



Please see below a list of only some of the achievements in St Teresa's PS over the last year.

Academic Achievements:

- 1.** Over 85% of children reach their expected educational outcomes or better in both literacy and numeracy. This is well above the Northern Ireland average.
- 2.** 78% of the children who participated in the Transfer test achieved Grades A-C.
- 3.** 98% of the Primary 7 children secured their first preference choice for Post Primary School.
- 4.** St Teresa's has introduced the innovative 'Maths Mastery' approach to the teaching of Mathematics. All children to P5 learn Mathematics using this innovative method. We are only one of 6 schools in Ireland to lead the way with this approach.
- 5.** St Teresa's has previously been the Northern Ireland Sentinus Industry Challenge Champions.
- 6.** Two teachers have been awarded Primary School Teacher of the Year Awards and Mr Rodgers was awarded the Inspirational Principal of the Year Award.
- 7.** One teacher was awarded Primary Science Teacher of the Year.
- 8.** One Classroom Assistant was awarded the prestigious Person's Award for Excellence.
- 9.** First Place in the Cuman Na Mbunscol Quiz.
- 10.** CCEA have recorded teaching and learning as best practice in reading, writing and science to promote with other schools.
- 11.** Successful Shared Education partnership with Euston Street/Nettlefield Primary School and have taken part in the 'Good Relations Programme' with Ulster Rugby. New partnerships for 2023-24 are being forged at present.
- 12.** Over 50 children were awarded the prestigious Level 1 & 2 awards in the Youth Chinese Test, a recognised qualification in the Mandarin Language.
- 13.** Above average children's attendance in 2021/22 despite challenges of Covid 19.

Extra-Curricular Achievements

- 1.** St Teresa's is an accredited Forest School with a focus on outdoor learning and play.
- 2.** Two of our pupils were selected from all schools in N.I, to speak at the 30th Anniversary of the UNCRC at W5 to over 2000 people including local MLA's and VIP's.
- 3.** Primary one children completed a 'Star Science' programme last year.
- 4.** The Primary one children participated in the 'Playful Science' programme supported by Stranmillis College and the Primary Science Teacher's Trust.
- 5.** Primary 7 children worked with CIVICA in a 'sphero' coding project. This year PwC is working with P4 and P5 in a similar project called 'Hive Hackers'.
- 6.** St Teresa's was awarded the prestigious Right's Respecting School's Award by UNICEF.
- 7.** St Teresa's were finalists in the Ulster GAA's 'Live to Play' competition.
- 8.** Primary 5 completed poetry workshops with Poet Frank Gallagher and Poetry in Motion both culminating with performances in the Ulster Hall and Lyric Theatre. This work is continuing this year with Poetry Ireland.
- 9.** St Teresa's was one of only three schools to be invited as the partner school with Titanic and Belfast and W5 for three years.
- 10.** St Teresa's was one of only 5 schools in Ireland to be selected by the Aras an Uachtarain (President of Ireland) to create a sculpture that will be erected on the grounds of the Aras an Uachtarain. This sculpture is a permanent art exhibition in the Aras.
- 11.** St Teresa's have global links with China, Uganda, Nepal and Spain that involve exchange visits and we have a Chinese Language Assistant who teaches Mandarin to all the children in the school. Children from P1-7 now have basic Chinese Language acquisition. Primary 5-7 children will complete the Youth Chinese Test later this year.
- 12.** St Teresa's achieved the Sustrans Silver Award in 2021 as part of the school's sustainable transport efforts of walking, cycling or scooting to school. We are awaiting Gold Award Accreditation.
- 13.** St Teresa's were the face of the promotional material for 'Walk to School's Week NI'.
- 14.** St Teresa's works closely with St Mary's University in Halifax, Canada, providing visits from students to our school.
- 15.** Each class enjoys an outdoor learning day at the Fall's park to learn about Science in the great outdoors.
- 16.** St Teresa's Eco Council achieved the coveted Eco Flag Award for the third time this year.
- 17.** St Teresa's was awarded the Belfast Healthy Cities Award by the City Council.
- 18.** St Teresa's Primary 6 Classes completed a project on the 1916 Rising and Battle of the Somme was screened in Cinemas across Ireland.

19. St Teresa's collaborated with Business in the Community and Spar Henderson's Group to support the building of the plastic bottle greenhouse.
20. St Teresa's teaching 'Coding' in collaboration with Business in the Community - Time to Code programme.
21. St Teresa's participates in the Medics to school and Chemist in School's programme collaborating with Queens University Belfast and the Royal Society of Chemistry.
22. The Friends of St Teresa's successfully were awarded £10,000 for the purchasing of I-Pads and £17,000 for the installation of a state-of-the-art Sensory Room.
23. St Teresa's successfully operates both the Accelerated Reading and Freckle programmes to raise standards in literacy and numeracy with much success.
24. St Teresa's showcased their Science skills at last year's Science Blast event in the Waterfront Hall.
25. St Teresa's Primary School was the UK winner of the prestigious Chinese Language Competition for the Last 2 Years. Our children were presented the prestigious ward at an award ceremony in central London.

Music Achievements

In St Teresa's:

1. A number of children successfully passed grade 1 and 2 instrument awards last year. Over 80 children are taught strings, brass, guitar, singing, wood wind instruments each year.
2. Performed in the Peace Proms Ireland in the SSE Arena for the last five years.
3. Performed in the Belfast School of Music 'Sing Out' Concert.
4. The Chamber Choir reached the semi-finals of the Primary School Choir of the Year Competition in 2015 and more recently performed at the heats in 2018.
5. The Chamber Choir won the Belfast Festival of Music and Drama in 2016.
6. Many year groups carried out Music Performances with the Belfast School of Music.
7. Children from all year groups take part in an annual Poetry Festival in school which was adjudicated by Mrs G McGivern.
8. The choir performs at a range of public arenas throughout the year in support of the local community.

Sporting Achievements

In St Teresa's:

- 1.** Girls Gaelic winners of Radius Shield competition (P6 tournament).
- 2.** Boys finalists of Cumann na mBunscoil League.
- 3.** Girls semi-finalists of Cumann na mBunscoil League
- 4.** Hurling runners up of Cumann na mBunscoil B championship.
- 5.** Camogie runners up of Cumann na mBunscoil A championship.
- 6.** Girls got to the final of the Galactico Soccer Tournament and were semi-finalists in the BPSFA U11 CUP
- 7.** Boys won the BPSFA Festival Day last year and remained undefeated throughout the tournament.
- 8.** Completed the 'Sportability' Programme with University of Ulster
- 9.** Winners of the Radius Primary School's Gaelic Tournament 9. The Cross Country team became champions in the Belfast Heats.
- 10.** The basketball team came 1st and Second in their first league competition. The basketball team will compete in an All-Ireland competition in the National Stadium in Dublin in and are sponsored by the NBA team the 'Washington Wizards'.
- 11.** The swimming team won the Belfast swimming gala.
- 12.** We have strong links with St Teresa's GAC and share facilities to support sport development. A range of coaches in Gaelic Games occurs throughout the year.

Other Considerations

- 1.** Three new state of the art playgrounds, outdoor classroom and Fairy Garden installed.
- 2.** Speech and Language Centre on site supported by three speech and language therapists.
- 3.** St Teresa's has strong links with all feeder Nursery Schools but in particular St Teresa's Nursery School and Holy Child Nursery School.
- 4.** Excellent car parking facilities for easy drop off and pick up times at the start and end of the school day.
- 5.** No mobile classrooms in use in St Teresa's PS
- 6.** We have a dedicated ICT Suite with over 30 Personal Computers, 100 I pads and 40 Chrome Books. Each class is equipped with Interactive White Boards.
- 7.** The school offers a wide range of after school's clubs with many clubs to choose from each day.

School Support during the School Closure as a result of Covid-19

****This is a brief overview of how we supported children during the period of school closure. It is only examples of some of the things St Teresa's provided:***

- Teachers provided daily remote learning via Seesaw and Google Classrooms every day of the school closure.
- Teachers provided live and recorded lessons to support children at home.
- All tasks were marked each day and feedback provided to children via Google Classrooms
- We were one of only 7 schools in N. Ireland to provide a summer school for the P6 children.
- We provided end of year reports for all children to parents
- We had a leavers mass and Confirmation for all P7 children
- We provided additional home learning support to all children in P6 preparing for the transfer test.
- Principal and Vice Principal were in school every day during the school closure supporting parents and children who had particular concerns or needed support.
- The school contacted all vulnerable children and those not engaging with home learning to ensure their wellbeing.
- We provided hard copies of home learning packs and transfer preparation to all parents as requested
- Collaboration with staff to ensure they were managing well and helping to support their role.
- Managing the school email, text messaging and Social Media platforms and school website to ensure parents and children stayed connected.
- Issued a parent survey to gather feedback on home learning and used information to improve our level of support.
- Preparation of transition for new P1 cohort and P7 post primary school.
- Ensured learning support staff made contact with the children they support with special educational needs.
- We provided opportunity for a virtual school show for our P7 children who missed this opportunity
- We provided access to I-pads and PC's for children who needed them for remote learning.
- We organised a virtual sport's day for all children in the school.