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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	94%	08	95.7%	16	94.5%	26	94%
02	95.8%	09	93.3%	17	89.7%	27	96.7%
03	96.8%	10	98.7%	18	95.7%	30	94.1%
04	97.9%	12	95.2%	19	98.1%	31	99.3%
05	96.9%	13	95.7%	20	95.6%		
06	92.6%	14	95.6%	23 & 24	95.1%		
07	92.8%	15	99.2%				

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,

Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. It was a great week to acknowledge the legacy which the Sisters of Mercy have left us with and to recognise the Catholic ethos that underpins what we are about here at St Mary's. Everyday we prayed as a school asking God to help us to live in harmony with our families, our friends, our neighbours and creation. On Wednesday we had Grandparents Day! Wow! What a great turnout! Fr Joe celebrated a Mass in the church at 10 after which grandparents and grandchildren had a cuppa in our school hall. We were delighted to welcome so many grandparents, many of whom had travelled from afar to be with us.

To conclude the week, Fr Paul joined us at our assembly on Friday and spoke about St Brigid and significance of the St Brigid's Cross. He blessed us all. The pupils from 2nd Class sang a lovely hymn and signed the Our Father for us. We hope and pray that the harmony we prayed for during Catholic Schools Week will accompany us throughout the year.



St Brigid's crosses made in Zambia!

Mr Higgins' class attended the Marine Conference in Dunlaoghaire last week. It was a memorable day out for them. See the Green News section below.

D.T. (Digital Technology) This week (and for the next couple of weeks) students from 1st and 2nd classes will be learning how to create interactive stories with more than one background (Switch background to ...) and more than one sprite (hide, wait and show) that will appear later in this animation. 3rd and 4th classes will create their own sprites with different facial expressions and backgrounds that will have added sprites to enhance them using the paint option in Scratch. They will then learn how to use these different costumes (change costume to ... and wait) in an animation about Internet Safety. 5th and 6th classes will be learning how to use different options to move their sprites around the screen (arrow keys, follow option and glide) They will then try to create a basic game of their own.

Ms Debby



Well done to the 4th, 5th and 6th class girls who travelled to Drogheda on Friday for the 2020 Credit Union Quiz. Thank you to the parents and guardians for their support. Ms Farrelly

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. 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>

Please note that we have had issues in our school around Cyberbullying and that it is important to supervise your children's use of the internet, in particular Viber, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Whats app, Twitter etc. If you do come across inappropriate comments, remember to screen shot or take a photo of these comments, which could be helpful in resolving matters.

Meitheal: On Tuesday mornings 9.30 – 10.30 a group of volunteers help with teaching materials and other work for the junior classes in particular. We wish to thank those who come in and invite more to join. If you have an hour to spare and would enjoy a cuppa and chat while working (!) please let me know. Thanks.

Listeners to listen to Junior and Senior Infants and Library volunteers are also needed. Please contact the Office. **Library Helpers** also required.

Enrolment: Offers of places will be posted on Friday next, February 7th. We expect that offers will be made to all applications and that there will be low numbers in next year's Infant Classes.. Please contact us if further information is required.

Mise le meas,

C oil n   Coigligh, Pr omh Oide.

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[Green News](#)

Nathanna na Seachtaine: An bhfuil cead agam.....? . May I.....'
Seanfhocal na M osa: N  neart go cur le ch ile

Dates to Remember

Assembly:	Green Flag @ 9.20
Banna	Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00
Meitheal:	Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30
Confirmation:	Saturday 15th February @ 11am
First Holy Communion:	Saturday 9th May, @ 11am

Green News

This year, our Green theme is Global citizenship - Marine. Last week one of our Fifth classes attended the Marine Conference in Dun Laoghaire. The pupils presented projects on Microplastics and Wellbeing at the Sea. They received speeches from various environmentalists and were really inspired by Transition Year Students from Ashbourne. It was a very enlightening and entertaining day and was excellently organised from start to finish. The girls presented their projects very well and learned a lot from other school projects. Nick Baker of the BBC gave a wonderful first hand account of his diving experience as did our own Aidan Gray. The video footage was so good it was as if the children were under the sea themselves! The children were given the opportunity to ask questions from the floor. Our girls asked some excellent questions. Nick Baker spent time at the girls stand and was quite intrigued by their project. The day finished off with a sing along. Everyone had a great day. We are indebted to An Taisce for the great day out, for subsidising the bus and providing the girls with a lovely meal.



Last week the girls from Sixth Class completed their One Good Idea video. If you click on the link below you might recognise some familiar faces! A huge word of thanks to Ms Debby and Mr Casey for all their help.

<https://youtu.be/2DpJdMTq32o>

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.

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](https://www.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



The advertisement features three images at the top: the Trim G.A.A. crest on the left, a group photo of girls' football players in red kits in the middle, and a white O'Neills football on the right. Below the images, the text provides details for two training sessions: U7 girls (born 2013) starting on Tuesday 4th February at 6 PM, and U8 girls (born 2012) starting on Thursday 6th February at 6 PM. Contact information for Kenny (0868587593) and Fergal (0863848542) is provided for more details. The ad concludes with 'NEW PLAYERS WELCOME' and a star icon.

U7 GIRLS (BORN 2013) FOOTBALL TRAINING COMMENCES TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY @6PM
- CONTACT KENNY @ 0868587593 FOR MORE DETAILS

U8 GIRLS (BORN 2012) FOOTBALL TRAINING COMMENCES THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY @6PM
- CONTACT FERGAL @ 0863848542 FOR MORE DETAILS

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