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## *Imlitir 31*

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A Chairde,

I hope that everybody is safe and well.

At last week's Assembly, we saw some great work being done by many of our pupils and we would encourage those who can, to keep up the good work. Parents/guardians of those who cannot, for whatever reason, are asked to contact the school and to let us know. If we are in a position to help, we are happy to do so. Just let us know by emailing [office@stmarystrim.ie](mailto:office@stmarystrim.ie) or phoning Mrs Nally at 0873223206. Thanks. For this week's assembly, pupils are invited to send in a photo of their pet and the name of their pet. We will put it on the slideshow. Please send to [office@stmarystrim.ie](mailto:office@stmarystrim.ie) by 3.00 on Thursday. Pupils are also welcome to bring a photo of their pet to the assembly.

**D.T. News:** The following is the schedule and links for the Computer lessons for the coming week.

Monday	11am	1st & 2nd Class Scratch	<a href="https://meet.google.com/dbv-rxop-uja">meet.google.com/dbv-rxop-uja</a>
	12:30	5th Class Google Slides	<a href="https://meet.google.com/cqx-gnsy-ecf">meet.google.com/cqx-gnsy-ecf</a>
Tuesday	11am	3rd Class Google Slides	<a href="https://meet.google.com/qhb-biji-ski">meet.google.com/qhb-biji-ski</a>
Wednesday	11am	4th Class Google Slides	<a href="https://meet.google.com/irw-mquo-cci">meet.google.com/irw-mquo-cci</a>
Thursday	11am	5th Class Tinkercad	<a href="https://meet.google.com/aty-tquy-tes">meet.google.com/aty-tquy-tes</a>
Friday	11am	6th Class Tinkercad	<a href="https://meet.google.com/xzd-jkfq-bvo">meet.google.com/xzd-jkfq-bvo</a>

As you can see we are changing things up a bit this week with Scratch lessons for 1st and 2nd classes, Google Slides for 3rd and 4th class and Tinkercad for 5th and 6th classes. Tinkercad is a 3D printing design software which will allow the girls to start working with basic shapes and letters this week. Although we cannot print our designs, learning Tinkercad is a great skill to have and hopefully the girls will begin to experiment with different designs that they can print once we are back in school.

Debby Walsh

Our thanks to Ms Debby for continuing to teach computer classes and to those of you who were able to pay the voluntary computer contribution that enables us to employ Ms Debby for lessons and technical support.

As you are aware, many of our classes are using Google Classroom. Last week, I posted a video clip for parents/guardians on how to use it. This week I have attached a powerpoint slide show for parents/guardians of pupils using Google Classroom. Next week, we will have a Zoom meeting for parents/guardians only, when we will give a live presentation followed by a Q&A session, at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday May 26th. This is the link to post your questions, preferably prior to the meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OHOGRAyXiobRidFnvMrvwSIpiOxe2pR7EJXSKg1IQ/edit>

I will post that link again on Monday, but it is live now.

Please remind your children that if they need to contact teachers through email, to use yours and not their own. They can also use Seesaw, Class Dojo or Google Classroom. Thanks.

Parents/Guardians of First Class boys, who wish to enrol them in St Michael's next year, please contact [stmichaelsapps2020@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsapps2020@gmail.com)

Reminder: Most of you have returned the Google Resources Consent forms at this stage. If anyone has not managed to get around to it yet, please send it in to us as soon as possible. You will have been contacted by your class teacher if they haven't received it yet. No need to resend it if you have already done so. Thank you for your cooperation. Ni neart go cur le cheile!

## Green News



*The World is our Common Home*

Hoping everyone is continuing to keep safe and well and remembering to practise being green in as many ways as possible. Our Green Theme which was interrupted so abruptly was Global Citizenship - Marine. Some classes may have visited the seaside this term but this won't happen now. Hopefully over the next year which will be Year 2 of the theme, we will get to explore marine matters more. Here are some marine activities if anyone would like to try something at home related to the theme.

<https://greenschoolsireland.org/green-schools-stay-home-marine-environment/>

The Feast of St Brendan occurs around this time..May 16th. He is the patron saint of boatmen, sailors and things of the sea. Coinciding with this feast day, is the start of Laudato Si week (16-24 May) which is held to honour the Pope's instruction to us to take care of our common home. The theme of the week is 'everything is connected'. As a Catholic school and a Green school, let's try to be more like St Brendan who spent most of his life outdoors in the countryside or on the ocean and showed a deep respect for God's creation. Never before did we feel so connected globally and yet so separated from everyone locally. Enjoy the beauty of nature around us and remember the world is our common home.

*Stay safe, stay home and stay green!*

Mrs Nally

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