

St. Mary's P.S. Draperstown



"Learning, Caring and Sharing Together"

Term 3 - June 2017



BEST KEPT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NORTH EASTERN REGION



On Tuesday 13th June, Ms Coyle, Nula, Eunan and Anna travelled to Stranmillis University to collect our "Best Kept Primary School" award. This is a fantastic achievement as it is the second time we have won in this category. As well as this we were competing against schools who also have exceptional school grounds. Luckily, we came out on top and were selected to compete for "Best of the Best". In this category we were placed second. It is great to be recognised as the best kept school as we work tirelessly to maintain and improve our school on a daily basis. It is testament to the hard work of Nula, our teachers and support staff and not to forget our children who have all joined together to make our school an environment that is suitable for learning both indoors and out. Thank you to everyone who has helped us in our amazing achievement! It's truly appreciated.



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Sports Day 2017



Our annual sports day took place on Monday 12th June. We had two venues for our track and field events to ensure our day went as planned and did not fall victim to the weather. In the morning we used the Backrow Hall to complete Foundation Stage and Primary 3 events. After lunch we completed Primary 4 and Key Stage 2 events on the 3G pitch as the rain showers disappeared and the sun began to shine. The children were all very competitive and eager to participate to the best of their ability. A great day was had by everyone. We would like to thank Lynch's Eurospar for sponsoring our sports day and to the family and friends who came along to spectate.



Science Week 2017



Our individual class winners



Some of the work brought in from home

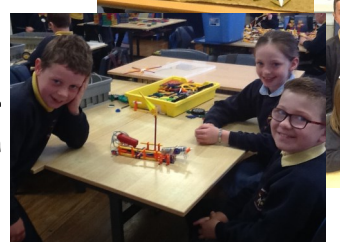


On Monday 4th June our annual science week kicked off in style. This year we focused on construction using K'Nex. Each class completed individual and group projects with one winner selected from each class to win a science prize at the end of the week. The standard of work was very high in each class which made the job of choosing a winner very difficult. Some children even completed construction activities at home and brought them in to share with us at the end of the week. Well done to everyone involved and thanks to Mr. Brunton for organising another innovative and challenging week!

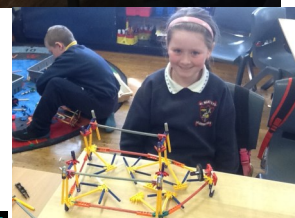
"Science week is lots of fun. I used my imagination when building my wind turbine. I'm looking forward to doing this again!"



P.5/6 used recycled materials during science week!



P.4/5 built amazing structures using K'Nex.





Summer Festival 2017



Our Annual Festival of music, sport, food, games, nail art and face painting took place on the evening of Thursday 1st June. We had tremendous support from our local community with many local businesses sponsoring our event and donating prizes for our raffle. The rain did not dampen our spirits one little bit and we had a tremendous turnout of people on the night. As always, it was a great success and we raised a total of £3700. Your generosity knows no bounds. Thank you!



Celebration Time in Primary 4



Term 3 has been a very busy and exciting time in each of the classes but P.4 have had an exceptionally busy time. These children received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May in Holy Rosary. The children had a very special day with their family and parish community. They all looked beautiful in their dresses and suits. On their return to school on Monday they had a party



to celebrate their special day. A special word of thanks is extended to Mrs McCartney and Mrs Conville who worked very hard to prepare the children for their special day. The final mass in the Do This In Memory of Me was celebrated on Sunday 18th June. Congratulations to all the children who made their Holy Communion in our parish community.

Recycling in Primary 2

P.2 brought in rubbish to make instruments. They made shakers and drums. They got busy decorating their instruments. It was a lot of fun.



Hurlers with Nicky Rackard Cup

On 15th June our hurlers were fortunate to get their hands on the Nicky Rackard Cup at Owenbeg following their hurling tournament. This has inspired our boys to play for Derry in the years to come.

Thanks to Liam Hinphey for bringing the cup to Owenbeg.



CLASS OF 2017

Finally, we reach the end of the St. Mary's journey for our current P.7 class. We began saying our good byes to the children on Tuesday 20th June when Fr. Madden officiated at our end of year mass. After mass our achievement and endeavour prizes were distributed along with our Kindness Cup awards. Following on from that, P.7 entertained us with their end of year assembly on Friday 23rd June. It was a fitting way to end their time at St. Mary's. We hope that our P.7 children look back on their time at St. Mary's fondly and with many happy memories. We wish P.7 all the very best in their lives ahead and look forward to hearing of their successes in the years to come!



The Board of Governors, Ms. Coyle and staff of St. Mary's would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us in any way throughout the year. We are very fortunate to have a strong and active community who donate their time and money whenever they can. Your contributions make a real difference to the lives of our children. We would like to wish you all a happy and restful summer and we look forward to seeing you on 1st September 2017!

