



St Mary's Convent Primary School

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Every Day Counts at St Mary's Convent Primary School 13th Jan - 17th Jan 2019

| Room | Attendance | Room | Attendance | Room | Attendance | Room | Attendance |
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| 01 | 92% | 08 | 94.8% | 16 | 93.6% | 26 | 91.3% |
| 02 | 97.9% | 09 | 99.3% | 17 | 95.8% | 27 | 93.3% |
| 03 | 96.8% | 10 | 96.7% | 18 | 88.6% | 30 | 96.3% |
| 04 | 85.3% | 12 | 94.6% | 19 | 97.1% | 31 | 94.8% |
| 05 | 94.6% | 13 | 97.9% | 20 | 97.8% | | |
| 06 | 95.6% | 14 | 96.3% | 23 & 24 | 96.8% | | |
| 07 | 100% | 15 | 97.7% | | | | |

Well done to room 7 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,

Next week we will be celebrating **Catholic Schools Week**. This gives everyone involved in Catholic education the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution that our Catholic schools make to Irish life. This year's theme is: 'Living in Harmony with God's Creation.' As society changes, it is important that we reflect on the unique contribution of Catholic Schools to our collective goal of education. Each Catholic school shares an ethos that is inclusive, welcoming and vibrant. Each school works towards a vision of each student as made in the image and likeness of God. This means we work towards helping each child, irrespective of background, ethnicity or creed, reach their potential, academically, spiritually and socially.



2013



2014



2014



09/011/13/15/17



2016



2018

As a Catholic School we will be celebrating our ethos by engaging in various activities next week. Parents may like to check out the website: www.catholicschoole.ie Catholic Schools Week begins January 24th with an assembly by Room 13. Highlights of the week will include **Grandparents Day on Wednesday January 29th** 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.**

The next big celebration we will have as a Catholic School is **Confirmation on Saturday Feb 15th**. The Very Rev. Thomas Deenihan Bishop of Meath will confer the Holy Spirit on the children participating. We wish our 6th classes the very best as they make their final preparations for this big event in their lives. We would also like to thank Fr Sean and Fr Warren for their pastoral care and guidance throughout the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Sisters of Mercy, in particular Srs Paula, Claudia and Immaculata, who are still very much involved with us here at St Mary's and to all those past sisters whose ethos and spirit continue to live on and inspire our teaching and learning.

Congratulations to the girls and their parents who took part in their Do This In Memory Mass on Sunday last. All the children participated very well and are working hard on the preparations for their First Holy Communion. We are very proud of them.

2nd Class Teachers



Parent Teacher Meetings for Special Ed. will take place on Friday 7th and Monday 10th February. Bookings will be done online like last year. You will be able to log in and choose

your time for the day. Junior Infants' meetings are on February 11th and 12th. Please contact the school if you did not get your note, to chose a time online.

Please ensure that your child has a coat coming to school this weather. They will need to wear one in the yard also.

OPEN DAY last week was a very well received and as usual the pupils stole the show. The Sixth Class girls received many compliments regarding their deportment and demeanour, and many people remarked on the entertainment provided by the Banna (School Band). The Green Screen, Scratch, Bee Bots and Augmented Reality were complimented also. Some current parents used the opportunity to have a walk around and see the school in action. I would like to thank our Parents' Association for their support and to thank all young and old who helped in any way. The Banna Ceoil never fail to impress! Lots of practice and dedication has produced great results. Keep up the great work girls! Have a listen to the clip below!

[Open Day - Banna Ceoil on Vimeo](#)



Digital Technology: This week all 1st class students will have completed their fish tanks and their amazing fish swimming backwards and forwards (not upside down). This involves using the 'sprite' information which is not an easy concept to complete. 2nd to 4th classes will be completing their fairytales and we will be adding some sounds to the stories. They will also be encouraged to use different backgrounds as each part of the story is told. 5th and 6th classes will complete the quiz they are doing on a famous person in history. They have been encouraged to give two to three facts about their character and then a question on one of the facts. They will have learnt the 'IF / THEN / ELSE' block and how each part of the block causes a reaction e.g. Correct vs Incorrect. Once the quiz is finished students will be given the opportunity to move around and take other students quizzes. Debby Walsh

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

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,

Láirín Ó Coigligh

Cóilín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

[Community News](#)

[Green News](#)

Nathanna na Seachtaine: Tá sioc ar an talamh/ Tá sé fuar
Seanfhocal na Míosa: Giorraíonn beirt bóthar

Dates to Remember

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| Assembly: | Friday 9. 30 Start of Catholic School Week Rm13 |
| Banna | Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00 |
| Meitheal: | Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 |
| Confirmation: | Saturday 15th February, 2020 |
| First Holy Communion: | Saturday 9th May, 2020 |

Green News

It is our third week back at school. The weather has gotten a bit colder but the spring flowers are as resilient as ever and the shoots can be seen pushing out of the cold frosty ground. Our WOW pupils, teachers and SNAs are also hardy and determined to continue the campaign whatever the weather!

WOW continues this week. Meet up at the Matchbox or at Mornington House Car Park where you will be met by a teacher or SNA and you can walk down/up to the school from there. Well done to those who are always there!

Recycling continues at St Mary's also. We accept batteries, postage stamps, toilet rolls, card, ink cartridges, cans, small plastic bottles, mobile phones and old greeting cards.

We had the honour of having Srs Andrea and Claudia in the school last Friday. Sr Andrea has finished with her ministry in Zambia after 35 years. She still has ties with the school she founded there, Flamboyant Special Needs School which we have been contributing to over the years with the proceeds from our Siopa Glas. Sr Andrea thanked the pupils, parents and teachers from St Mary's for their kindness and generosity over the years. She gave us a beautiful Zambia cloth for our international board. The Sisters of Mercy hold a special place in our hearts here at St Mary's.



It is Catholic Schools Week next week. We remember the words of Pope Francis when he said 'The world is our common home'. We must look after it. Let's all try to make one good change that will help our world, our earthly home.

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 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-€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 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>

