



Summer Newsletter 2024

"Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh Sí"



We hope you enjoy our last newsletter of the 23/24 school year. June has been a very busy, and fun month in St. Mary's. We've gotten up to all sorts! A huge thanks to Athi in 6th class who wrote up accounts of all our extra curricular activities and thanks to all our teachers and SNAs for sharing their class photos.

Active Week

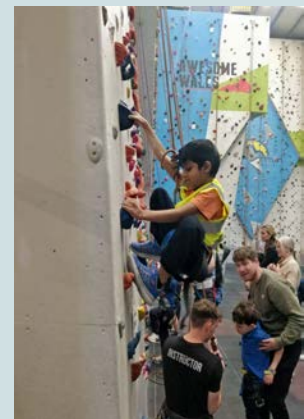
Last week, the entire school showed off their prowess as athletes! The junior students spent a day circling around stations and (hopefully) had a blast! 6th Class students, and some very generous former 6th Class students who came back (for some reason), helped organise the stations and look after the younger boys. The senior students participated in different and silly races! We also participated in stations organised by the 1st Years. Clearly everyone enjoyed it! We also had two World Cup days last week. Big thanks to Ms. Doyle, Mr. Briggs & Mr. Cregan for organising our active week and well done Japan (pictured left) on winning the Junior World Cup and Spain in winning the Senior one.



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School Tours

Over the last few weeks, all classes have gone on school trips. 6th Class went on an overnight trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre, getting a maximum of 2 hours of sleep! Regardless, it was a blast. We did an ariel adventure, stand up paddleboarding, crab fishing and laser combat to name but a few. The Lighthouse and 1st class went on a trip to Awesome Walls, a wall climbing centre. The walls looked absolutely terrifying but after giving it a try, it was exciting and invigorating! Clearly a trip to remember. 2nd Class had lots of fun in Clara Lara and Junior Infants really enjoyed Lullymore, just this week. Snr Infants, 3rd, 4th and 5th class all went to Forest School in Wicklow on different days and they all loved their tours. They foraged for food and built waterproof shelters. Huge thanks to all our teachers and SNAs for organising and accompanying us on our tours.





Multicultural Day

Agreed by most people, the best day of the year! A culmination of food, dance and culture! Thanks to the parents and students for bringing such delicious food and putting on incredible displays. It was obvious everyone had a fantastic afternoon. We had food from countries such as South Africa and Nigeria, to Ireland and the United States! The senior classes must have been slightly annoyed that the junior students got to all the food first! Well done to everyone who entertained us on the day too, to Jeremy and Dragan from The Key Notes, Alexi, Shane and Lulama and thanks Ms. Ballance and Ms. Phillips for organising another super event for our school



Farewell to our Amazing Staff

After spending so much time teaching and caring, we are sadly saying farewell to Ms. O' Shea, Ms. McCluskey, Ms. Mackey & Ann Donnelly. Thanks for all the incredible work you have all done in our school. We wish you the very best of luck on the next chapter of your lives, in new schools, on your travels and in retirement. You will be missed by all of us at St. Mary's :)

Slán ó Rang a Sé

After most of us spending eight years in this school, the 6th Class of 2024 are saying goodbye to St. Mary's. In honour of this, we had a Graduation ceremony on Wednesday, which everyone hopefully enjoyed! We also visited 6th class in OLOM on Thursday morning where they very kindly gave us breakfast and we played games together. St. Mary's has given us so many opportunities to express ourselves and help us grow as students, but we will open a new chapter of our lives in secondary school! Finally, we say thanks to Mr. Scully, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Phillips and all the staff in St Marys for fostering such a positive environment.



Finally, as we end the school year, we hope that everyone has an excellent summer, enjoys time with family and hopefully we have lovely sunny and warm weather too. Oh, and forget about school until September!!

