

# St. Mary's JNS Christmas Newsletter



## Deputy Principal

Ms. Máiread Byrne will commence as Deputy Principal in St. Mary's JNS after Christmas. Máiread has worked in the school for many years.

She is passionate about education and is very much looking forward to working with the children and families of St. Mary's JNS.

## Happy Christmas

The Staff of St. Mary's would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas. We would like to thank you all for your continued support in the safe re-opening of the school.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the children since August. While we cannot open the doors in the usual way we would like to share an insight into what we have been doing and to reassure everyone that we have been busy and keeping school fun in a safe manner.

## Highlights to dates

### Website

- St. Mary's have updated their website and hope you enjoy it.  
[www.stmarysjunior.ie](http://www.stmarysjunior.ie)

### Creative Schools

- The school have received a special grant for creative schools. We hope to begin work on sensory garden.

### Soccer Coach

- We started the year with a soccer coach. The children really enjoyed this.

### Science Award

- The school received a Plaque of excellence for STEM.

## Mrs. Mai Murray's Retirement



Mrs. Mai Murray is retiring this Christmas. Mai has been teaching in St. Mary's JNS for many years and has built up a huge trust with many families in the area. She is a family name in most households and very much respected by all. She leaves a tremendous legacy in terms of her contribution to education in the parish. Mai has taught at every class level from infants to second class and has spent considerable time working as part of our SEN Team. During her time here Mai has made a huge contribution in improving the educational outcomes for all the pupils in the school.

Mai is extremely conscientious and dedicated to her job and gladly took on extra duties as Deputy Principal assisting in the safe reopening of the school in the midst of a pandemic. St Mary's Junior School, Rowlagh has been lucky to have Mai on the staff for so many years and I speak for us all when I say you will be so greatly missed by us all Mai!

Congratulations, Enjoy your Retirement



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## Activities in School

### Gardening with Kevin



Kevin always finds time to help children understand the importance of gardening .

### The Library



We had lots of children who signed up to the library. Each 2nd class visited the library and took one book back to read in the classroom. They also received a lucky dip bag of books to take home and read during lockdown.

### Carol Singing - Junior Infants



### Santa Visits School



### Reminders to Parents

School closes at 11.45 Tuesday 22nd of December.

Siblings can go home together. If you have a child in 1st or 2nd with a sibling in Junior or Senior infants they will exit through the back gate with their sibling. We ask that you do not delay as the children from senior school we be leaving at 12.00.

School reopens January 6th 2021.

**Happy Christmas to you all.**