



St Mary's Convent Primary School

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

Imlitir 16

6th January 2020

A chairde,

Athbhliain faoi shean is faoi mhaise do gach duine. (Happy New Year to all.)

Did you know every month has a special flower? The flower for January is the snowdrop. Its blossoms are as white as snow and it often blooms even before all the snow has melted. If YOU were a delicate flower, would you be brave enough to stick your head up in the cold snow? Sometimes it's hard to do what you're supposed to do, so ask God to help you be brave enough to always "stick up" for what's right!

Mrs Nally

Thanks for all the support for our **Nativity Plays and Pageant**. A total of €2,392 was raised for the local St Vincent De Paul, Make-A-Wish and Aoibheann's Pink Tie.

Pupils are requested to go directly to the playground in the mornings and not to line up outside their classrooms. School starts at 9.20 a.m. and pupils need to be in the playground by this time. When the teachers arrive out to collect the lines please stand well back and allow pupils access and right of way at all times. May I stress that parents/guardians do not drive through the staff car park at any time, as this endangers the safety of our pupils. Pupils are asked to go down the side of the school that they come in and not to cross the school car park.

Our Annual **Open Day** will be on Thursday January 16th 11:00 - 12:30. All prospective and existing parents/ guardians are welcome to visit and see our school in action. Just come to the Dr Reilly Hall @ 11:00am.

For safety reasons no cycling is permitted within the school grounds. Pupils who come to school on bikes/roller blades etc. are asked to walk to and from the school yard.

Banna rehearsals will return on Tuesday Jan 14th.

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With the start of a new year comes the start of our Scratch programming lessons for the next term. Scratch is a free piece of software that can be downloaded to a computer or laptop. It works on the principle of 'block' programming which allows students to easily develop the skills needed to animate stories, create games and whilst learning all this to have fun. Please encourage your child/ren to tell you all about what they are learning each week and where possible allow them to practise the skills learnt each week at home.

Ms Debby

Registration Forms for children starting school in September 2020 are still available from Helen, in the office. Please note that the date for return of forms (submission date) is Friday January 31st. The first round of place offers will be posted on Friday 7th February.

Mise le meas,

Cóilín Ó Coigligh

Cóilín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

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Nathanna na Seachtaine: Athbhlian faoi mhaise duit/daoibh
Seanfhocal na Míosa: Giorraíonn beirt bóthar

Dates to Remember

Assembly:	Friday 10th @ 9.20 New Term Assembly
Banna	Returns Tuesdays 14th Jan 3.00 - 4.00
Meitheal:	Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30
Confirmation:	Saturday 15th February, 2020
First Holy Communion:	Saturday 9th May, 2020

Green News

Welcome back everyone to what we hope will be a very green 2020. We all need to be more aware of climate change and play our part in combating it.

Recycling continues at school. We accept batteries, mobile phones, stamps, toilet rolls, cards, ink cartridges, small plastic bottles and cans.

WOW will resume on Wednesday morning. Meet up at either the Matchbox shop on Emmet Street or Mornington House Carpark at 9:00 am. Teachers and SNAs will meet pupils there and escort them down/up to school.

Our Fifth classes are working on projects for the Marine Conference at the end of January and our Energy Squad video is in the making. More details on this later.

Remember our green theme is Global Citizenship - Marine. We look forward to learning lots about this over the next two years.

Remember being Green is not just cool, but a must now!



After School Childcare Subsidies

KIDS INC AFTER SCHOOL – AVAILABLE IN YOUR SCHOOL now - CALL Aine or Gillian on 01 6215790. Government subsidy for After School fees

Dear Parent, A new childcare scheme is being launched this month – November - that provides a Government subsidy to After School childcare fees. The subsidy means tested and is available to all parents who have an income of less than €64,000 per annum. The subsidy will vary between €3.75 per hour and €0.33 per hour depending on your income.

The number of hours the subsidy will be available for is between 17 and 12 hours per week depending on the child's class. Note 40 hours per week is available outside term time. You must register with [Gov website](#) before you can claim the subsidy. Please click on the below links for access to a video explanation about the scheme provided by the Department of Children.

[National Childcare Scheme info](#)

[Information Leaflet](#)

[FAQs for Parents](#)

Call Gillian or Aine on 01 6215790 for details or email us on aine@kidsinc.ie or Gillian@kidsinc.ie



Homework Supervision



Sports

Dear Parents

KIDS INC have now fully launched their **AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME** in St Marys 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 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-€.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.

Please contact gillian@kidsinc.ie for more details or call 01 6215790



Develop creativity and social skills through building with Lego

Weekly Classes

-St Mary's Primary School, Trim



-Every Thursday, room 13 (back of school, beside pitch)

-New term starting 9th January 2020

-4pm-5pm

-€50 for 6 weeks or €10 per class, pay as you go.



Contact Emma on 0879073448 to book your child's place.

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