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10th March 2020

Every Day Counts at St Mary's Convent Primary School 2nd - 6th March 2020

Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance
01	91%	08	93.9%	16	89.1%	26	84.7%
02	96.8%	09	96.3%	17	87.5%	27	99.3%
03	94.7%	10	95.3%	18	93.6%	30	93.3%
04	91.6%	12	93.6%	19	97.1%	31	95.6%
05	90%	13	90.7%	20	90.4%		
06	94.1%	14	97.8%	23 & 24	94.5%		
07	92.8%	15	96.2%				

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,

Please see the latest update from the HSE about Covid 19

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html>

Please note that we have installed gel dispensers and have also turned off the outside drinking fountains. Please be mindful of hand washing and sneezing etiquette.

The school will close for Mid-term Break on Friday March 13th and reopen on Monday 23rd March.

Best wishes to Rang a Dó this week as they make their First Confession. As all Sacraments are celebrations, I hope that the families involved will celebrate this special occasion, that can get overlooked by the First Communion.

*Is í seo Seachtain na Gaeilge! Táimid ag iarraidh a lán Gaeilge a labhairt an tseachtain seo. This week is **Seachtain na Gaeilge** and as explained in last week's Imlitir we have a full programme of events and activities. Please ask your children about these and if you can, use some Irish words or phrases with them. It is important that they see that Irish can be used*

outside of the classroom and school setting. We don't have to wait to go abroad to speak or be proud of our native tongue. *Go raibh míle maith agaibh.*

Room 10 launched Seachtain na Gaeilge with their wonderful Assembly last Friday. *Bhí a lán Gaeilge ag na páiati agus rinne siad an Haka as Gaeilge a chuirfeadh faitíos an domhain ar na h-Allblacks.*

Má tá Gaeilge agat, bain triail asti an tseachtain seo!

Link for Tionol Seomra 10 Seachtain na Gaeilge

<https://vimeo.com/395923224>

Daffodil Day falls on 21st March this year.

As you know, every year St Mary's contributes to this very special cause by buying beautifully crafted items like daffodils, hair clips, pencil toppers etc. the money raised goes towards The Hospice Nurses. this year the local knitting ladies have designed shamrocks also. they will be on sale this week for 3.00. Thank you for your kindness and generosity always.



Online Payments: For security reasons, we have discontinued cash payments to the school. For upcoming swimming, school tours and next year's booklist payments, we it is online payments only. We can send you an online link to facilitate this. Contact Helen or Rebecca for further details. Thanks.

Please note that pupils who are late to school need to come in the front door and sign the Late Book. This is also for security reasons, as their class may be on a field trip, at PE etc. We can make the necessary arrangements from the office.

For P.E. pupils are required to wear sports runners that give proper support rather than fashion runners.

The **school holidays for next year** are listed below. Please bear these dates in mind when arranging family vacations.

Return:	Monday 31 st August 2020
Mid-Term:	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October 2020 (1 week)
Christmas Break:	Wednesday 23 rd December –Tuesday 5 th January 2021 (2 weeks)
Spring Mid-term Break	Thursday 18 th – Friday 19 th February 2021
St Patrick’s Day:	Wednesday 17 th March 2021
Easter Break	Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April 2021(2 weeks)
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 3 rd May to Friday 7 th May 2021 (1 week)
June Bank Holiday:	Monday 7 th June 2021 and Tuesday 8 th June 2021
School closes	Wednesday 30 th June 2021

Health and Safety: Please note that it is school policy to inform parents/guardians if we are aware that your child gets a bump on the head. You will be asked to come in and examine the bump and to then decide to bring your child home or leave him/her in school. Please understand that we have to err on the side of caution but it does not mean that your child must go home. That is a decision for you to make at the time.

The Board of Management met on February 25th. This is the agreed report of that meeting:

- Approval to proceed with extension which will begin this July.
- Application for door replacements was refused.
- Eight leaves of absence were granted for the school year 2020/2021.
- Vote of thanks to I.S.M. for updated yearly plans.
- New Enrolment Policy to be drafted in consultation with staff and parents and an Annual Admission Notice to be drawn up. To be sent to Patron by April 30th.
- Croke Park Hours: A total of 19.5 worked to date, 16.5 remaining.
- Wheelchair access ramps to be completed over the Easter holidays.
- Bishop remarked that the schools were exemplary for Confirmation.
- Catechist visit was very positive and they commented on the ethos being exemplary.
- Next meeting April 22nd.

M. Coakley

Spelling Bee County Final: We all wish Emma from Room 27 the very best of luck in the county final of the National Spelling Bee this coming Wednesday. About forty competitors will go head-to-head in our school hall, with the winner progressing to the Leinster Final.
Mr Galligan

On Wednesday 4th March St Mary's **Banna Ceoil** travelled to the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. The girls took part in Córfhéile, a non-competitive music festival for primary schools. They represented St Mary's so well, between behaviour, manner, presentation and in particular the standard of their playing and singing. Well done girls- you really made us all proud. We received a very positive and affirming report from Anne Purcell, who is a very experienced and highly esteemed expert in music education in Ireland. Some of her comments ... "Lovely ensemble playing. You play very confidently which makes for a rich sound." "What a fab Banna Ceoil! This was a lovely performance." Our young musicians really enjoyed the day and watching the other schools performing. We're really looking forward to preparing for next year's festival. Many thanks to the parents who came along and supported us on the day and especially to those who helped with recordings and photos. Thanks also to the teachers who give of their time voluntarily every Tuesday to help prepare and rehearse the Banna. Check out the link below to hear our beautiful music!

Link for Banna <https://vimeo.com/396541231>

R McGale

Green News

WOW continues this Wednesday. Well done to the resilient walkers who battled the inclement weather last Wednesday. Wrap up well if you intend to walk this week also. Meet at the Matchbox or Mornington Heights Car park at 9:00 am.

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.

Unfortunately the St Patrick's Day parade has been called off for health and safety reasons. We are disappointed but know it is for a good reason. We will have to be creative in other ways we broadcast our green message.

Remember being Green isn't just cool anymore, it's a must!

D.T. (Digital Technology) Scratch: This week students in 1st and 2nd classes will be making 'Happy St Patrick's Day' animations. This is practise for 'Switch Costume to ...' and 'Switch Background to ...' 2nd to 4th Classes will be creating an animation that works with different costumes, adding sprites and the Glide to ... and Go to ... blocks. 5th and 6th Classes will be creating an animation on the history of St Patrick's Day ... they will be using backgrounds from the Internet and where possible clipart to enhance their animations.

Ms Debby Walsh

Enrolments for September 2020: Places have been allocated and accepted. As the school is not full, enrolment applications, for all classes, are still being accepted.


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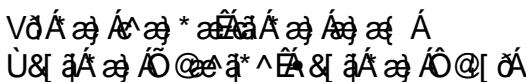
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[Green News](#)

Nathanna na Seachtaine: 

Seanfhocal na Míosa: 

Dates to Remember

Assembly:	Friday @ 9.20 Seachtain na Gaeilge Rm16
Banna	Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00
Meitheal:	Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30
First Confession:	Tuesday 10th March
First Holy Communion:	Saturday 9th May, @ 11am
School Closure	Monday 16th - Friday 20th March

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Hello from the Parents Association!

This term has thankfully been a quiet one and will remain quiet until after the Easter break where it will be all systems go until the summer break.

We are so grateful for all the help that we receive throughout the school term from parents/guardians and we would love to end the term on a high with the same support.

Listed below are dates for your diaries. We require assistance with all events from May 1st. It is with your support that these events are memorable and fun for the children. If you are in a position to help please contact us on the Facebook page. Details at end of notice.

Thanks again for all your support! Æ

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Community Notices

Homework Club in St Mary's for children from 1st – 6th. Classes run on Mon, Tuesday & Thursdays 3.00 – 4.00pm in Room 27. Cost is €5 per day. Application Forms are available from the office or Ms Conaty Room 11.

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 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



U12 GIRLS GAELIC FOOTBALL
[Born 2008 and 2009] - Training Wednesday @ 6pm @ **TRIM GAA**
Contact Ronan @ 0876865596 For More Details
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

