

ST MARY'S PRIMARY



NEWSLETTER MAY 2024

WELCOME BACK!

*I hope everyone had a nice and relaxing Easter
Break
I can't believe we are in Term 4 already!*

ART EXHIBITION

We are delighted to have been supported by our hardworking Parent Council to be able to deliver the following Art Exhibition.



"The Way We See It"

St Mary's Primary School
Art Exhibition

Friday 3rd May 7pm-10pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Greenock Road, Largs



All the pupils across the school have been working very hard on their artwork with Mrs Corkindale and also visiting local artist Sharon Cochrane Armstrong.

They would be delighted to show their families all their hard work, and invite you to come to the exhibition of all their work.

Please visit the web catalogue of artwork via the QR code above or directly on <https://sites.google.com/view/stmarysartexhibition>

COFFEE MORNING

St Mary's are delighted to be able to invite Parents/Carers to our Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th May 2024 at St Mary's Star of the Sea Church Hall 10:00am – 12:00noon
Entry will be charged at £3 per adult and £1 for Children (Tea/Coffee and baking included in this price)

DIARY DATES

MAY 2024

2 May – Rugby Experience P6 and P7 (4 weeks)

3 May Parent Council Art Exhibition

6 May – Holiday – school closed

7 May World of Work fortnight

9 May – Ascension Thursday Mass at 10am

11 May – Coffee Morning at St. Mary's Church Hall 10am

12 May – 1st Holy Communion 10am

16 May – Pre School Induction Visit 9am – 10am

17 May – P4 1st Holy Communion party

24 May – Inservice – school closed to pupils

27 May – Holiday – school closed

29 May – p7 and P5 Titanic Visit

29 May – P1,2,3,4,6 School Trip to Heads of Ayr (Letter to follow)

30 May: Final for North Coast Football Tournament

30 May: P7 Parents Information Evening at Largs Academy

31 May: P7 Rugby Festival

JUNE 2024

5 June: Sports Day (1st Date) TBC

6 June: P7 Induction to Largs Academy

6 June: Preschoolers induction

7 June: P7 Induction to Largs Academy

12 June: Sports Day (2nd Date) TBC

13 June: Netball Tournament Final

19 June: P1 – P6 Prize Giving am

19 June: 1.30pm P7 Graduation

28 – School Closes 1:30pm

School Re-Opens 20th August 2024

This is an excellent opportunity to come along and meet with your school community, share a cuppa and enjoy a sweet treat or two, while browsing our stalls.

All funds will be put towards lowering the cost of future excursions for our pupils.

CROSSING PATROL

We wish a happy healthy retirement to Peter, the campus Crossing Patrol Guard who was stationed on the Zebra crossing within the campus. Please note as this is a well-marked Zebra Crossing, there will no longer be a Crossing guard at the point. If your child(ren) travels this route, please remind them of safe crossing procedures at a Zebra crossing.

CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS

We also want to bid a fond farewell to Miss Kane, Classroom Assistant and wish her all the best on her future endeavours. A warm St Mary's welcome is sent to Mrs Thurley, Classroom Assistant who will be with us until the end of June.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

We have a variety of wonderful Lunchtime and After School Clubs available this term. We encourage as many of our pupils to take advantage of these opportunities to learn and/or develop other skills.

MONDAY LUNCHTIME	Choir	P2 – P7
MONDAY LUNCHTIME	Multi-Sports	P4 – P7
MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL	Multi-Sports	P3
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME	Football	P4 – P7
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL	Netball	P6 – P7
WEDNESDAY LUNCH	Olympics	P1 – P3
THURSDAY LUNCH	Olympics	P4 – P7
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL	GTOC	P4 – P7

MORNING SNACKS

From 1st May 2024 a free mid-morning snack will be made available to all pupils who wish to access it. Fruit, yoghurt and healthy snacks will be made available to pupils in the upper and lower open areas before morning break. The service will run until February 2025.

TRANSITION

We are in the 2nd week of welcoming our new P1s into St Mary's for our 'Stay and Play' sessions. The children are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to work with Mrs Gladwell and are already showing how ready they are to make the move from nursery to primary. We look forward to seeing them and all their adults over the remaining two sessions.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We continue to offer our Breakfast club on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:20am. We will be offering a variety of cereal and a refreshment free of charge. If you would like to book a space please contact the school.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

P4 Pupils will celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 12th May at 10am. Please note this is a change in time to previously notified. All are welcome to come along to support and celebrate our pupils and their families on this special day.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Following our Learning Conversations, we received positive feedback from 24 families. All responses will be used to evaluate the service we provide and will inform our development plans for next year, ensuring that we make any necessary changes to support all stakeholders.



You are everything a school should be with a little bit more and you have relieved all anxiety I had regarding my child's schooling.

I feel my child is well care for and supported.

I'm very happy with the fantastic education and support my child has received at St Mary's I couldn't praise you all high enough.

SPORTS DAY

We have two provisional dates for Sports day in Wednesday 5th June and Wednesday 12th June. We will hold sports day at Inverclyde again this year and once dates are confirmed a letter will follow with final arrangements.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION MASS

Pope Francis said,

"The beauty of the Christian faith lies...in the lives of people who dedicate themselves to prayer, charity and sharing the Gospel".

All children are invited to attend Mass on Saturday 11th May at 6.P.M.

Following Mass, we will celebrate Catholic Education with children from Primaries 1 - 7 sharing some of their learning with the Parish Community. Children from our choir will be showcasing their musical talents as they sing 'Hosannah'.

SCI AF

Thank you for your generous support of all our different charity events during lent. The school raised £643.93 plus the 'real gift' of a goat.



These adorable animals not only provide milk for consumption – they can also be bred, and their offspring sold for profit. And the best part? Their droppings make for excellent organic fertiliser, helping fields flourish! An invaluable farming gift.

WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

Our School Choir attended the Ayrshire Music Festival and were awarded 2nd place, what a talented group they are!

We congratulate St Mary's footballers who qualified for the finals of the North Coast Football League. Well done!

Our congratulations go to Archie who received the 'James Fairlie McGill 'Tam O'Shanter Quaich' from the Largs Cronies. Archie was selected as overall winner in the Burns Competition, competing against neighbouring schools. This award was last won by a pupil of St. Mary's in 2014.

SCHOOL CLOSES

School will close on Friday 28th June 2024 at 1:30pm

We wish all our St Mary's families, a happy, health and warm summer.

School re-opens to pupils at 8:45am on Tuesday 20th August 2024