



St Mary's Convent Primary School

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

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9th October 2018

Every Day Counts at St Mary's Convent Primary School

1st – 5th October 2018

Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance
01	95.6%	08	97.1%	16	96.6 %	26	98.5 %
02	93.3%	09	90.4%	17	96 %	27	97%
03	99.3%	10	100%	18	97.8%	30	98.6%
04	94.8%	12	94.6%	19	99.4%	31	96.8%
05	97.1%	13	94.8%	20	97.3%		
06	87.9%	14	99%	23 & 24	100%		
07	99.3%	15	97.1%				

Congratulations to rooms 10, 23 & 24 on having full attendance last week. Their teachers will let them know their reward. 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

Our Sponsored Walk in aid of our All-Weather pitch takes place on Friday October 19th at 9.30 am. One card per family was given out on Friday last. All support is greatly appreciated.

School Initiatives: If you are in a position to assist on the following committees, please contact me: Green Flag, *Gaelbhratach*, Health Promoting Schools, Be Active Schools and Digital Schools of Distinction. The relevant committees have staff, pupils and parents on board and have short meetings every month or two.

Please note that a doctor's note is required if a child is unable to go swimming. Thanks.

The national strategy '**Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life**' (Department of Education and Skills 2011), includes a range of actions to enable parents and communities to support children's learning. The strategy recognises that parents who are engaged in their child's learning, have a significant positive impact on a child's educational achievement - especially in literacy and numeracy.

As part of this strategy, the Department asked the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) to highlight the role that parents and communities can play in improving children's literacy and numeracy, using media, online resources and celebrity endorsements.

To achieve this, NALA has developed **Help My Kid Learn** - a simple website that brings together relevant information for parents and the wider community to support children's literacy and numeracy development.

The website's purpose is to provide fun activities that parents can do with their children to develop their literacy and numeracy. It includes general information, fun activities and useful tips. Help My Kid Learn is a website where people can see that supporting a child's literacy and numeracy development is a natural, easy and fun activity that can be integrated into any part of their day.

<http://www.helpmykidlearn.ie/> This website provides a single reference point for parents and guardians to better understand their role in their children's literacy and numeracy development.

Trim & Boardsmill Family/Youth Mass Saturday 13th October 7pm Vigil Mass. Youth Singers/Musicians welcome to join the Family/Youth Mass Choir. Practice takes place tonight Tuesday 9th October 6.30 to 7.30 in Trim Parish Centre. Any enquiries to Parish Office
Ms McGale

This Friday is Children's Day of Mission Prayer. In St Marys we help Sr. Claudia's Flamboyant Special Needs School in Zambia – Children Helping Children! We encourage our pupils to see the bigger picture and to consider children across the globe, who are just like them, but have less. October is Missions Month. Look out for chances to support the Missions at Mass and in the Community. You might like to say this prayer with this child:

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever, Amen

Ms Nally

Computers

This week in computers students from 2nd – 6th class will be working on Mangahigh. This is in preparation for the 'big' Maths challenge next week. Each student has been given a password and login so they can use these at home if they wish to. Students in 1st class will continue working in Microsoft Word. They are now learning how to change fonts and font sizes.
Miss Debby

Online payments: We have commissioned a payment system which matches our school administration package-**Aladdin**. Please note that families are now able to use computer, tablet or phone to make payments for monies owed, swimming, school tours etc. For security reasons, we prefer if online payments are used.

The school rents violins and flutes to pupils from Banna Cheoil. You would need to organise your own lessons. Please contact Mrs Mc Gale for further details.

Mise le meas,



Cólín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

[Community News](#)

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Nathanna na Seachtaine: Slán leat / Slán go fóill
Seanfhocal na Míosa: Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin

Dates to Remember

■ Assembly:	Green Flag Friday @ 9.20 Senior Classes All Welcome
■ Meitheal:	Tuesday 9.30-10.30.
■ Rounders:	Every Monday (Weather permitting) 3.00 – 4.00
■ Banna:	Every Tuesday 3 – 4 pm 2nd – 6th Class 2nd Class finish at 3.30 until after the Halloween Break
■ Football:	Wednesday 3.00 – 4.00
■ Choir:	Friday 3.00 – 4.00 5 th & 6 th Classes
■ 6th Class Confirmation:	Sat 9 th February 2019
■ First Communion:	Sat 18 th May 2019
■ School Closure:	Presidential Election Friday 26th Oct

Green News

Next week is Climate Action Week. We will be concentrating on ways we can be more eco-friendly. Perhaps you can make one little change at home and talk about the importance of playing our part in climate control. We are going to start revising our Green Pledges beginning with our Waste Management Pledge. This is printed in the Homework Journal if you would like to read it with your child.

Our Green Pledge

We, the pupils of this school promise to REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, in our Race Against Waste and to keep “GREEN COOL in St. Mary’s School”.

Global Citizenship - Energy is our Green theme this year. We are very aware of our responsibility as Global citizens to conserve energy and other natural resources. Here at St Mary’s we try to cultivate a good green lifestyle and habits that will travel with our pupils wherever they go. We will be trying to audit the amount of energy we use in school, and through vigilance and cost cutting measures we will try to reduce that amount. At home it might be a good exercise to monitor your usage also and pay attention to devices left on or on stand-by. As the weather grows cooler we need to wrap up more warmly, keep doors closed and keep the heat in.

Recycling continues at school. We accept batteries, cans, small plastic bottles, postage stamps, card, toilet rolls and mobile phones. Many thanks to all the pupils and parents who contribute to this initiative.

Wow continues this week. Meet up at the over flow car park across from Mornington House or at the Match Box at 9 am. The teachers will meet walkers there and escort them to the school. The overflow car park is on the same side of the road as the school so no crossing roads will be necessary. It is also easier to pull into the car park there at the entrance to Mornington Heights. The Matchbox walkers can continue to walk from there.

Make sure to wear hi-viz vests when walking for extra safety. Be safe be seen.

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

St Mary's Parents Association

Following on from the AGM held on October 2nd we would like to inform you of this year's Officers of The Parent's Association Committee.

Chairperson: Denise Watson

Vice Chairperson: Daniel Blom

Secretary: Caroline Smith

Vice Secretary: Michelle Watson

Treasurer: Fiona Ryan

Vice Treasurer: Anne Hughes

We would like to thank our outgoing vice chair, Julie O' Donohue and vice treasurer, Siobhan Allut, for their hard work over the academic year 2017/2018. Our new committee is looking forward to working with the school over the coming year.

Details of our next meeting will be released shortly.

Keep an eye on our facebook for updates too.

Many thanks.

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

Caroline Smith
Secretary

Community Notices

Trim Community First Responder Group:

Trim community cardiac first responder group will be holding an information and recruitment meeting at the Castle Arch Hotel at 8pm on Tuesday Oct 9th. We are looking for volunteer community responders, fundraisers and administrators to help establish a network of responders for cardiac arrests and public defibrillators in Trim. No previous training required. All over 18s welcome.

Homework Club has commenced 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 Family Resource Centre is hosting Festival of Food - an event that will bring people from various cultures together to share their traditional foods and recipes. Tasting foods from various cultures and bringing your own dish to share is optional. We are planning to host live demos of how to make Irish apple tart and Polish pierogi this year, and share recipes that reduce food waste in everyday cooking. There is no entry fee and both children and adults are welcome! Festival of Food will take place on 15th October from 4 to 6pm in Trim FRC2, 15 Wellington Avenue.

Carney School of Irish Dancing Classes in St. Patricks Hall every Tuesday. 2pm – 3pm & 3pm – 4pm. Every Friday @ 5.30pm. Infants and Senior infants can be collected from class rooms @ 2pm and left back to the buses @ 3pm. New members & beginners welcome. Contact Ann Carney 087-6336495

ZUMBA KIDS :- New term beginning **Thursday 20th September 2.15-3pm** St Patrick's Hall (Under Snooker Club) €30 for 6 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

STRONG by Zumba : First Class - Wednesday 7pm Trim GAA. This is a high intensity workout guaranteed to increase your fitness levels. First class €10, or book 6 classes for €50 Contact : Lorraine 086 8693546



MUSIC & MOVEMENT CLASSES
AND
PARTY ENTERTAINMENT

Fun classes running Tuesdays in Trim GAA 9.50am
&
FUNTASTIC PARTY ENTERTAINMENT

You choose your character and venue (Home or Elsewhere) and I come along and keep the kids entertained, with various packages to choose from including new Pamper Parties!

Fully insured, Garda Vetted and years of experience working with kids!

CONTACT JULIE on 0868505310
Or Facebook/Jiggle'n'Jump



TRIM LINE DANCE CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT
Starting 4th October!!

8.30-9.30PM

LINE DANCE BEGINNERS CLASS

€5 DROP IN (ALL LEVELS WELCOME)

VENUE: ST. MARY'S CONVENT NATIONAL SCHOOL,
PATRICK ST, TRIM

NO NEED TO SIGN UP JUST COME ALONG,
HAVE FUN, MEET NEW PEOPLE AND KEEP
FIT!