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

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

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26th September, 2016

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

***19th September – 23rd September 2016***

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| 02 | 94.6% | 09 | 98% | 17 | 93.8% | 27 | 93% |
| 03 | 94.8% | 10 | 93.3% | 18 | 92.5% | 30 | 93.8% |
| 04 | 98.5% | 12 | 99.3% | 19 | 88.9% | 31 | 98.6% |
| 05 | 97.7% | 13 | 98.7% | 20 | 92.9% |  |  |
| 06 | 97.6% | 14 | 97.8% | 23 & 24 | 98.5% |  |  |
| 07 | 96.8% | 15 | 100% |  |  |  |  |

Congratulations to Room  **15** on having full attendance last week and to Room **8 and 12** who almost made it! The teachers will let them know their reward.

A chairde,

**School Photos:** Due to a clash with swimming, we have had to postpone our school photographer tomorrow. We have been allocated the next available date: Friday October 28th.

First Communion this year will be on Saturday May 13th.

**Powerball:** Sponsorship cards were given out on Friday last. All profits will be for our All-Weather Pitch (MUGA) Fund. In the past, we have had some difficulty with cards being returned, so please understand that children can not take part in the sponsored activity, without being sponsored. As little as €1 will suffice. Please do not send your children unaccompanied from house to house.

Parents/guardians are reminded not to park in or drive through our school grounds. This is a Staff Car Park only. The less cars driving in that space, the safer it is for our children.

Thanks to all who supported Jersey Day last Friday week. A total of €706 was raised for our School Sports Fund. The total in the Sports Fund now stands at -€304.19.

***Don’t Be Mean Behind Your Screen:*** On Thursday next at 7.30 in the Dr Eileen Reilly Hall, Paula O Connor will speak to parents/guardians about Cyberbullying and Internet Safety. If you have a child with a mobile phone or who may be getting one in the future, you need to be there!! Paula spoke to us last year and it was eye-opening. She really has her finger on the pulse of what young people are doing online. She will have conducted workshops with the Sixth classes earlier in the day and this is a follow-up to make sure that parents/guardians can re-inforce the message and advice she is giving them. The talk at night is for ***all*** parents, not just the parents of Sixth classes. Paula is on “Claire Byrne live” tonight, if you want to tune in.

**Gum Shields**: Please note that we recommend that all players who partake in Football, Camogie or Olympic Handball practice or matches wear gum shields at all times.

**Outstanding Accounts:** Please come in and talk to us if you have accounts outstanding. We can make arrangements to suit your needs. Invoices will be sent this Friday September 30th. Remember we also facilitate online banking, just follow the link on the invoice. Thanks.

**Safety:** Parents are asked not to take home other children after school unless prior arrangements have been made with the other parents. Please also ensure that your children know your contact phone number. They can learn it off or use their homework journals. Thanks.

**School Library:** Many thanks to the parents who volunteered to help out with our school library. We will be contacting you shortly to set up a rota of helpers for Fridays. It is still not too late to volunteer.

**Lost and found:** Unclaimed items will be donated to Lenrec this Friday. Please call to the school beforehand to check for missing items.

***Computers***

*Students in 1st class are learning how to use Microsoft Word. Each week we learn about another key on the keyboard and another function on the menu line. For the past few weeks they were given a set of sentences and once these were typed they were encouraged to type their own sentences. This week they have brought their own work down to the computer room to type.   
Students from 2nd class upwards are learning to type ‘the old fashioned way’. Typing exercises lasting 10 minutes are being done before the computer lesson begins. This has been received with a very positive approach and I am confident that the girls will be able to negotiate their way around the keyboard without looking at their fingers before the end of this year. Each class has been assigned a project and students are currently learning to type ‘friendly’ and ‘business’ letters.*

*Debby Walsh*

*Last Friday we celebrated Mercy Day in our school. We are very proud and mindful of our Mercy roots here at St. Mary’s. We were honoured by the presence of nine of our local Sisters of Mercy. The pupils read prayers, sang hymns and did a liturgical dance to the hymn Circle of Mercy. It was a lovely celebration.*

***The Door of Mercy***

*The door of mercy is double hinged, swinging in and opening out, sturdy yet easily moved.*

*Its single key is kindness, which is always in the lock, faithfulness is its lintel, hope and healing the strong jambs either side.*

*Mostly the door of mercy stands ajar. In spirit you cross its threshold each day, often unmindful but sometimes amazed at its familiarity.*

*Blessing is for all who come and go each day, helper and helped, all belonging and each bestowing.*

*It is said by many “You only have to knock once and you only have to knock lightly for the God of Mercy whose door it is, is always home”.*

*S Nally*

**Don’t Be Mean Behind Your Screen**

*Paula O’Connor’s presentation on how to keep children safe online will take place****this******Thursday (Sept. 29th) at 7.30pm****in Dr Eileen Reilly Hall. All parents/guardians are welcome. D Galligan*

*The* ***Parents’ Association AGM*** *will be held on Wednesday the* ***5th of October at 8pm*** *and all parents/guardians are welcome to attend.  Mr. O' Coigligh will be present to give an overview of how the school is progressing and we will also have a guest speaker who will be talking to us about Healthy Eating.  The committee members of the Parents’ Association look forward to welcoming you all to the meeting where you have the opportunity to learn more about the work that the PA does to benefit the school and where you can voice any ideas/queries you may have regarding our role within the school. Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be provided.*

*Caroline Smith,*

*Secretary*

Finally, our Parents’ Association AGM will be on Wednesday October 5th @ 8.00p.m. Parental involvement is crucial to a successful school and we would encourage at least one from each family to attend. It is not necessary for everyone to volunteer to go on the committee but your contribution will still be welcome. Perhaps there is an area of expertise (ICT, Green Initiatives, Gaelbhratach, Be Active, Healthy Schools etc.) which you might be able to offer or ideas to enhance the pupils’ educational experience at St Mary’s. I will address the beginning of the meeting regarding future plans for our school. Please come along.

Mise le meas,



Cóilín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

[**Green News**](#greennews)

[**Community News**](#communitynews)

**Nath na Seachtaine**: **Slán leat!**

**Seanfhocal na Míosa:  Tús maith, leath na hoibre**

**Dates to Remember**

**Assembly: Green Flag.** Seniors @ 9.20 Juniors @ 9.40

**Banna Ceoil:** Every Tuesday @ 3.00

2nd Class finish @ 3.30pm 3rd-6th  Class @ 4.00pm

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

**Camogie:** Please check GAA Notice Board in the Hall for details

**Rounders:** Monday 3.00-4.00 p.m. Third – Sixth Classes

**Drama Group:**  Thursday 15th – Oct 27th for 6th Class

[**Green News**](#greennews)

A date for your diary: This Friday the company, Lenrec, is collecting clothing, general textiles and shoes from our school. Please leave in any bags of items that you may want to recycle before Friday. We also recycle batteries, mobile phones, small plastic bottles, cans, card and toilet rolls here at school. Litter and Waste Management is our current green theme under the umbrella of Global Citizenship. We are being mindful of how we dispose of our different types of waste. Some classes will make an educational trip up to the Recycling facility during the year. It is wonderful to see how vigilant the pupils are about recycling and how much more of a life habit it has become since the start of the Green Flag campaign in St Mary’s.

COW (Cycling) and WOW (Walking) continue on Wednesdays. Walkers meet up at Mornington House or at the Matchbox at 9 am. Cyclists meet inside the entrance of Steeple Manor at 8:55am. High viz vests and helmets essential. Remember the Score on the Door (Scór ar an Doras) has started up again and the prize for the most active class is a time slot in our beautiful new playground! Double points for cycling!

Paddy Madden, the School Garden Expert from Marino College of Education is visiting our school on October 11th . He has worked magic in other schools around the country and really believes in the children learning through Nature. We know he will be inspiring.

If any parents or guardians have some time to spare and would like to be involved in our Green Committee please contact the school. It would only involve a meeting every month. We would love your input and ideas.

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



26th September, 2016.

**Rainbows Information Letter**

Rainbows is a non-profit International organisation that provides peer support groups for individuals of all ages who have experienced a death, divorce or other painful transition in their family. Children, adolescents and adults experiencing a loss need support as well as healing.

The aim of the programme that Rainbows offers is to furnish participants with an understanding of their new family unit; to assist in building a stronger sense of self-esteem; and to direct them towards healthy acceptance of the changes that have taken place in their lives.

If you wish your child to attend the Rainbows Group, please fill in the form below and send it to Helen in the Office, on or before Friday 7th October. The junior group will meet each Monday from 2.05p.m. – 2.50p.m. The senior group will meet each Monday from 3.05- 3.50p.m. The first meeting will begin in November, if we have sufficient numbers.

Children can benefit greatly from talking about the changes that have taken place in their lives with other children in the same situation. All children and facilitators taking part in the programme sign a Contract of Confidentiality in which they promise not to discuss outside the group what they say or do with their parents or guardians. If you require any further information on the Rainbows Programme, please feel free to contact the school.

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[**Community Notices**](#communitynoitices)

Jiggle 'n' Jump - Music & Movement classes happening upstairs in the Trim GAA. Tuesday's 9.45am

€5 a class for the month of September (€8 for two siblings)

Also, starting Toddler Art classes, afternoon Music & Movement class and an After School Club!

Face painting & various characters for party entertainment......lots of packages and very reasonable!

[www.facebook.com/jigglenjump](http://www.facebook.com/jigglenjump) Contact Julie on 0868505310

Parent, Baby & Toddler Group for parents, grandparents and child minders to meet, chat and enjoy a cuppa, while the kids play and have fun. Tea/coffee juice and biscuits for all and sing song at the end. Running Monday's 9.45-11.45am and Wednesday's 10-12 noon. Upstairs in the Trim GAA only €4 per family. :)

Trim Family Resource Centre & one Family are inviting parents to particpate on **Parenting When Separated Programme** This six week course will take place at: **Where: Trim FRC2, Wellington Ave. Mornington, Trim When: October 3rd Time:  7pm**

**ZUMBA  :-**

MONDAY  &  WEDNESDAY  8pm  TRIM GAA.  No booking, partner or experience required......just grab your water and your smile and get ready to dance your cares away!   €8 per class   Contact  :  Lorraine  086 8693546

**ZUMBA KIDS :-**

We are starting back 3.15pm  TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER.  Looking forward to seeing all our little dancers! €6 per class  (€5 sibling rate)   No booking required    Contact  :  Lorraine  086 8693546



**Elegance Gymnastics Club**

We are enrolling girls from 5 – 14 for the Rhythmic Gymnastics in St. Mary’s Primary School Sports Hall. Please contact [elegancegym.15@gmail.com](mailto:elegancegym.15@gmail.com) 087-6339498 or 087-9134334.

**French Classes** for children 1st to 6th class. Classes are held (subject to numbers) at Trim Family Resource Centre. Contact Sarah Barkoczi on 087-9313298 or email barkoczi.sarah@gamil.com

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB Taking place in St. Mary's School Trim from 2-3pm STARTING MONDAY 3rd OCT Only €5 a day or €20 for 5 days Mon-Fri Places are limited and need to be booked by the previous Thursday. Kids will be entertained with Lego, Play Doh, Art, Singing, Board games, quizzes, card games, puzzles and lots more fun activities.  Run by two experienced Childcare Professional Parents who are Garda Vetted.  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 our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/TrimAfterSchoolClub](http://www.facebook.com/TrimAfterSchoolClub)

