

June 2015



St. Mary's Summer News

Rights Respecting Schools Award



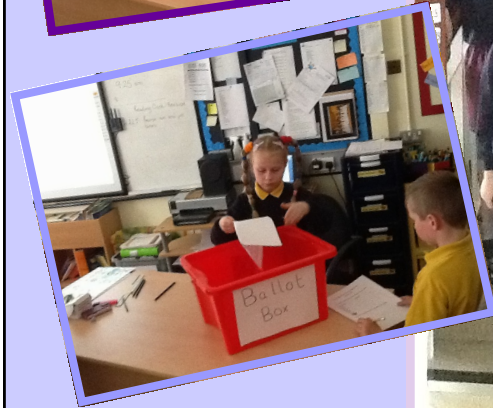
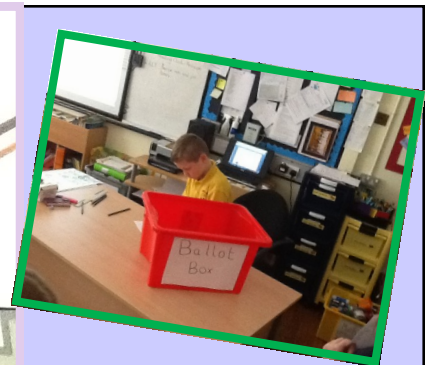
In the Summer Term we have been working on finding out about the work of UNICEF and in particular the UNCRC which stands for The United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child, this is because we are working towards achieving the Rights Respecting Schools Award for St Mary's.

It has been a very busy time because we have had lots of activities and discussions about rights and responsibilities both in class and at home with our parents. We have had RRS Steering Group Elections and now have representatives in our school who will be working with adults to help make St Mary's an even better place for all children to enjoy their learning, their social time, their friendships and above all to enjoy being part of a school where everyone is respected and valued for just being themselves.

We have been giving our opinions and thoughts on life in St Mary's and we have been putting forward some ideas which will be put into practice over the next year to develop confidence and self-esteem among all pupils in St Mary's.

Our work over next school year will extend to assemblies, workshops, trips and many different activities which will help us understand and value the rights of all children both here in our school and all across the world.

We are really excited to be part of this programme and can't wait to continue in September again!



Salmon In The Classroom

Since January, pupils in Primary Six have undertaken a Salmon project in conjunction with pupils from Kilross Primary School. This project has involved many stages, the first of which was when we received 100 Salmon eggs for our classroom. These eggs were cared for by the pupils and after six weeks they hatched into Alevins, the next stage in the Salmon life cycle. In March, these Alevins were released into the Moyola river at Derrynoyd forest where they will eventually return as adult Salmon.

To conclude this project, the pupils visited the Salmon Centre in Bushmills, where they got to see Salmon at the various stages of their life cycle.

We owe a big thank you to Sperrin Gateway and Landscape Partnership for all their support during this project and to Kilross Primary School for participating with us.



Fishy Jokes by P6

Q. Where does a fish get its money?

A. The River Bank

Q. What do you call a fish without an eye?

A. Fsh

Q. What fish was a serial killer?

A. Jack the Kipper

'Where We Live' - Primary 3



As part of their 'Where We Live' topic, Primary 3 produced some wonderful drawings of Lough Patrick. Here are just a few examples. Well done Primary 3!



Lough Patrick

St Patrick pulled out some rushes and then it flooded with water. It formed into a lake and then it was called Lough Patrick. Then it was very famous. It is a very small lake. It is in the shape of two hearts joined together.

By Matthew P3

Derry Hurlers Visit St. Mary's



Dean Flanagan, Conor McSorley and Gareth Haskins (a former pupil of St Mary's) visited our school before they played Kerry in the Christy Ring All Ireland Final in Croke Park. Some of our future Hurling and Camogie stars had the chance to talk to the lads and ask them about their preparations for the big match.

Looking Forward To Summer

I am going to France on my Holidays with my family for ten days. We are staying in a campsite, camping is very exciting. I can't wait!

Emma P3

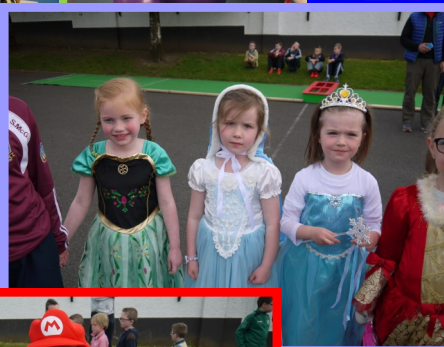
I am going to lots of GAA Summer camps. I hope the weather is good. I am also going to Donegal with my family.

Dara P3

I can't wait for the summer holidays as we are going to Portugal. I love the water parks. When we come home it will be my birthday!

Sean P3

Annual Festival



Once again our annual festival has been a huge success. Many people contributed to making it such a fun evening for all.

Thanks to everyone who contributed prizes, supplied cakes and buns, bought tickets and assisted us with the smooth running of all events. Congratulations to all the prize winners.



IMPORTANT EVENTS & DATES

- 30th June - School closes @ 11.30am.
- 1st September - School reopens.
- 24th September - Photographer in school.

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