



St Mary's Convent Primary School

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Every Day Counts at St Mary's Convent Primary School 10rd - 14th February 2020

<i>Room</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
01	95%	08	93.9%	16	98.2%	26	94.3%
02	94.7%	09	97.8%	17	94%	27	96.7%
03	98.9%	10	99.3%	18	97.1%	30	91.9%
04	94.7%	12	96.8%	19	98.1%	31	96.3%
05	93.8%	13	98.6%	20	97.8%		
06	97%	14	94.8%	23 & 24	96.1%		
07	99.2%	15	98.5%				

Please note that notification of absences in writing to the teacher is required. A letter or note in the homework journal will suffice.

A chairde,

Best wishes to all our pupils making their Confirmation on Saturday next, with the visit of our Patron Bishop Thomas Deenihan to our parish. We hope that there will be great celebrations to mark the arrival of The Holy Spirit. Many thanks to Ms Dineen and Mr Galligan who have prepared them so well, and to Fr Paul for his spiritual guidance.

This Friday will be **Pink and Red Day**. Proceeds will be donated to Saint Francis Hospice Blanchardstown.

Tomorrow, February 11th is **Safer Internet Day**, which is an EU wide initiative to promote a safer internet for all users, especially young people. please check out this link for some great ideas: <https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/>

Please note that we have had issues in our school around Cyberbullying and that it is important to supervise your children's use of the internet, in particular Viber, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, WhatsApp, Twitter etc. If you do come across inappropriate comments, remember to screenshot or take a photo of these comments, which could be helpful in resolving matters.

On Friday we will celebrate Intercultural Day in St Mary's. We are so fortunate to have families from all over the world in our school. Culture includes languages, food, music and tradition that enrich our experience of both life in Ireland and those of our neighbours. We welcome visitors to our classrooms to tell us about their own countries. If you (or a grandparent/minder/friend) are available to visit the school, please let the teacher know. You might like to read a story to children in your home language - we have children's books in the school in Polish, Lithuanian, Malayalam, Russian and many other languages. We extend an Irish "Céad míle fáilte" (One hundred thousand welcomes) to you all to visit St Mary's.

R McGale

Paired Reading continues for classes 1st to 3rd until the end of this month. Don't forget to mark in the book what you have read and try to do it every night.

Car Park: All parents/guardians are asked not to park in the yellow box or the special needs spaces in the car park. Keep a careful eye for children and pedestrians and ensure that your children walk on the paths. The co-operation of all is needed to ensure the safety of our children.

D.T. (Digital Technology) This week 1st and 2nd classes will be creating a story with three backgrounds and four sprites. They will create speech using the Looks option and the Say Hello block and then will Hide, Wait and Show three of the sprites in the story so that they appear at various times in the animation. This is building on from what they learnt last week. 4th and 5th classes will be working on researching projects they are doing in class and they will then learn how to save an image from the internet to use as a background to the animation they will make based on the research done above. 6th classes are preparing for their confirmation so they will use the information on their Saint's name to create an animation based on this Saint.

Ms Debby Walsh

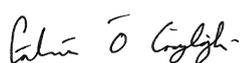
World Book Day-Bookmark Competition.

Well done to all the boys and girls from First class to Sixth class who participated in the Meath County Council Library School Services, World Book Day Bookmark Competition. We had a big number of entries and the judges had a difficult job selecting five entries to represent our school.

Congratulations to the following pupils whose bookmark designs were chosen to go ahead to the final: Grace O'Donnell, Room 19, Mia Gajdos, Room 20, Sarah Ryan, Room 26, Jessica Shiels, Room 26 & Lucy Fanning, Room 27. The overall winner will be announced on Thursday, 5th March.

Enrolment: Offers of places were posted on Friday last, February 7th. Please contact us if you were expecting a letter and it has not arrived..

Mise le meas,



Cólín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

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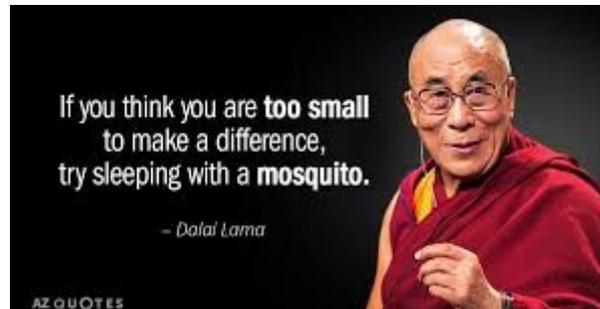
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Nathanna na Seachtaine: Nach dona an lá é? Is dona, muise!
Seanfhocal na Míosa: Ní neart go cur le chéile

Dates to Remember

Assembly:	Intercultural Day Friday @ 9.20 Room 6 for Juniors
Banna	Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00
Meitheal:	Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30
Confirmation:	Saturday 15th February @ 11am
First Holy Communion:	Saturday 9th May, @ 11am

Green News



How wonderful it is to see the Green party taking up seats in our Dáil! Let's hope they can make a difference and that they will get the support of all in power to make the necessary decisions to combat climate change. This has to be high on the agenda. It is not an option anymore.

Here at St Mary's being green is still a priority. Global Citizenship - Marine is our green theme this year. We have undertaken several actions already and some of our classes have participated in surveys, presentations and workshops.

WOW continues this week. Meet up at the Matchbox or at Mornington House Car Park where you will be met by a teacher or SNA and you can walk down/up to the school from there. Well done to those who are always there!



Rebecca in Rang a 5 spoke at an assembly last Friday about the possibility of some classes taking part in a

Junkkouture project/competition. It sounds like a really exciting and enjoyable event. It involves creating and designing outfits using recycled items. Primary schools have been urged to get involved with Junior Junkkouture. See the link below.

<https://www.rte.ie/lifestyle/fashion/2019/12/12/1098765-junk-kouture-opens-its-doors-to-primary-schools-across-ireland/>

Recycling continues at St Mary's. We accept batteries, postage stamps, toilet rolls, cards, ink cartridges, cans, small plastic bottles, mobile phones and old greeting cards.

Remember being Green isn't just cool anymore, it's a must!

Community Notices

Dear Parents

KIDS INC have now fully launched their **AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME** in St Mary's Convent National School.

We would like to advise parents that we have listened to recent feedback and have now revised our prices to reflect a more affordable service. For those parents whose combined income is less than €60,000 you will also be entitled to the **New Government Funding for Afterschool Care** (please note the government subsidy prices in the table below are some examples of what funding is available) please visit [ncs.gov.ie](https://www.ncs.gov.ie) for more information

Please note - Our prices are based on 38 school weeks (not school term holidays) and are divided evenly over 10 months (September to June)

2pm-3pm -6.30pm	Kids Inc Fees No subsidy	*Government full subsidy 17 hours	*Government 25% subsidy 12 hours
Afterschool 5 day	403	160.75	340.07
Afterschool 4 day	370	127.75	307.07
Afterschool 3 day	347	147.50	284.07
Afterschool 2 day	241	112.75	193.80

*full subsidy €3.75 per hour, 25% subsidy €1.38-€1.33 per hour, all funding is subject to means testing

In addition to 2, 3, 4 and 5 day afternoon sessions Kids Inc are also offering an hourly rate of €7 for parents who require an occasional drop in service on an ad hoc basis - ranging from 1 hour up to full afternoon.

U7 GIRLS (BORN 2013) FOOTBALL TRAINING COMMENCES TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY @6PM
 – CONTACT KENNY @ 0868587593 FOR MORE DETAILS

U8 GIRLS (BORN 2012) FOOTBALL TRAINING COMMENCES THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY @6PM
 – CONTACT FERGAL @ 0863848542 FOR MORE DETAILS

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME ★

PEDIATRIC ACUPUNCTURE SHONISHIN

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The most common conditions seen & treated using the Shonishin Acupuncture method include;

- Respiratory Problems (asthma, bronchitis, cough & allergies)
- Enuresis (bedwetting)
- Behavioral & Developmental (learning, dyspraxia, ADD, ADHD)
- Teething Pain
- Epistaxis (nosebleed)
- Skin Conditions (urticaria, hives, eczema)
- Ear Infections
- Colds & Flu
- Sore Throat
- Sleep Issues
- Digestive (colic, constipation, diarrhoea)

Caoimhe Collins
BSc (Hons) Psych.
Dip Ac. Dip Nat. MAFPA
 Acupuncture Leinster, Ryan Wellness Center,
 1st Floor, Emmet Street, Trim, Co. Meath, C15K590.

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Shonishin is a gentle, non-invasive form of Japanese acupuncture for children.

This type of Acupuncture does not use needles like the ones commonly associated with adult acupuncture, but various specialized tools that are used to gently activate acupuncture points & energy channels.

Treatment for children consists of pressing, rubbing, tapping or light brushing of the skin to provide a gentle stimulation.

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 Caoimhe Collins BSc (Hons) Psych. Dip Ac. Dip Nat. MAFPA



'Confident Me' Programme

A 10 week programme designed for children in 5th & 6th Class who have experienced adversity and difficulty in their young lives with the hope of enhancing their confidence and self-esteem. Some of the topics covered in the group include communication skills, dealing with feelings, peer pressure and developing skills to manage difficult situations.

Some of the activities include:



Design a T-Shirt



Relaxation Jars



Worry Tree

When: Every Tuesday for 10 weeks commencing on Tuesday 21st April 2020

Time: 3.30- 4.30 p.m.

Cost: €25 for 10 weeks

Where: Meath Springboard Family Support Services, Mangan House, Clonmagadden Road, Windtown, Navan, Co. Meath. Eircode: C15X70F

How: If you are interested please contact Siobhan or Martina in Meath Springboard on 046-9078220/1

Programme run by Meath Springboard Family Support Services CLG.