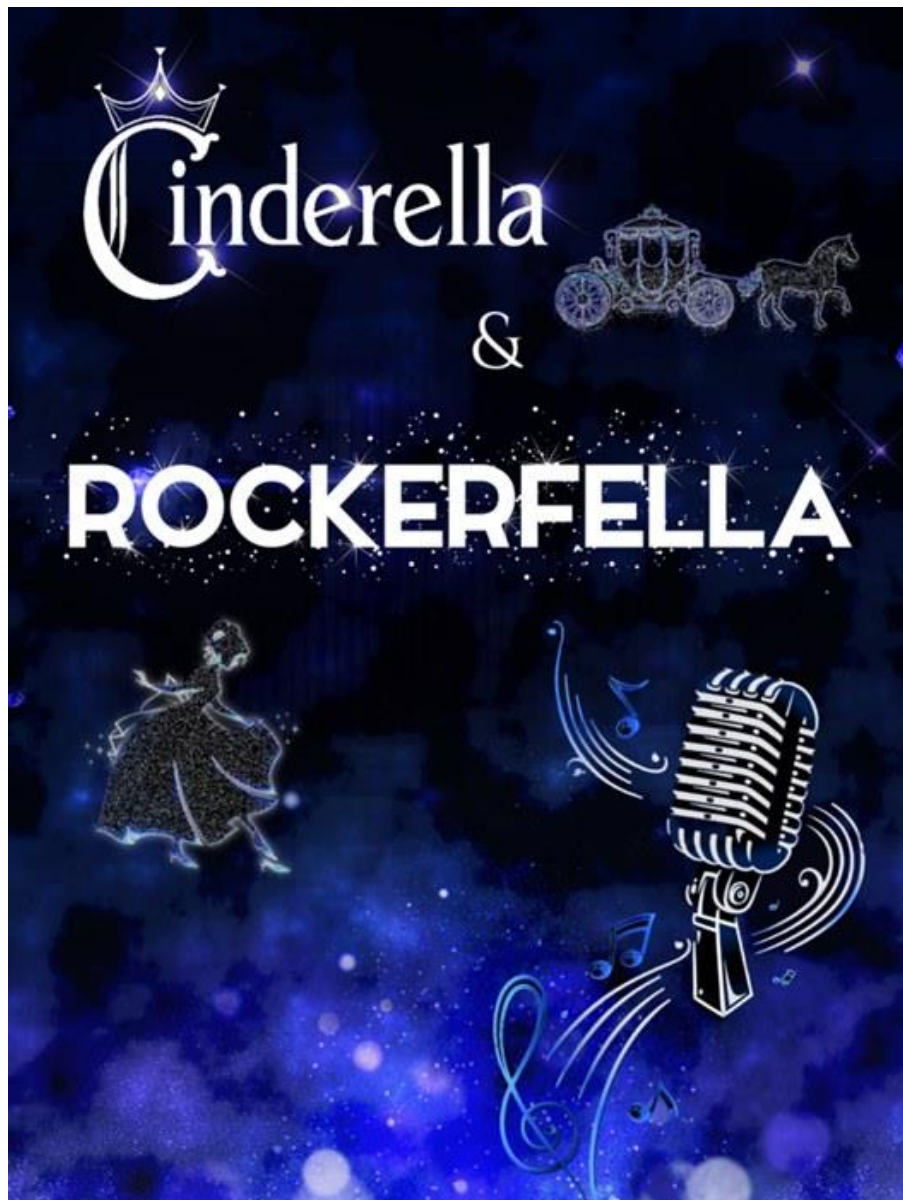
Confirmation



*Confirmation for Primary 7 will take place on Wednesday 10th May in St Bernard's Church at 4:00pm.
The children can be picked up from school at 12:00pm on this day.*

*We pray for our Primary 7's as they are confirmed with the Holy Spirit and continue on their path to
adulthood in the Catholic Church.*

Cinderella Rockerfella



This year the Primary 7's will be performing for parents as well as pupils. The show this year is Cinderella Rockafella. Parents will be able to attend on;

Wednesday 14th June @1:30 pm

Thursday 15th June @ 7:00 pm

P7 End of Year Trip - Emerald Park



Primary 7 are looking forward to an exciting end of year trip to Emerald Park in Co. Meath. This will be a great way to celebrate the wonderful years that our Primary 7's have given us during their time at St. Mary's on the Hill P.S.

May Holidays



The School will be closed on the following dates in May;

Monday 8th May;

Thursday 25th May;

Friday 26th May;

Monday 29th May.

Holy Communion

Primary 4 children will make their First Holy Communion on Thursday 8th June in St. Bernard's church at 4:00pm. The children can be picked up at 12 noon on this day. More details to follow.

School Council



*The school council have been very busy in the second term and will continue to be so as we move into the third term. A trip for the School Council is planned to **Parliament Buildings, Stormont** on Monday 22nd May.*

The School council did an excellent job with their pitch which you may have read about in April's information Sway. They secured funding of £500 for our new library boxes that can be seen around the school. Well done to our school council.

Sport Day



Sports Days will take place on the following dates:

Thursday 18th May 2023 P1 - P3

Friday 19th May 2023 P4 - P7

Sports Day for P1 - P3 will take place on the St. Mary's on the Hill playgrounds.

Sport Day for P4 - P7 will take place on the pitches at Carnmoney P.S. This is the school that we are beginning a Shared Education partnership with and they have kindly offered us use of their grounds to conduct our P4 - P7 Sports Days. A letter will be issued which will give times and what will be needed for the Sports Days.

After School Activities



After School Activities have commenced for the new term and places are still available in some clubs. If you wish to book a place for your child please contact the school office for further information.

A poster for 'ST. MARYS OTH PS' after-school activities. The poster is blue with white and yellow text. It lists activities for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. At the bottom, there are three numbered steps for registration and a price tag of £4 per session. A '7-10 WEEKS' badge is also present.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
MULTI ACTIVITY 2PM - 3PM Primary 1 & 2 3PM - 4PM Primary 3,4,5,6,7	ART CLUB 2PM - 3PM Primary 1 & 2 3PM - 4PM Primary 3,4,5,6,7 £4.50	TASK MASTER 2PM - 3PM Primary 1 & 2 3PM - 4PM Primary 3,4,5,6,7	ASPIRE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS Mariela 1:45PM - 3PM Primary 1 - 7 LEGO

£4 PER SESSION

1 Visit www.ActivityNI.co.uk or Google Activity NI.

2 Select 'After School Clubs', pick your child's school, then click 'Register Now'

3 Complete the Short Registration form and make Payment if required

7-10 WEEKS

School Dinners



Parents can now select and pay for dinners for the third term, up until the end of June 2023, by logging on to School Money using your unique username and password. Your child's dinner should be ordered before midnight prior to the day it is required. Please contact the school if you have any problems. We require every parent to use this facility. Some changes have been made to the lunch menu which can be viewed here and also on the school website.

00000	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Week beginning: 03.04.23 01.05.23 29.05.23 26.06.23	Golden Crumbed Fish Fillet Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans /Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream & Jelly	Homemade Beef Bolognaise Pasta Spirals Sweetcorn/Grated Cheese/Crusty Bread Jam Sponge & Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy Mash &Oven Roast Potatoes Garden Peas/Carrots & Parsnip Strawberry Mousse and Fresh Fruit	Homemade Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Boiled Rice/Peas Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Hotdog Chips & Side Salad Homemade Shortbread/Fresh Fruit Salad
Week 2 Week beginning: 10.04.23 08.05.23 05.06.23	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets Chips Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Pear Sponge and Chocolate Sauce	Cottage Pie & Gravy Peas & Carrots Rice Krispie Square and Milkshake	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy Mash Potatoes Broccoli/Baton Carrots Cornflake Tart & Custard	Homemade Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Boiled Rice/Garden Peas Homemade Jam & Coconut Sponge & Custard	Golden Crumbed Fish Fillet Chips/Salad Popcorn Cookie/Fresh Fruit
Week 3 Week beginning: 20.03.23 17.04.23 15.05.23 12.06.23	Oven Baked Pork Sausages Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans/Garden Peas Ice-Cream & Pears with Hot Chocolate Sauce	Pizza Slice Potato Wedges & Coleslaw Zesty Orange Sponge & Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy Mash &Oven Roast Potatoes Baton Carrots & Fresh Cabbage Decorated Iced Sponge Finger	Homemade Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Boiled Rice/Sweetcorn Caramel Tart and Custard	Oven Baked Breaded Fish Chips Salad/Baked Beans Strawberry Milkshake & Flakemeal Biscuit
Week 4 Week beginning: 27.03.23 24.04.23 22.05.23 19.06.23	Pasta Bolognaise in a Rich Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread Slice Sweetcorn Apple Sponge & Custard	Savoury Mince Beef Mashed Potato Carrots/Sweetcorn Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Roast Chicken Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy Mash &Oven Roast Potatoes Broccoli/Carrots Homemade Brownie and Milkshake	Chicken Curry Chipped Potatoes / Boiled Rice & Naan Vanilla Artichoke Roll & Two Fruit	Chicken Burger & Salad Chips/Baked Beans Ice Cream Slider/Tub and Fresh Fruit

Breads, Milk, Water & Fresh Fruit Available Daily

If You Require Any Additional Information on Allergens or Special Diets Please Contact the School to complete a Special Diets Application Form

Facebook



*Please visit, like and share our Facebook page. It continues to be used to promote the school in the wider community. We will celebrate and mark events throughout the school year. **If you have not already done so please give our page a like.***

The school will continue to communicate and update parents via email and text. Facebook will not be used to send messages to parents and we would ask that parents do not use Facebook to contact the school.

Click on the link below and please share with anyone you think would be interested or has a connection to our school - <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysOnTheHillPS/>

Promoting Healthy Eating



Here at St. Mary's on the Hill Primary School we promote Healthy Eating across the school. We encourage children to choose a healthy snack for their break as well as making healthy choices in what they eat and drink. Our PTA have secured a delivery of fruit, for all children in the school, from Tesco Northcott. This will take place on one Friday each month. We would like to thank the PTA for their continued support of the school in the promotion of healthy eating.

Free School Meals



*The application process for free school meals/uniform has commenced. Parents who are currently eligible to apply for free meals/uniform should now complete their application. **Please note that entitlement to free school meals will attract funding to the school's budget.** Whether your child wishes to partake of a meal or not is down to individual choice. We would like to encourage parents*

who fall into this category to **please make an application** as soon as possible. Application forms may be obtained via the Education Authority website – www.eani.org.uk or alternatively by contacting Free School Meals Section on 028 2566 1350. Forms are also available from the school. Should you have any further queries regarding this, please contact the school office.

Car Parking



CHURCH CAR PARK: I would like to gently remind everyone of the difficulties and dangers around drop-off and collection of your child/ren. I am asking that all parents exercise extreme caution. To alleviate the difficulty of congestion we are asking all parents to make a **LEFT TURN** when exiting the car park. **Please use the designated parking spaces or drop off zone.**

WAITING AT THE GATE: Thank you all for your support and cooperation in the mornings whilst leaving your children to school. **We would ask parents not to wait at the gate once they have left their child to school.** By leaving your child off and moving off-site you are freeing up limited parking spaces. It can be difficult for children to enter through the gate when parents are gathered there.

As the gate is in close proximity to the entrance of the car park we want to make every effort to ensure no accidents occur. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter as the safety of our children is our primary concern. Please pass this information on to anyone who will be responsible for leaving or collecting your child.

Allergy Awareness

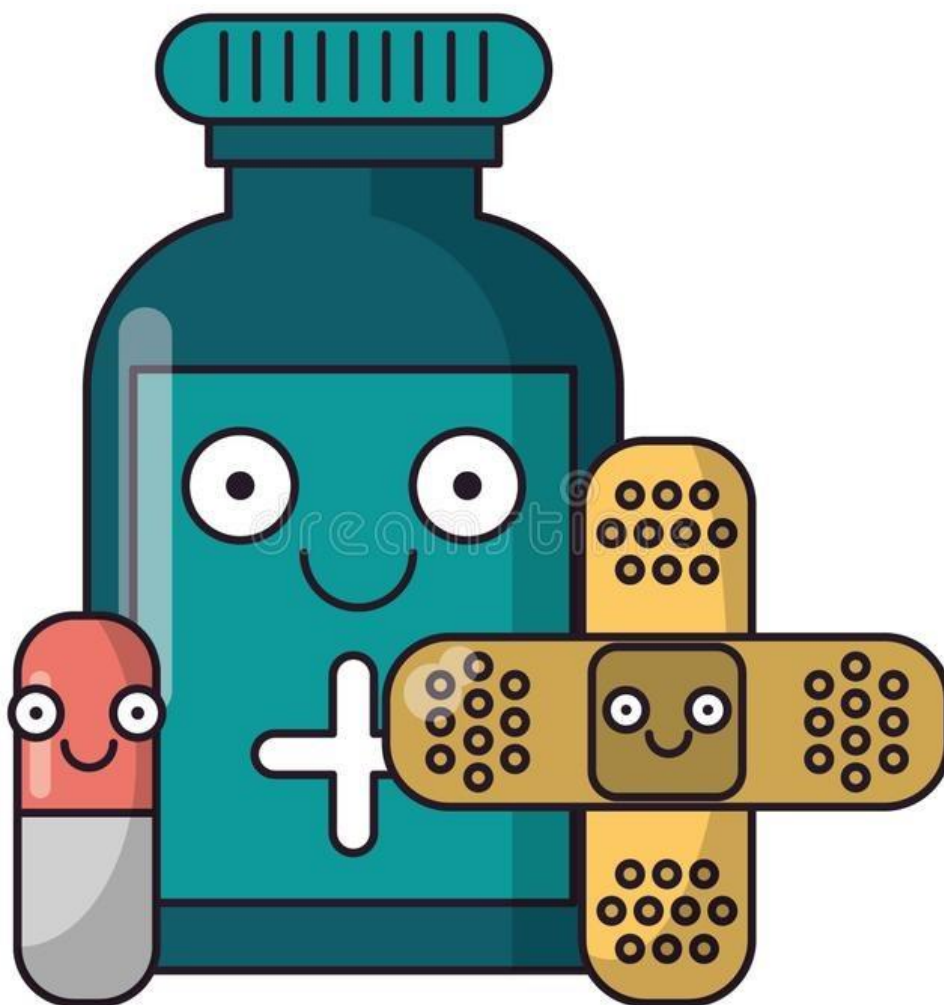


We have a number of children who suffer from allergies, which can result in potentially serious consequences. I would therefore ask that these children are not exposed to danger and that you are mindful of any children in your child's class who may have an allergy. We continue to be a Nut Free School, please do not send in anything which contains nuts.

Parents of children with diagnosed allergies are asked to provide the school with 2 Epipens (with valid dates) and any other necessary medication as soon as possible.

Please continue to support our 'Healthy Eating Policy' and provide your child with a piece of fruit and water or milk for break.

Administration of Medicine



Please visit the school office if your child requires medication to be administered whilst at school. Parents need to sign and complete an 'Administration of Medication' form (available from the school office) before the school will administer the medicine. All medication should have the child's name on it and the dosage clearly labelled. Please do not send any medication with your child – it must be handed into the school office by an adult. Thank You.

Contact Details



If your address, telephone number or email address has changed please inform Mrs Mason in the office to ensure we have up to date information should we have a need to contact you.
