



St Mary's Convent Primary School

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Awarded Green Flag
June '05/'07/'11/'13

21st January, 2019

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Every Day Counts at St Mary's Convent Primary School 14th – 18th January, 2019

Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance
01	83%	08	95.6%	16	94.5%	26	84.6%
02	93.3%	09	95.4%	17	86%	27	96.2%
03	92.6%	10	94.4%	18	90%	30	96.3%
04	93.3%	12	76%	19	97.4%	31	93.6%
05	98.6%	13	91.3%	20	94.8%		
06	90.3%	14	95.5%	23 & 24	95.7%		
07	96.4%	15	96.2%				

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,

Next week we will be celebrating **Catholic Schools Week**. This week gives everyone involved in Catholic education the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution that our Catholic schools make to Irish life. This year's theme is: 'Catholic Schools: Celebrating the work of our Local Catholic Schools.' As society changes, it is important that we reflect on the unique contribution of Catholic Schools to our collective goal of education. Each Catholic school shares an ethos that is inclusive, welcoming and vibrant. Each school works towards a vision of each student as made in the image and likeness of God. This means we work towards helping each child, irrespective of background, ethnicity or creed, reach their potential, academically, spiritually and socially.

As a Catholic School we will be celebrating our ethos by engaging in various activities next week. Parents may like to check out the website: www.catholicschoole.ie On Friday Jan 25th, room 13 will launch Catholic Schools Week, and on Jan 30th we will have Grandparents' Day. All grandparents' are invited in from 10.30am to join us for a cup of tea in the School Hall. Some may wish to visit their grandchildren's classes after this to talk about the good ole days. Any grandparent who wishes, may collect their grandchildren and bring them to Mass at 10am on Jan 30th. There will be a special blessing for grandparents issued at that Mass. When they leave the children back after Mass, they may have a cuppa in the school.

On Jan 27th Room 19 will close the week with an assembly in the hall.

The next big celebration we will have as a Catholic School is the **Confirmation on Feb 9th**. We will welcome out new Bishop, Thomas Deenihan to Trim that day. We wish our 6th classes the very best as they make their final preparations for this big event in their lives. We would also like to thank Fr Sean and Fr Warren for their pastoral care and guidance throughout the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Sisters of Mercy, in particular Srs Paula, Claudia and Immaculata, who are still very much involved with us here at St Mary's and to all those past sisters whose ethos and spirit continue to live on and inspire our teaching and learning.

Consent Forms: As you may be aware, we have been working on a new annual consent/permission form and a system for sending and returning it by email. Up to now, we had included one in our enrolment form and that was used for the duration of your child's stay in St Mary's. From now on, we will send consent/permission forms each year. We are glad to announce that our new system is ready to go and will be sent this week. Keep an eye out for the email and please return at your earliest convenience. Hard copies of the form are also available from the office.

Flipped Classroom: This is a system whereby classwork is done at home and homework is done at school (flipped!). It has been identified as one of our Digital Technology initiatives, this year. We are piloting it for Irish, from now until the end of the school year, with Rooms 16 and 19. The pupils will access prepared oral Irish lessons at home on any online-ready device, and teachers will monitor their work online. We will review it from the perspective of the pupils, parents and teachers, at the end of the school year. An explanatory letter has been sent to Rooms 16 and 19 today.

Towels: We are in the process of changing from towels and see two options: paper towels and hand driers. Being a Green School, we are anxious not to create a lot of paper waste, so we are doing a trial with a hand drier in Room 19. The drier has been purchased and I am just awaiting an electrician to install it. We will keep you posted.

OPEN DAY last week was a very well received and as usual the pupils stole the show. The Sixth Class girls received many compliments regarding their deportment and demeanour, and many people remarked on the entertainment provided by the Banna (School Band) and Cór (school choir). The Green Screen, Scratch and Augmented Reality were complimented also. Some current parents used the opportunity to have a walk around and see the school in action. I would like to thank our Parents' Association for their support and to thank all young and old who helped in any way.

School Registration Forms for children starting school in September 2019 are still available from Helen, in the office. Please note that the Final Submission Date for return of forms is this Friday January 25th and that offers will be posted on Friday February 1st.

Parent Teacher Meetings for Special Ed. will take place on Friday 8th and Monday 11th February. Bookings will be done online like last year. You will be able to log in and chose your time for the day. Junior Infants and rooms 9&12 meetings are on February 18th and 19th. Please contact the school if you did not get your note, to chose a time online.

Please ensure that your child has a coat coming to school this weather. They will need to wear one in the yard also.

Digital Technology News: This week students are creating conversations between two sprites. They are learning how to work independently when creating these animations. Please keep asking your child/ren what they are doing in Computers each week. Also just to clarify: Scratch is a free piece of software that can be downloaded by clicking on the following link: <https://scratch-kids.en.softonic.com/download> It is safe to download and allows children to develop an interest in coding.

Ms Debby

Confirmation Classes: The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, 9th February at 11am. In conjunction with the Confirmation programme being taught in school, Fr Seán has invited the candidates in St Mary's to participate in a preparation Mass on **Sunday, January 27th at 11am in St Patrick's Church**. Pupils have been asked to wear full school uniforms and to sit with family/a family member near the altar. Pupils with assigned jobs at the Mass will together sit in allocated seating. It is not necessary for sponsors to attend, but they may do so if they wish. During the Mass, pupils will read from scripture, explain the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, present Prayers of the Faithful and carry forward offertory gifts. It is hoped that the Mass will enable the pupils to engage in a meaningful way with the presence of God in their lives.

Ms Dineen and Mr Galligan

Finally, we are still looking for volunteer "Listeners" to listen to children's reading in the younger classes (any time and any day) and also volunteers to help in the Library on Friday mornings. Please contact Helen for further information.

Mise le meas,

Cóilín Ó Coigligh

Cóilín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

[Community News](#)

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Nathanna na Seachtaine: Tá sé fuar/Tá sioc ar an dtalamh.
Seanfhocal na Míosa: Giorraíonn beirt bóthar

Dates to Remember

Assembly:	Friday Start of Catholic Schools Week
Meitheal:	Tuesday 9.30-10.30.
Banna:	Tuesdays 3.00-4.00pm.
Choir:	Friday 3.00 – 4.00
6th Class Confirmation:	Sat 9 th February 2019
First Confession:	Tuesday 12 th March
First Communion:	Sat 18 th May 2019
First Class Boys Graduation:	June 21st

St Mary's Parents' Association

Dates for Your Diary:

February 1st: The Healthy Eating Committee will launch their Flag at 11.30am on Friday February 1st. To mark the event all students will be provided with fruit on the day. We are looking for volunteers to help cut up the fruit into manageable sizes for all students. A great way to become involved and see how the Parents Association supports the children and staff in the school as well as celebrating a well earned Flag.

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

Caroline Smith

Secretary

Green News Bulletin

- WOW continues on Wednesday
- Recycling continues every day. Please remember old candles and Christmas Cards
- Green Theme: Global Citizenship – Energy
- Remember Green is cool, at home and at school and all around the globe

Community Notices

Homework Club in St Mary's for children from 1st – 6th. Classes run on Mon, Tuesday & Thursdays 3.00 – 4.00pm. Cost is €5 per day. Application Forms are available from the office or Ms Conaty Room 11.

Trim FRC Community Food Bank is run by Trim Family Resource Centre staff and volunteers. Food is donated by local food producers and retailers and is then available to members of the Trim & South Meath community who register their interest.

How does it work?

Members of the community register their interest by dropping in to the Resource Centre or calling: **087 6602088** [we just need your contact details and the number of people in your family]. Each person who registers is assigned one or two collection days in the week. On the assigned day a text is sent out to recipients to notify them that the food is available to be picked up between **3pm and 4pm**. Availability and quantity of food available is dependent on donations on the day and contents may vary. There is no cost to you for this service. Collection will take place at the RIGHT rear of Trim FRC2 (Bungalow), Wellington Ave., Mornington Trim.

To Register: Please contact us at: **087 6602088**

Please bring your own shopping bag

PLAY CAFE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Opening in the New Year!! Just around the corner from St Mary's, beside Apache Pizza, in the old Corner Shop!

Play Cafe 9.30am-1pm

€5 for 2hrs play in the Cafe & €7 including a lovely coffee/tea.

After School Club (must complete application form and pre book and pay the week prior)

2-3pm or 3-4pm €6 per day ...or €25 a week

2-5pm €12 per day or €55 a week

3-5pm €9 per day or €40 a week

€7.50 for a random hour if space is available

Application forms available from Julie in room 6 or 7 and 50% deposit needed by Friday 12.30pm to secure your space in January, as limited spaces available.

Any questions, please call, text, email or message for more details or to book in. 2-3pm is almost at capacity Mon-Fri.

Contact Julie 0868505310 or on Facebook www.facebook.com/jigglenjump

Breathe yoga & pilates has classes every weekday at 10amget 2019 off to a great start and book now! See www.breatheyogapilates.ie for timetable and booking.

ZUMBA KIDS :- Thursday 2.15pm - 3pm St Patrick's Hall (Under Snooker Club) €25 for 5 weeks
Contact : Lorraine 086 8693546 to book a place

ZUMBA FITNESS : Monday & Wednesday 8pm Trim GAA, €8 per class, no booking required, suitable for all fitness levels Contact : Lorraine 086 8693546

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