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Every Day Counts at St Mary's Convent Primary School 27th Jan - 31st Jan 2019

<i>Room</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
01	99%	08	97.4%	16	90%	26	93.3%
02	95.8%	09	94.1%	17	77.5%	27	96.7%
03	97.9%	10	98.7%	18	92.9%	30	93.3%
04	94.7%	12	96.9%	19	98.1%	31	94.1%
05	96.9%	13	95%	20	97%		
06	96.3%	14	94.8%	23 & 24	99%		
07	98.4%	15	100%				

Well done to room 15 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,

This is Catholic Schools Week. The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week is 'Living in harmony with God's creation'. How apt for us as a Mercy School and as a Green School! As Pope Frances reminds us 'the earth is our common home'. We must protect its future and each other. The pupils of Room 13 opened our celebrations last week with a beautiful assembly outlining the events for the coming week. They sang 'Touch the earth with gentleness'. The lineup for the week is:

On **Monday** we celebrate the beauty of our world all around us. Let us take the time to notice nature this week and thank God for his creation.

On **Tuesday** we think about how we can live in harmony with our neighbours and friends. Caring for each other is a Mercy value which we try to carry on in our school. Let us take time to reach out and help someone this week.

On **Wednesday** we celebrate Grandparent's Day. We remember how these special people in our lives watch over us and care for us. Some Grandparents may wish to take their grandchildren to Mass at 10 am in the Church on Wednesday. Please let the class teacher know if this is going to happen so that they will have the pupils ready to be collected and

permission slips organised. It is also important to let the grandparents know the teacher's names as this will speed up operations when they call to collect the children. There will be a special blessing for the grandparents in the church after Mass on Wednesday and a cuppa back at the school afterwards. All grandparents are welcome.

On **Thursday** we focus on the gifts of the earth - water, food and energy. It is another day to reflect on how we use these natural resources and how we can sustain them in our rapidly-developing technological world. We will examine our living habits and try to use only what we need so that we are not wasteful.

On **Friday** we will think about how we can live in harmony together as children of God. We are asked to remember to treat others as we would like to be treated. We will keep our school a loving place where everyone feels safe, welcome and cared for.

In the words of Catherine McAuley:

'Show fond affection every day, and above all devoutly pray that God may bless the charge He's given you and make of you their Guide to Heaven'.

May the blessing of God be on all our school community this week and always.

At the weekend some of our staff met the Archbishop of Liverpool, Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon. They told him about Catholic School's Week in our school this week and he sent his blessing.



Well done to the pupils of the two Sixth Classes who represented the school so well yesterday at the Confirmation Preparation Mass. They read and prayed very well and they behaved very reverently. Maith sibh.

D.T 1st classes will be putting together a project about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Today they started making the sprites needed in their stories e.g. the bowls, chairs and beds. They will then add the speech needed for the story and will be putting in Hide and Show blocks to bring in the three bears later in the story. With Grandparents Day happening this week students from 2nd - 6th classes will be putting together Scratch projects about their Grandparents. These projects will take place in the form of either a story or a question and answer project about their lives.

Ms Debby

February is **Shared Reading Month**, when we ask that a member of the household sits down for a few minutes every night to listen to your child reading. You will be getting a pack tomorrow from First to Third Classes. Below are tips to help your child with reading for all classes.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/blogs/shanahan-literacy/11-ways-parents-can-help-their-child-read>

Concussion: Please inform the school if your child has had a concussion or other serious injury, out of school, on their return to school. Thanks.

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, today, if you did not get your note, to choose a time online.

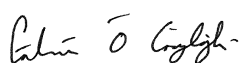
Please ensure that your child has a coat coming to school this weather. They will need to wear one in the yard also.

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.

Enrolments: The Submission date is this Friday January 31st. Offers for places will be posted on Friday 7th February. We are pleased to announce that all applications received before the Submission Date will be offered places this year. We do not expect to have a waiting list and currently there will be small numbers in the four Infant classes. We are looking at very early twenties, which is great news for those children.

Mise le meas,



Cólín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

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Nathanna na Seachtaine: In ainm an Athar, agus an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh
Amen

Seanfhocal na Míosa: Giorraíonn beirt bóthar

Dates to Remember

Assembly:	Whole School and blessing for all
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

‘The earth is our common home’ (*Pope Frances*)

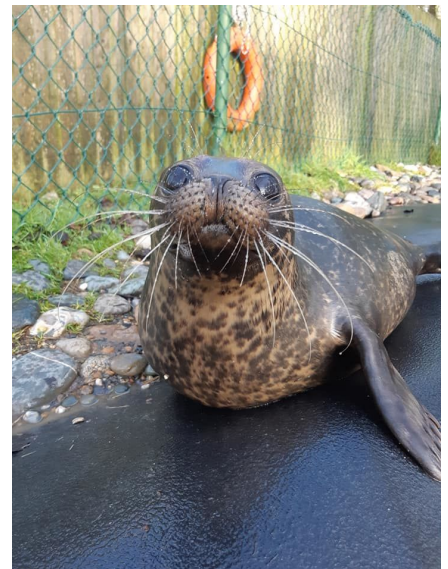
This week for Catholic Schools week we are thanking God for the beauty and the gifts of the earth. Let us not waste any of the earth’s natural resources by the way we live. At St Mary’s we try to make a difference.

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.

This year on our green journey, our Green theme is Global citizenship - Marine. This week one of our Fifth classes is attending the Marine Conference in Dun Laoghaire. The pupils will present projects on Microplastics and Wellbeing at the Sea. They will receive speeches from various environmentalists and it promises to be a great day.

And lastly, you’ll be glad to know Cherry Blossom is doing really well!



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