25th June 2020

**Dear Parents,**

This is a final letter before we close for the summer holidays.

You have all received a message in recent days from your class teacher.

I wish to thank you all again for your co-operation during the Corona Virus period when the children could no longer come to school. I also wish to thank all the staff for their work and for the way they responded to the Lockdown.

I hope we helped you and your children to continue with their school work as best we could, under difficult circumstances.

On Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th we said farewell to 6th class. It was a sad occasion but we know they are heading on to a new chapter in their lives and that they are well prepared for this new adventure.

In their End-of Year Power point profiles the pupils shared with us their memories of their school days.

**Cailín McKenna** wrote, ‘When I walked into this big school when I was 4, I was scared and sad to leave Mammy but then this welcoming kind face of Mrs Tate made me feel so much better. I loved nearly every minute of my life at St. Mary’s.

**Cadhla McKenna** said, ‘I really enjoyed St. Mary’s. We went on lots of trips, did lots of sports and learned a lot. I’m sad to be leaving.

**Paddy Mulligan** : Was awarded Sports boy of the year and English student of the year – fantastic achievement. A top student academically and in Sport.

**Niamh McQuaid** : Fuair Niamh Mac Léinn na bliana I nGaeilge. Her final Quote was, ‘Friends are like stars in the sky. You may not see them but you know they are there’.

**Maria De Lea** : Won Student of the Year 2020. A super all round Student, artist and debator.

**Tiarnan Treanor** : Wrote, ‘Thank you to all the teachers who have taught me through the years in Scoil Mhuire. Thank you for believing in me and encouraging me to do the best I can in everything I do.’

**Maebh Clerkin** : a 5th class pupil wrote about Maebh :- M is for musical, you’re a tin whistle star, A is for always kind to others, E is for entertaining shooting points over the bar, B is for being there to help and care, H is for happy times ahead in your new school.

**Alex Deery** :- Wrote a lovely Quote : ‘ Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass but learning to dance in the rain’ – very appropriate in these times.

**Katalina Quinn** : A wonderful sports Woman earned her the award of ‘ Sports Girl of the Year’ 2020.’ Katalina is a terrific Athlete, swimmer, cyclist and Long distance Runner.

**Sarah McKenna** :- Sean McConnan wrote about Sarah :- ‘ Sarah is for smart which you are, A is for amazing at football, A is for another great artist, H is for happy to have known you’,

**Honor Colleran** : One of her classmates wrote about Honor :- ‘ Honor is one of the nicest girls I have ever met. She is so kind and caring. She made you feel welcome and always had a story to tell.’

**Amelia Lavery** :- One of the kindest pupils you could meet. She was so popular with the younger pupils in the school – so thoughtful and understanding. Apparently the story about Niall Horan was only ‘Fake News’ !

**Jack Fitzpatrick** : Was only in our school for 2 years but was a great addition to our school. He won ‘Maths student of the year’. He finished his profile with this wonderful Quote by T.S. Eliot **: ‘What feels like the end is just the beginning’ .**

On Wednesday night there were several Awards presented : The winners were :

**Student Of The Year** : Maria De Lea

Mac Léinn na bliana – **Gaeilge** : Niamh McQuaid

Student of the year – **English** : Paddy Mulligan

**Maths** Student of the Year : Jack Fitzpatrick

**Sports Girl** of the Year : Katalina Quinn

**Sports Boy** of the Year : Paddy Mulligan

All the pupils were given gifts of 2020 Class mugs with their names and a USB with all their memories and profiles on them.

All the staff were present to celebrate with them. Last years Sports boy, Michael McNally and Sports Girls Keeva Farmer and Aine Maguire were present to hand over their trophies.

**We would like to wish all the 6th class pupils the very best of luck in the years ahead. We loved having them at our school.**

Have a lovely summer.

Best Wishes

Mark Macklin

Principal.