



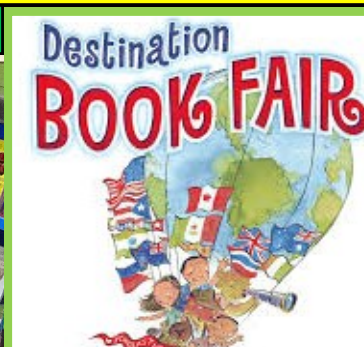
December 2015



St. Mary's Christmas News



P1/P2 Christmas Shows



Year 3/ Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed visiting The Book Fair when it came to our school. The children enjoyed reading the great range of fiction and non-fiction books available. Many of the pupils have added their favourite books to their Christmas wish list. We received over £800 of free books for our school because of the great response.





Rights Respecting Schools



RRS Assemblies



Anti-Bullying Week

The Rights Respecting Steering Group launched Anti-Bullying week with a presentation to the whole school community on Monday 16th of November. They showed a Power Point presentation and introduced the posters from the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum on;

'What bullying means to me'.

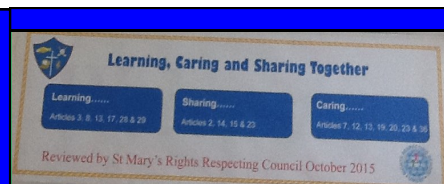
Following this we held our annual poster competition and as usual we had some excellent posters depicting the negative effects of bullying. Our winners were presented with their prizes by the Rights Respecting group at assembly on Monday 23rd November and their winning posters are displayed all around the school. Such was the standard of work for this competition that we made pic collages of each class and sent them to NIABF. Lee Kane from NIABF sent us a very complimentary email congratulating us on our work for Anti-bullying week.



Schools' Award Update



December Committee Meeting



Peace Pledge

St Mary's P.S. Draperstown



We pledge to

Plant the seeds of peace

In our hearts each day

Help them grow

And share this peace

With all along the way.



Litter Blitz!

Year 7 took part in a litter pick with Year 8 from St. Colm's on Thursday 5th November. The children did a great job cleaning up 'The Plantin' at Moykerran. Twenty three bags of litter were collected! Despite the wet weather everyone had great fun doing something to improve our locality.

Waterbus Makes A Splash In St. Mary's

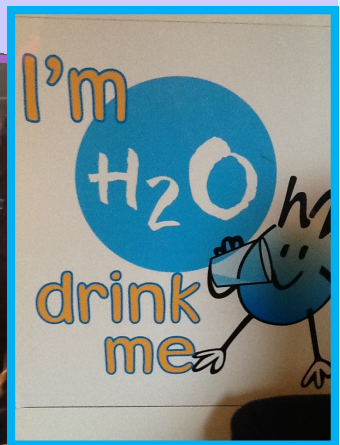
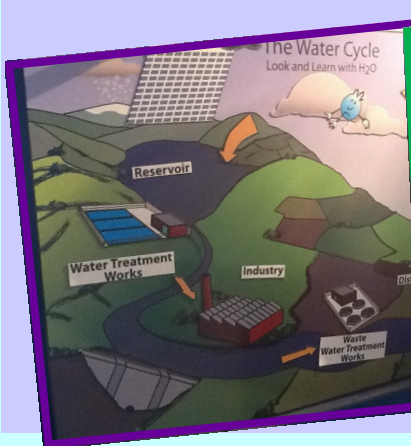
'Northern Ireland Water places great importance on educating young people in the vital role water plays in our lives,' reported Jane, the Education Manager from NI Waterbus.

We were delighted to welcome the bus back to St. Mary's so we could experience the interactive resources and find out more about this precious resource that we all take for granted.

'Many children in poorer countries do not have clean water to drink, as we discovered through our water project,' recounted John Brolly.

'Jane showed us a bottle of dirty water which she poured into a cone containing sand and grit. Some tiny clean drops of water came out because the sand was making a filter. This represented part of the way water is cleaned at Water Treatment Works,' said Grace Kelly.

Jayden Curran informed us that he will be taking a shower instead of a bath, because a bath uses twenty buckets of water whereas a shower uses only seven.



Year 7 Visit Bank of Ireland

Year Seven had a great time visiting Bank of Ireland, Draperstown on Wednesday 25th November. They got to see inside the vault, practise using an ATM and use the machines for counting coins. Ben Kealey was delighted when he won five pounds! Many of the class took the opportunity to open accounts.

Thank you Oona Harkin for inviting Year Seven.

IMPORTANT EVENTS & DATES

15th December 1.00 p.m. - P.1 and P.2 Christmas Plays .

17th December at 9.30 am - Week 4 Advent Assembly with Fr Madden.

17th December Cash for Clobber Collection.

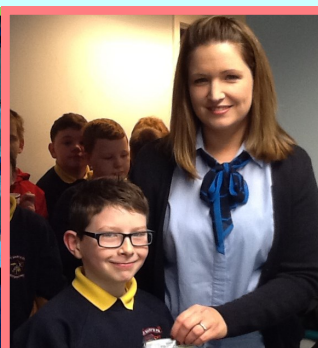
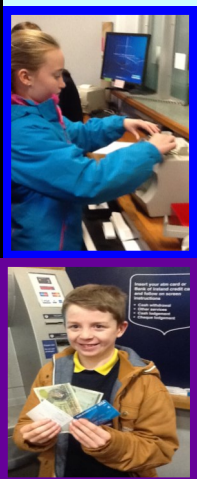
7th January - School Re-opens for children.

12th January - P.7 Parish Confirmation Retreat.

13th January - Closing Date for P.1 Applications.

15th January - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in school.

28th January - Mass in St. Eugene's Cathedral Derry for Catholic Schools Week.



Bank of Ireland



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