



*We care*

*We share*

*We learn*

**Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y5 Swimming – remember gear, towel, goggles, cap &amp; £2.50 (on Parent Pay)</li> <li>• Y6 Literacy &amp; Numeracy afterschool club 3-4pm in Y6 room</li> </ul>
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly &amp; Awards</li> <li>• Breege Connolly Olympic Dare to Believe launch with Y5/6 1.15pm in hall (PE gear)</li> </ul>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y1-3 PE</li> <li>• Violin lessons</li> </ul>
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 South Derry Track &amp; Field (Meadowbank) <i>Full day</i></li> </ul>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y5-7 PE programme (Mid Ulster Council &amp; IFA)</li> <li>• Flute &amp; Clarinet lessons</li> </ul>
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Communion 11am.</li> </ul>
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Communicants at 9am mass in St Patrick's (wearing First Communion outfits)</li> </ul>
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Closed (Staff Development Day)</li> </ul>
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May Bank Holiday – school closed for pupils and staff</li> </ul>

***See overleaf for more important diary dates for Term 3.***

- **Y2 Assembly** was wonderful! Well done to all the pupils who played such an active role with ever-increasing confidence and maturity. Well done also to Miss McNicholl and Una for all the preparation.
- Well done to all our **Y7s who were confirmed** yesterday in Magherafelt. It was a special day for the families, school and parish.
- **Bridge Mass:** On behalf of all the First Communicants, thanks to all the support of families over the 5 masses. IT's hard to believe that next stop is First Communion!
- Thanks very much to all parents who came in such good numbers to the **Fresh Little Minds Meeting** last week. Eileen will be returning to train staff, work with other classes and hopefully continue the work with the children who attended the afterschool club. We are also very grateful to SOLAS (Toome) who have helped make our involvement with FLM possible, including through financial support.
- **S Derry Cross Country event** was a great success last week with boys and girls performing very well. Special congrats to the girls who came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. This is excellent – making improvements every year.
- **Y5-7 have begun a PE programme**, co-funded by Mid Ulster Council & IFA. They are really enjoying it so far and Gareth Porter (coach) has planned some great sessions with lots of variety – and fun!
- **Speedwell Afterschool Activities:** last date is Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The celebration event is on the 1st June @ Magherafelt Primary School (the children have been given permission slips for this).
- **First communion:** We need your help! First Communion is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. Once again, we are asking for the support of parents and friends of NR to assist with refreshments in the school. A letter will be sent home today and I would appreciate if you could complete and return if you can help. We will also need our talented **singers and musicians** for the ceremony. We understand Saturdays are busy, but this is a very special event in our school year and need help from everyone to celebrate it.

Many thanks for your continued support

**Mrs Deirdre Graffin** Principal

**Reply Slip:**

**First Communion** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.

We need to call on the talents of our **singers and musicians** for the ceremony.

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***All support appreciated***

### Dates for your diary

Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numeracy 'Stay &amp; Play' Event for Y1-4 starting approx. 9.30am. More info to follow.</li> </ul>
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Row PS Sports Day (held in St Malachy's GAC Castledawson).</li> </ul>
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St Mary's GS GL Information Evening 7pm</li> </ul>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walking bus &amp; First Friday mass (led by Y4 &amp; 6)</li> <li>Y1 induction afternoon 1.30pm</li> </ul>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1 Assembly 9.30am</li> </ul>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm</li> </ul>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End of year mass 9.30am</li> <li>Sponsored Bookathon walk leaving 1.15pm</li> </ul>

These dates may change if unavoidable diary clashes arise. Parents will be notified asap should this happen.



**New Row's Eco-Council** have been successful in renewing our Green Flag this year. Throughout the year, we have been working on three topics; Biodiversity, Recycling and Energy. Biodiversity was our main topic and we focused on revamping the sensory garden area to attract more mini-beats and insects to live in our garden. We have had numerous recycling events throughout the year and each classroom has a compost bin and paper bin in order to reduce waste in our 'Big Bins'. Each class, and even Sharon and Mrs Graffin have tried to reduce the energy consumption by turning off lights and computers when not in use. Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve our Green Flag renewal! *Well done to you all from everyone at NR*

#### Copper collection

##### (for Holy Family Sisters in Sri Lanka)

Thanks so much to the volunteers who helped count coppers last Friday. A final total will be announced soon, but there was just so much money we couldn't count it on our own! A nice problem to have! Thanks again for the help.

#### Mobile Phone Numbers

Please make sure your contact numbers are kept up to date in the office. These are essential for our communication with parents about the payment services and our text system. A new feature of the text system is the ability to schedule messages. This explains the Sunday evening reminder texts – pre-planned at another time!



**St. Mary's Grammar** invites **P6** pupils to attend the Summer Camp where they will have an opportunity to:

- Prepare for GL Exams
- Take part in Literacy & Numeracy activities
- Participate in Team Games
- Become familiar with life in St. Mary's

### Summer Camp 2019

**14 - 16 August**

St Pius X College & St Mary's Grammar School have been in touch to share details of their Summer Camps (St Pius X College Y5 & 6 & St Mary's GS Y6 only). More info directly from the schools.

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### PLEASE RETURN TO MRS GRAFFIN TOMORROW (TUESDAY)

My child is available to sing at First Communion on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May.  
Arrive at 10.50pm, collected at 12 noon (if parent not attending).

Name of pupil	Class
Signature of parent	Contact number