



# St Mary's Convent Primary School

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*Imlitir 22*

17th February 2020

## *Every Day Counts at St Mary's Convent Primary School 10th - 14th February 2020*

<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	92%	08	93%	16	3.6%	26	96.7%
02	97.9%	09	94.8%	17	88.5%	27	97.3%
03	96.8%	10	99.3%	18	99.3%	30	93.3%
04	91.6%	12	99.2%	19	99%	31	96.3%
05	96.2%	13	92.9%	20	94.8%		
06	97.8%	<b>14</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	23 & 24	91.8%		
07	85.6%	15	97.7%				

*Well done to room 14 for 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,

School will be closed for **Mid-term Break** on Thursday and Friday this week. Please make the necessary arrangements.

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to all who made their Confirmation on Saturday last. It was a great parish celebration. Thanks to all, large and small for making it such a special occasion.

Our **Pink** and **Red** Day Appeal raised €1,030. for Saint Francis Hospice in Blanchardstown. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Please remember to use the car park appropriately and remind your child/ren to use the footpaths. Check out "The Safe cross Code". at [www.rsa.ie](http://www.rsa.ie)

**The Pencil Appeal:** Sr Claudia is sending a container to Flamboyant School in Zambia this week and would be grateful for donations of pencils, rubbers or copy books. If you are in a position to help, please do so tomorrow Tuesday or Wednesday. The container is leaving on Friday. Thanks.

**Timekeeping:** Please note that pupils are expected to be in school by 9.20am. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/guardians and children who arrive on time. Pupils who are regularly late are sent to the office where their name is entered into a Late Book and a White Card is sent home to inform the parents/guardians. If this persists, a meeting will be called to address the situation.

**The Banna Ceoil** are thrilled to have been invited to perform at the Córfhéile in the National Basketball Arena , Tallaght on Wednesday 4th March. Córfhéile is a non-competitive music and drama festival for Primary Schools with several schools taking part in each concert. This is a great opportunity for our young musicians to show off their musical skills in a welcoming and encouraging event and we are really looking forward to the event.

Our Banna Ceoil will perform at the matinee concert that starts at 1030am. Parents, family and friends are especially welcome to come along and listen and support our Banna . Admission at the door is 5 euro for adults and 2 euro for children ( – CASH ONLY – Córfhéile doesn't have the facility to accept card payments).

Please encourage your daughter to practise in preparation for Córfhéile. 2nd class do not have all the tunes as this is their first year in Banna. A very big thank you to all the teachers who volunteer their time with Banna every week. More details in the next Imlitir.

Ms McGale

**Confirmation 2020:** We congratulate the 48 pupils in 6th Class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday morning in St Patrick's Church. Bishop Tom Deenihan, assisted by Bishop Michael Smith and Monsignor Seán Heeny, led the service. Despite the very inclement weather, it was a special occasion for the recipients and their families.

Ms Dineen and Mr Galligan



**D.T. (Digital Technology)** This week students from 1st and 2nd classes will practise the skills learnt last week - they will be asked to create an animation using more than one background (Switch Backdrop to ...) and then they will create a story with two sprites and have a 'surprise' along the way! This will entail use of a third sprite who will have been hidden until needed (Hide/Wait/Show). 3rd - 6th classes will finish up the animations started last week. These have been based on a person or event in History and they will have done research on Google to enhance the animation. The older girls will have used clipart as Sprites - they will have learnt how to remove the white backgrounds around the clipart using the Paint option in Scratch. Please don't forget that Scratch is a free piece of software that can be downloaded onto a laptop or computer (it is not available on Phones or tablets at the moment).

Ms Debby Walsh

**Healthy Lunches:** Please be aware of our policy. Copies are available from our website and there is also a copy in our Dialann Scoile (Homework Journal)

**Headlice:** Please check your child's hair on a regular basis. If there has been a case reported, we send a letter to that class. It is a good idea to tie up long hair.

**Enrolments for September 2020:** We are happy to announce that we no longer have a waiting list and that the pupil teacher ratio in Junior Infants will be in the early twenties next year. This is great news for these classes, as it will enable the teachers to spend more time with each child. It will be a great start to their primary education.

Mise le meas,

*Cóilín Ó Coigligh*

Cóilín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

[Community News](#)

[Green News](#)

**Nathanna na Seachtaine:** Tá sé gaofar/ Tá an ghaoth ag séideadh  
**Seanfhocal na Míosa:** Ní neart go cur le chéile

## Dates to Remember

<b>Banna</b>	Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00
<b>Meitheal:</b>	Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30
<b>First Holy Communion:</b>	Saturday 9th May, @ 11am

## Green News

This is Cherry Blossom who has thrived after being rescued and looked after so well by the Seal Rescue Centre in Courtown. They send us regular updates about her progress. She is due for release back into the sea on February 23. We will miss seeing her cute face every few weeks but we are happy to know that she is healthy again and returning to her natural habitat.



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

Sr Claudia whom you have heard about many times before in relation to Flamboyant Special Needs School is collecting pencils, rubbers and copies to send out to her mainstream school, called Linda School, in Zambia. Her brother-in-law has access to a container which will carry the goods to the school. We would like to help her fill this container. We all have spare pencils at home. If every child donated a pencil we would have nearly 600! The container must be filled by Friday next so we are in a hurry. Please have a look at home and see if you have a pencil you could donate to Sr Claudia's school. It

doesn't have to be a new pencil, just one that is in good condition and still plenty of lead left in it!

*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 Mary's 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



# WORKSHOP

**COME JOIN US TO:**

- IMAGINE!
- CREATE!
- EXPLORE IDEAS!
- BUILD!
- SHARE!



- ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, TRIM  
- SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY  
- 1PM-3PM  
- 15 EURO PER CHILD (SIBLING DISCOUNTS )

CONTACT EMMA ON 0879073448 TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE

LIMITED PLACES BOYS & GIRLS 4-12

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# 'Confident Me' Programme

A 10 week programme designed for children in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class who have experienced adversity and difficulty in their young lives with the hope of enhancing their confidence and self-esteem. Some of the topics covered in the group include communication skills, dealing with feelings, peer pressure and developing skills to manage difficult situations.

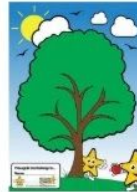
Some of the activities include:



Design a T-Shirt



Relaxation Jars



Worry Tree

**When:** Every Tuesday for 10 weeks commencing on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020

**Time:** 3.30- 4.30 p.m.

**Cost:** €25 for 10 weeks

**Where:** Meath Springboard Family Support Services, Mangan House, Clonmagadden Road, Windtown, Navan, Co. Meath. Eircode: C15X70F

**How:** If you are interested please contact Siobhan or Martina in Meath Springboard on 046-9078220/1

*Programme run by Meath Springboard Family Support Services CLG.*



## U12 GIRLS GAELIC FOOTBALL

[Born 2008 and 2009] - Training Wednesday @ 6pm @ TRIM GAA

Contact Ronan @ 0876865596 For More Details

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**