



# St Mary's Convent Primary School

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## *Imlitir 29*

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A Chairde,

**Assembly:** It was great seeing all those lovely rainbows at the assembly on Friday last. It was a nice tribute to all the frontline staff, as well as a sincere message from the school to the pupils.. If you missed it, you can check it out on our Facebook page or website.

<https://stmarystrim.ie/>

You no longer need permission to view the assemblies-apologies for that.

A big thank you to all the staff at St Mary's for the very moving message, and in particular to Ms Mulligan for organising and to Ms Dalton for assisting. That was a very special moment in the life of our school. Apologies for the short notice regarding the rainbows, for last week's assembly. Next week, you can do 1. or 2. or none below! You might need help with 1.

1. If you want to or if you can, take a photo of each letter of your name by finding them in books or signs. Put them together to spell out your name in a colourful collage. Crop the letters in a photo app and then put them together in the correct order to spell your name. Take a photo and send it, by Thursday at 2.00 to

[office@stmarystrim.ie](mailto:office@stmarystrim.ie)

2. Write your name and bring it to the assembly and we can all hold them up together during the assembly.

We will try and put the photos together for the end of the assembly.

**Staff:** I would like to pay tribute to the fantastic efforts the staff at St Mary's are making to help the pupils. We meet every morning and often again during the day. Class groups meet regularly to plan together. Staff have attended webinars to upskill and are continuously researching new resources and teaching methods. We are currently phasing in the use of Google Classroom, Seesaw and Class Dojo, having done trials on them to see which suited the needs of each class group the most. These include the use of permission forms and passwords and we are trying not to send too much home at once. It will all be done gradually and we have regular training on these platforms. These will all help to cut back on printing, but remember that the weekly email is the way that all homework will be sent. The other platforms are to complement this and not to take its place.

Ms Debby will be continuing with **Scratch lessons** and she sends the details by email, the day before, to the individual classes. Next week, she will be doing **Tinkercad** (3-D design) with the senior classes, instead of Scratch.

A friend who has a young child with cancer has asked me to let you know the following:

*There are about 200 cases of childhood cancer in Ireland every year. Since the outbreak of Covid-19, very few new cases are presenting. This is very worrying as it obviously means*

*children are not being brought to the doctor for fear of Covid-19. Please view this video message:*

[RTÉ One on Twitter: "Even though they have separate non-Covid-19 emergency departments, Children's Health Ireland has seen more than a 50% drop in patients presenting to them since the outbreak. #IrelandOnCall continues tonight at 7pm.... https://t.co/fsttxhZB3Y"](https://t.co/fsttxhZB3Y)

Finally, it is very understandable but disappointing that we will not be returning to school until September. The staff at our daily meetings will come up with plans for Graduations, booklists for next year, transitions to St Michael's, transitions to Scoil Mhuire etc. We will keep you updated.

*Dóchas Linn*

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