



# St Mary's Convent Primary School

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14th January 2020

### Every Day Counts at St Mary's Convent Primary School 6th Jan - 10th Jan 2019

Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance
01	89%	08	95%	16	95.5%	26	97.3%
02	97.9%	09	95.7%	17	89.6%	27	95.3%
03	95.8%	10	97.3%	18	88.6%	30	94.1%
04	96.8%	12	94.6%	19	98.1%	31	95.6%
05	96.2%	13	97.9%	20	93.6%		
06	94.1%	14	97%	23 & 24	100%		
07	94.4%	15	96.2%				

*Well done to rooms 23 & 24 on having full attendance last week. 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,

Our Annual **Open Day** will be **this Thursday** January 16<sup>th</sup> 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 @ 11:00 am.

Catholic Schools Week begins January 24<sup>th</sup> with an assembly by Room 13. Highlights of the week will include **Grandparents Day on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>** when the pupils will be given the chance to attend 10 am Mass in the Church with their grandparents. Fr Paul will issue a special blessing at the Mass. If your child is going to avail of this opportunity, please let the teacher know beforehand and we will organise the release slips. It would be really helpful if grandparents knew the name of the teachers involved so that when they come to collect the children it will be easy to locate them. All grandparents are invited to **have a cuppa in the hall at 10:30am and may visit classrooms after that.**

Old school desks for sale @ €45. Contact Helen or Rebecca in the office.



2013



2014



2014



09/011/13/15/17



2016



2018

You are all aware that we walk to school on Wednesdays (WOW!) and that when the weather improves we will restart cycling (COW!) to school. These schemes promote our green agenda and also help with children's fitness. Our thanks to Mrs Nally, Ms Patricia Mc Donnell and Ms Rhona Fay for escorting the children from Mornington House @ 9.00 a.m. on Wednesdays and to Ms Finn for doing so from The Matchbox.

**Head Lice:** Parents/guardians are asked to be vigilant and to check your children's hair regularly. It is best that long hair be tied up in school, especially if there has been an incidence in your child's class. Please note the following advice:

<https://www.lyclear.ie/head-lice-tips-facts/what-are-head-lice/>

Please read our Green News and Community Notices that follow.

**D.T.:** This week students in 1st class will be introduced to the concept of creating a program in Scratch. They will learn how to use 3 different blocks which will allow their sprite to move and speak. They will also select a background of their choice to finish this project. 2nd - 4th classes will create animations from their own stories or projects. They will use more than 2 sprites and 2 backgrounds in this project. 6th class students will create a quiz using the IF/THEN/ELSE blocks. They will create colourful backgrounds and select sprites that will work with this quiz. Please remember that Scratch is a free piece of software for downloading to your computers/laptops at home and encouraging your son/daughters to show you what they are learning might also teach you a bit about animation! Debby Walsh

**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.

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**Nathanna na Seachtaine:** C e leis  ? Is liomsa  .  
**Seanfhocal na M osa:** Giorra onn beirt b thar

## Dates to Remember

<b>Assembly:</b>	Green Flag (Whole School) 9.30
<b>Banna</b>	Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00
<b>Meitheal:</b>	Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30
<b>Confirmation:</b>	Saturday 15th February, 2020
<b>First Holy Communion:</b>	Saturday 9th May, 2020

## Green News

### Green News

Hope that 2020 has started off well and that you have included a green resolution in your list of New Year targets! As we know Climate change is affecting us all. As Pope Frances said 'the world is our common home'. We watch with horror the devastation caused by the bush fires destroying animal and plant life in Australia. We experienced our own water shortage last week and we were challenged greatly. Perhaps it helped us to realise how precious a resource water is and how we take it so much for granted most of the time.

Global Citizenship – Marine is our green theme for this year and next. We have many marine interests already.

Our adopted seal Cherry Blossom has finally turned the corner and is beginning to thrive. Her appetite is back and she is looking a lot more alert! Check out the lovely photo of her. She will be returning to the sea when she is fully recovered.



Fifth Class will be attending the Marine Conference on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. They are busy researching microplastics in the ocean.

The Sixth classes will also be working with Aoife McGrath, a Community Water Officer in February. They will carry out an analysis on a kick sample taken from the River Boyne.

Recycling continues in St Mary's. We accept batteries, postage stamps, ink cartridges, small plastic bottles, cards, toilet rolls, mobile phones, old candles and cans. Thank you to all our contributors!

WOW continues every Wednesday. At the moment we have two meeting points: one at the Matchbox and one up at Mornington House Car park. Both places allow plenty of space to pull in, park safely and drop off your children where there is a teacher or SNA at both places to escort your children to school. If you haven't given this a go, maybe you could try it this week. It is only a short walk but it gives the children a little taste of what it's like to walk to school. Coming closer to spring, we will introduce a new route from the car park outside Gulliver's. Several of our pupils walk up from here every day. We could make quite a mark if we joined them every Wednesday. We could also notice the trees changing in the church grounds as spring and summer approach. More details about this later.

Some Sixth Class girls are working on a one minute video about Energy. The Production team have their heads together. Their movie will be aired in the Omniplex cinema in Santry in late February. Thank you to Aidan Gray for his insight and support in the planning stages.

***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 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](http://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	<b>Kids Inc Fees No subsidy</b>	<b>*Government full subsidy 17 hours</b>	<b>*Government 25% subsidy 12 hours</b>
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-€3.33 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](mailto:gillian@kidsinc.ie) for more details or call 01 6215790



**Trim Boot  
Room**

**KIDS NEED NEW BOOTS?**

We have lots of nearly new kids football boots looking for a new home.



Or maybe you have a pair or two of old football boots? We'll gladly take them and find them a new home!

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




**Meath Local Sports Partnership** and Sport Ireland have linked up with the OT team to promote National Walk Day on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January**.

Organisers welcome all ages and abilities on the day and would love to see families getting involved. The event is ideal for beginners to come out and give it a go. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

There are a number of walks happening across the County on the day – check out walks below for one that suits you:

- **Ashbourne:** meeting at Ashbourne Garda Station at **10am**.
- **Ballinacree, Oldcastle:** meeting at walking track in St. Brigid's GAA at **11am**.
- **Bettystown:** meeting at main beach entrance at **10am**.
- **Carnaross:** meeting at Carnaross Community Centre at **10am**.
- **Castletown:** meeting at Castletown Pitch & Putt club at **10am**.
- **Cormeen:** meeting at Cormeen Sports Complex at **10am**.
- **Kilmainhamwood:** meeting at Kilmainhamwood GAA at **9.30am**.
- **Gibbstown:** meeting at Wolfe Tones GAA at **9.30am**.
- **Trim:** meeting on Castle Street (across from Garda Station) at **10am**.

Participants are also welcome to join **Parkrun** on the day. Parkrun is suitable for walkers, joggers and runners of all ages! Parkrun is a free 5km timed course which takes place **every Saturday** at **9.30am** in the following locations in Meath:

- **Oldbridge** (meet at Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, Drogheda)
- **Blackwater Park, Navan**
- **Deerpark, Carlanstown**