**** St Mary’s Convent Primary School**

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Awarded Green Flag  
June ‘05/’07/11/13

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20th November, 2017

***Every Day Counts at St Mary’s Convent Primary School***

***13th – 17th November 2017***

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| **Room** | **Attendance** | **Room** | **Attendance** | **Room** | **Attendance** | **Room** | **Attendance** |
| 01 | 96.6 % | 08 | 98.5% | 16 | 98.6% | 26 | 94.1% |
| 02 | 94.5% | 09 | 95.4% | 17 | 95% | 27 | 98.5% |
| 03 | 96.6% | 10 | 97.6% | 18 | 92.1% | 30 | 96.8% |
| 04 | 96.6% | 12 | 99.2% | 19 | 97% | 31 | 94.4% |
| 05 | 98.4% | 13 | 99.1% | 20 | 97.7% |  |  |
| 06 | 94.4% | 14 | 97.9% | **23 & 24** | **100%** |  |  |
| 07 | 98.3% | 15 | 97.9% |  |  |  |  |

*Well done to rooms 23&24 on having full attendance last week. Their teacher will let them know their reward. And to rooms 12 & 13 on nearly having full attendance last week. Please note that notification in writing, with the reason for all absences, to the teacher is required. A letter or note in the homework journal will suffice.*

A chairde,

Please note that school closes for the pupils @ 2.45 on both Tuesday and Wednesday next due to Parent Teacher Meetings.

Many thanks to all who supported our recent **Book Fair**. A total of approx €800 was raised for our school which will be used to purchase new books for our classroom libraries. Many thanks to Mrs O Hare for organising another successful event.

**Readalong** is coming to an end on Thursday of next week. “Keep on Reading!”

**Enrolment Forms** for September 2018 are now available from Helen in the office. Please note that the submission date is January 26th and offers will be posted on February 5th to be accepted by February 12th . It is a little earlier this year, by agreement of the principals in Trim, to enable schools to meet Special Education deadlines. This means that our Open Day has been moved forward to Thursday January 18th.

We had a serious incident last week, in the car park outside our school, when a car reversed into two children, who thank God were un-injured. I am asking all parents/guardians, who drive to school, to be extra vigilant while parking and pulling away. Also, do not park in the special needs spaces nor park illegally. Vigilance and responsibility is required by all.

The **Light of My Life Ceremony**, when we remember family and friends who are no longer with us, takes place on Friday December 1st, in the Dr Eileen Reilly Hall. We hope, this year, to live-stream the event through our new school Facebook page. If you do not wish your child to feature in live streaming, please let us know. We will be sending a separate note regarding our Facebook page, later this week.

Congrats to our Second Classes for their efforts yesterday as part of the **Do This in Memory of Me** sacramental preparation, especially for the lovely singing at the end. Thanks to the teachers and parents who prepared them so well.

**Text Service:** Mobile numbers are now on our texting system, but in quite a few cases we do not have these numbers. This means that you will not receive reminders or important short notice messages. Please send in a mobile number to the school that can be used in these situations, and to contact you in case of emergencies, if you have not already done so. If you do not have a mobile number, please ask a friend with a child in the same class to keep you informed.

**E-mail Address:** Most communication to parents/guardians now takes place via email. Please ensure that we have a valid, current email address.

***Head Lice:*** *Parents/guardians are asked to check your child/ren’s hair on a weekly basis and to treat when necessary. Vigilance by all is required.*

*This Friday we will have our* ***Siopa Glas****. Please send in any unwanted toys, books and other items that are in good condition that you may be finished with. All proceeds will go towards Flamboyant Special Needs school in Zambia which we have been supporting for a few years. Sr Claudia (a former principal and teacher at St Mary’s is returning to Zambia at the weekend and will be working out there for the foreseeable future. It is a great way to directly help a developing community and one which is dear to our hearts..... a school for children with special needs. Thank you all for your generosity in the past.*

*Ms Nally*

***Badminton for 3rd and 4th Classes on Mondays 3-4pm (no charge) - everyone welcome.***

***Computers***

*1st class are still hard at work mastering their typing and keyboard skills. Each week sees them finding it a little easier and the finished product makes for happy students ☺*

*3rd and 4th classes are working on various Word projects. Both classes are learning new skills e.g. inserting pictures into their documents and then they are formatting them so that they can work with them.*

*5th and 6th classes have begun work on Powerpoint Presentations – ask your girls to create a presentation for you!! Ms Debby*

***Mini Sevens Football****: Congratulations to our Mini Sevens football team who represented the school in the Meath finals in Dunganny on Thursday. The girls won their group games in Trim the previous Thursday beating stiff competition in the form of St Mary’s Enfield and Gaelscoil na Bóinne. This meant that they progressed to the finals. This was a tough ask as most of our girls are in fifth class. We faced Rathcairn NS in the first game and after a slow start fell just short in the end losing 3-3 to 2-2. Gaelscoil na Cille were our next opponents who were fancied to win the competition outright. Our girls were excellent in this game and limited Gaelscoil na Cille to only 4 scores. This was down to the great work and ferocious tackling by our girls. Again we fell just short in the end losing by a goal. Our girls were a credit to the school in the way they acquitted themselves and demonstrated the never say die attitude. A big thank you to the mums and dads who travelled to Dunganny also. It was lovely to hear such encouragement for our girls. Our team for the competition was Aoibhinn Diamond, Millie Carty, Elizah Douglas Wilkinson, Aoife Vaughan, Leah Boyle, Amy Boyle, Orlaith Reilly, Holly O’Donnell, Eimear Linsley, Kate Rogers and Rachel Hannon.*

* Mr O Mahony*

***Confirmation Meeting****: A meeting for all Confirmation candidates and their parents/guardians will take place in****St Patrick's Church, Trim, this Wednesday evening (Nov. 22nd) at 7.30pm****. Sponsors are not required to attend. Pupils must wear their school uniforms and sit alongside their parents/guardians in the seating area allocated to St Mary's Primary School. All application forms will be collected during the meeting.  Ms Lynch and Mr Galligan*

***Confirmation Commitment Ceremony****: Sunday, December 3rd at 11am in St Patrick's Church, Trim.*

*Ms Lynch and Mr Galligan*

Finally, can I remind parents/guardians to be aware of the pupil lines entering school from the yard in the mornings. Please stand back (to the side or behind the lines) and give them right of way. It you chose not to leave before the lines move, please wait until all the lines have left, before moving away, in order not to block the pathways for the children. Thanks.

Mise le meas,



Cóilín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

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***Nathanna na Seachtaine:*** *Cén t-am é?*

***Seanfhocal na Míosa:*** *Ní neart go cur le chéile (Strength in togetherness)*

**Dates to Remember**

**Meitheal:** Every Tuesday morning 9.30-10.30.

**Badminton:** Mondays 3-4pm for 5th & 6th Classes

**Drama Club:** Every Thursday 3-4pm 4th – 6th Class

**Banna: NO BANNA THIS TUESDAY 21st**

**Communion: Saturday 5th May @ 11.00**

**Confirmation: Saturday 10th Feb @ 11.00**

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Recycling continues in school. We accept batteries, ink cartridges, mobile phones, card, toilet rolls, cans, footwear and postage stamps. Many charities benefit from our recycling and it is a great habit to cultivate in our pupils**.** Many seasonal art projects require the inside tube of toilet rolls so they will be put to good use! Remember also that gift tags can be made for recycled Christmas cards so we will be encouraging you to recycle these after Christmas.

We are eagerly anticipating a series of great experiments with Aidan Gray from An Taisce who is visiting our school this week. Aidan will talk about types of energy sources, transfer of energy, storage of energy in addition to carrying out some exciting and entertaining experiments. This is part of our work on the theme of Global Citizenship – Energy which will be our Green School’s theme over the next two years. We are all looking forwards to this! We will have photos on the Website so stay tuned!

WOW will continue as normal this week. Meet up at Mornington House or at the Matchbox at 9:00am. Well done to all the pupils and parents who continue to support this initiative and of course to the WOW teachers who make it all possible.

***Remember Green is cool, at home, at school and around the globe!***

St Mary’s Parents’ Association

Thank you to all who gave their time and effort to help with the sorting of the order forms for the Christmas Cards. This is one of the most time consuming events that the PA organizes and due to the time restraints this year with registering for the Christmas Cards we sincerely appreciate all your help and patience with it.

Dates for Your Diary:

**November 21st/22nd**: Parent teacher meetings.

**November 21st**: Parents Association meeting at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. All Parents/Guardians and friends of the school welcome to attend.

**November 24th**: Siopa Glas.

**December 1st**: Light of my Life Ceremony in the school Hall. Time to be confirmed. A chance to remember all our family and friends who will not be with us this Christmas. The Christmas tree lights will also be switched on. All Parents/Guardians welcome to attend.

**December 6th**: A Classical Evening in St Patrick’s Cathedral featuring 6th class student Amy Rigney and St Mary’s Choir along with a host of amazing talent.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysparentsassoc/>

Many thanks for your continued support.

Caroline Smith

Secretary

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**ZUMBA  TOY   DRIVE**

**Monday / Wednesday 8pm  Trim GAA**

It's that time of year again.  Admission to classes on **Monday 20th & Wednesday 22nd November** will be a toy ........ age group & value is up to you.    Let's help put smiles on kiddies faces on Christmas morning..........please help spread the word,  Please note that the toys should be new  Contact :  Lorraine 086 8693546

**Homework Club** in St Mary’s for children from 1st – 6th Classes. Application Forms are available from Ms Conaty Room 11 or Ms Lynch Room 31.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** Taking place in St. Mary's School Trim from 2-3pm Mon - Friday in room 5. Only €6 a day or €25 for 5 days Mon-Fri Application forms available from reception. Booking required a week in advance of start date to insure space, and rebooking and payment made the previous Thursday each week after. Kids will be provided a small snack and entertained with Lego, Art & Craft, Board games, quizzes, card games, puzzles and lots more fun activities! Run by an experienced Childcare Professional Parent who is fully Garda Vetted and Insured. Contact Julie O'Donohue to book your child's space by texting 0868505310, emailing [juliekerins@hotmail.com](mailto:juliekerins@hotmail.com) or via a PM on the Facebookpage:[www.facebook.com/TrimAfterSchoolClub](http://www.facebook.com/TrimAfterSchoolClub)  
  
**Jiggle 'n' Jump** Music & Movement classes for little ones (8mths-4yrs) running upstairs in Trim GAA on Tuesdays 9.45-10.45am €7 a class or 4 class card for €25 Only €5 during September and all money raised on Tuesday 5th September is going to Crumlin Children's Hospital via Jack O'Donohue's A Bit of a Walk Fundraiser.   
  
Also available for Kids Party Entertainment! Various characters and themes with fun games, dancing, face painting and prizes! Clown, Pirate, a number of different Princesses, 80's Disco Diva, sporty Diva and Super Heroes available. Birthdays, Weddings, Christenings or family fun events.......in your home or in a venue, packages to suit any needs or budget. Contact Julie on 0868505310 or on Facebook [www.facebook.com/jigglenjump](http://www.facebook.com/jigglenjump)

