

MAY 2023

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Dates for the diary

P6 Swimming

Every Thursday until 23rd June

Library Van Visit

10th, 24th May.

May Holidays

1st- 2nd May

8th May

29th May

30th May

Staff World Around Us Training

FS 3rd May

KS1 4th May

KS2 10th May

Cumann na mBunscol Events

<u>Camogie</u>: 3rd May in Portglenone

10:30-2:30.

Hurling: Whitehill, Randalstown Thursday

11th May 10.30am-2.30pm.

Large School League: Thursday 8th June

Venue TBC.

Life Guard Safety Assembly

5th May 1:00 p.m.

FHC Practices in Our Lady of Lourdes

3rd May P4 Children

10th May P4 children

17th May P4 Children and P5 Choir plus siblings of those making FHC.

First Holy Communion

Saturday 20th May @ 11am in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel.

Sports Day

26th May at St Ergnat's GAA pitch 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

End of year Mass

15th June 9:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel for all pupils, parents and the community.

Induction of new P1's

Tuesday 20th June 9:15-10:15

P7 Leaver's Assembly

Friday 23rd June 1:00 p.m. for P7 parents and P3-7 children.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for Primary Four is on Saturday 20th May at 11:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes, Moneyglass. We ask for children to be seated no later than 10:45 a.m. We warmly invite the families of all our First Communicants back to school afterwards for tea and refreshments. There will be a professional photographer at school should you wish to avail of this. We ask parents to sign their name when they enter the school, and you will be called for a photograph in that order. Please keep our Primary Four children in your prayers at this special time.

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3rd May 8:50 a.m. P4 Children

10th May 8:50 a.m. P4 children

 17^{th} May 8:50 a.m. P4 Children and P5 Choir plus siblings of those making FHC.

Children involved in the practices should be left off at the chapel on those dates. Bus children can also be dropped off at the chapel. We will then walk back to school. Please ensure that all children involved have a **high vis vest** to wear.

Thank you to Michael Boyd who will lead our choir.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on 26th May from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St Ergnat's GAA pitch. The children should make their way to the field for 8:45 a.m. wearing their team colours (teams will be assigned in school and notification sent home) Bus children can stay on the bus and will be met by a member of staff at St. Ergnat's pitch. Sports day consists of a series of non-competitive and competitive events. Winners earn points for their school team. Parents and family members are welcome to come along and enjoy the day with the children. If you wish to volunteer, helpers are needed to oversee the non-competitive events. The day ends with an award ceremony after lunch at 12:30 p.m. **Children should then go home afterwards.** There is no afternoon bus on this day.

Many thanks to St. Ergnat's club for the use of their facilities and for sponsoring gold medals for the winning team. Thank you to Henderson Group for their free Sports Day Pack which includes medals for all who take part.

Half Time Games

Well done to two of our Primary Seven pupils for representing Millquarter during half time in the Antrim v Armagh Senior football game and the Antrim V Dublin Leinster Hurling Championship Game.





Cumann na mBunscol Events

Well done to our Boys and Girls Football teams who took part in a recent SW Antrim Cumann na mBunscol tournaments.





Assessments

The children from P3-7 will complete their end of year computerized assessments from 11th-19th May. We would ask for all children to be punctual to school each morning and avoid being off school if possible.

Lost Property

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name and class. It takes considerable time to reunite children with lost items when clothing is not labelled.

Post Primary Admissions

Primary Seven will be notified of the outcome of their application to post primary schools on Saturday 20th May.

Summer Uniform

The summer uniform can be worn by all pupils from now on. Girls may wear summer dresses, with white socks. The boys can wear long, grey school shorts, and a white polo shirt or short sleeved shirt.

Care in the Sun

In better weather please make sure your child has sun cream on before coming to school. Children are also encouraged to wear sunhats outside at playtime.

Late class

| May |
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| <u>£32</u> |
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Please pay via school money app.

M & M Productions

Thank you to M & M Productions who enthralled our children with their adaptation of, The Hobbit. Afterwards, the children were inspired to write character portraits and creative stories of their own.



Spelling Bee

Well done to the winners and finalists in our first ever Millquarter Spelling Bee.



Winners



Finalists

Stations of the Cross

Thank you to our Primary Six Class for leading the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. Their accompanying artwork was excellent.



Easter Art Display in Our Lady of Lourdes



All our classes produced lovely art work for an Easter display in Our Lady of Lourdes, Moneyglass.

Mary's Month

Each class will have a May Altar to honour Mary in the month of May. We will remember all our school community in our prayers especially those who are sick.

Mental Health and Well Being

Some of our classes have been taking part in the REACH programme. These sessions have explored emotions and feelings alongside positive connections.

We have groups of children participating in Lego Therapy this term and some classes will avail of this in September. Lego therapy promotes the development of appropriate social communication and play skills. It also utilizes children's strengths to develop areas of difficulties.

Each class will participate in a 40 minute music therapy session on Monday 22nd May.

