



# St Mary's Convent Primary School

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Awarded Green Flag  
June '05/'07/'11/'13

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5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Every Day Counts at St Mary's Convent Primary School

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

| Room | Attendance | Room      | Attendance  | Room    | Attendance | Room      | Attendance  |
|------|------------|-----------|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 01   | 94.4%      | 08        | 99.1%       | 16      | 94.8%      | 26        | 92.3 %      |
| 02   | 93.8%      | 09        | 98.1%       | 17      | 98%        | 27        | 95.4%       |
| 03   | 99.1%      | <b>10</b> | <b>100%</b> | 18      | 94.4%      | 30        | 99.1%       |
| 04   | 99.1%      | 12        | 98.1%       | 19      | 93.5%      | <b>31</b> | <b>100%</b> |
| 05   | 98.2%      | 13        | 91.3%       | 20      | 95.8%      |           |             |
| 06   | 97.3%      | 14        | 97.6%       | 23 & 24 | 98.5%      |           |             |
| 07   | 99.1%      | 15        | 92.9%       |         |            |           |             |

Congratulations to room s 10 & 31 on having full attendance last week. Their teachers will let them know their reward. Please note that notification in writing, with the reason for all absences, to the teacher is required. A letter or note in the homework journal will suffice.

A chairde

I would like to welcome to our school Ms Farrelly (Room 9) and Mr Savage (Room 12) who will be covering maternity leave until probably the end of the school year. We wish them every success in St Mary's.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place on Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesdays November 21<sup>st</sup> from 3.00 to 5.30 pm. School will finish at 2.45 on both these days. We hope you all have managed to book your meeting times online. If not please contact class teacher **immediately** and we will assist you. These meetings are of benefit to your child, yourself and the school. Please make every effort to attend. You are asked to switch off your mobile phone for the duration of all meetings.

### Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not to be used during school hours and are to be turned off on entering the school grounds. If a phone is switched on, it will be confiscated and returned in person to parents/guardians.

**"If it's out, it's on. If it's on it's gone!"**

The use of phones to take photographs or videos is strictly forbidden and will incur penalties up to and including suspension.

As part of the review process, we will be sending questionnaires to you in the next few weeks, to get your views on our current policy and possible changes to it. Keep an eye out for the email.

Please note that the school does not provide a facility for parents/guardians to phone their children while they are in their class. If something urgent comes up, please contact me directly.

May I again remind parents/guardians that appointments are required in order to speak to teachers. It is not fair to the other pupils to delay teachers collecting their classes or to interrupt a class that is in progress. Appointments are welcome outside of class contact time and may be arranged through Helen/Rebecca in the office or by note directly to the teacher. Thanks.

**Book Fair Timetable**  
**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

| TIME            | TUESDAY<br>NOVEMBER 6 <sup>th</sup>                         | WEDNESDAY<br>NOVEMBER 7 <sup>th</sup>                       |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 9.30-10.00      | Rooms 23, 24, 14 & 15-<br>Lang. Unit & Second<br>Classes    | Room 31-Sixth Class   |
| 10.00-<br>10.30 | Room 20-Fourth Class  | Room 9-First Class  |
| 10.30-<br>11.00 | Room 19-Fourth Class  | Room 18-Third Class   |
| 11.15-11-<br>45 | Room 16-Third Class   | Room 12-First Class   |
| 11.45-<br>12.15 | Room 26-Fifth Class   | Room 27-Fifth Class   |
| 1.00-1.30       | Room 13-First Class   | Room 10-First Class   |
| 1.30- 2.30      | Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4<br>(with their parents)<br>Junior Infants | Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8<br>(with their parents)<br>Senior Infants |
| 2.30-3.00       | Room 30-Sixth Class   | Pupils with money from<br>any classes                       |
| 3.00-4.00       | <i>Open to the public</i>                                   | <i>Open to the public</i>                                   |

St. Mary's annual School Book Fair will take place this week on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of November**.

The school runs the Book Fair, in conjunction with our local bookshop, Antonia's Bookstore. Antonia kindly donates 20% of her book sales back to the school in the form of books and resources for our classrooms and our school library. We greatly appreciate your support and, as November is our Reading Month, the Book Fair is a good opportunity to encourage and develop more reading in the home and in the school.

The average price per book at the Book Fair will be €8 approx. but there will also be a selection of books on special offer, at a lower price.

**Parents/ guardians of children in Junior and Senior Infants** need to collect their children from their classes, at their allocated times, and bring them to the Book Fair, if they wish them to attend.

Many thanks for your continued support of our School Book Fair.

Mary O'Hare

### **Rainbows**

Rainbows provides peer group support for children experiencing grief and loss as a result of bereavement and parental separation. **Rainbows is a listening service only. Rainbows is not a counselling service.** Attending the nine week programme provides children with an opportunity to meet with other children of a similar age and loss experience. If we have sufficient numbers, the weekly programme will begin late November. Participants must be in 1st – 6<sup>th</sup> class and min. age 7 years. (There are no rainbows sessions available for Junior & Senior Infants at the present time)

There will be a brief information meeting on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November @3pm** in the school library and changes to application forms will be discussed and available during this meeting. Further questions or queries please contact school co-ordinator Fiona O'Brien. Ms O'Brien

### **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

Thank you to all of the children and families who have already brought in shoeboxes for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. These gifts will bring great happiness to little boys and girls around the world this Christmas. Last year we made 300 little children very happy with our beautiful shoeboxes.

**The closing date for dropping off shoeboxes to school will be this Thursday the 8th of November so there is lots of time to fill a shoebox if you wish.**

The shoebox appeal is based on children/families filling a shoebox with **4 W's**- something to **Wear**(hat, scarf, hairbands etc) something to **Write** with (crayons, pencils, notebooks etc) something to **Wash** with(toothbrush, facecloth etc) and something to **WOW** (teddy, small toy, sunglasses etc). The appeal also asks for a small donation to cover the transport cost of the gifts. It is a lovely way for children in our school to share with less fortunate children in another country. As previously, it is optional for the children of St Mary's to get involved with the Shoebox Appeal. Families or friends can pool together gifts to fill one box if they prefer. Míle buíochas for always being so generous with these appeals for very worthy causes. **Good things come in small parcels and there are few parcels shared that are as small as a shoebox.** Watch the link below to see some very happy faces opening up their shoeboxes.

<https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/#play-video>

Ms Dalton

Trim/Boardsmill Family Mass practice tomorrow Tuesday 6th Nov. @ 6.30 – 7.30pm in Parish Centre. All young singers welcome . Ms McGale

**Enrolment Forms** for September 2019 are now available from Helen/Rebecca in the office.

### **Book Grant/Book Rental**

At this stage of the year, all Rental and Grant books should be covered. Please remind all pupils not to make any markings (even in pencil) as we need to use these books again next year.

**Parking:** Please do not park in any way that obstructs either entrance to our school and be observant while reversing. The safety of all our children is paramount and vigilance is always required.

Mise le meas,

Cólín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

[Community News](#)

[Green News](#)

**Nathanna na Seachtaine:** An bhfuil cead agam dul go dtí an leithreas?

**Seanfhocal na Míosa:** Ní neart go cur chéile

### **Dates to Remember**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Meitheal:</b>                          | Tuesday 9.30-10.30.   |
| <b>Banna:</b>                             | <b>Resumes tomorrow Tuesday 3 – 4 pm</b><br><b>(All classes will finish at 4)</b> |
| <b>Football:</b>                          | Wednesday 3.00 – 4.00   |
| <b>Choir:</b>                             | Friday 3.00 – 4.00 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Classes                      |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Class Confirmation:</b> | Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2019   |
| <b>First Communion:</b>                   | Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2019   |

## Green News

WOW will continue this week. Meet up on Wednesday mornings at Mornington Car Park (opposite the Castle Arch Hotel) at 9 am or outside The Matchbox at 9:00am. The teachers and SNAs will escort walkers from these venues. We counted the steps from the meeting points to the school and were pleasantly surprised to be in the 3 hundreds! It's a nice little way of getting exercise first thing in the morning. Wear hi viz vests for safety and wrap up well as the weather is getting cooler.

Global Citizenship - Energy is our Green theme this year. We are very aware of our responsibility as Global citizens to conserve energy and other natural resources. Here at St Mary's we try to cultivate a good green lifestyle and habits that will travel with our pupils wherever they go. We will be trying to audit the amount of energy we use in school, and through vigilance and cost cutting measures we will try to reduce that amount. At home it might be a good exercise to monitor your usage also and pay attention to devices left on or on stand-by. As the weather grows cooler we need to wrap up more warmly, keep doors closed and keep the heat in.

Recycling continues at school. We accept batteries, cans, small plastic bottles, postage stamps, card, toilet rolls and mobile phones. Many thanks to all the pupils and parents who contribute to this initiative. Our Siopa Glas will be held in a few weeks. This is where we recycle toys, books etc and sell them in our Siopa Glas the proceeds of which go towards Flamboyant Special Needs School in Zambia. Our own Sr Claudia has returned from a long stint over there and will be in to chat to the pupils in St Mary's about the huge contribution that their efforts has made to helping the school develop.

*Remember Green is cool at home, at school and around the globe!*

## St Mary's Parents Association

### Dates for Your Diary:

**November 12th:** Parents Association meeting in staffroom at 9.30am. All Parents/Guardians welcome to attend.

**The Christmas card samples along with order forms will be given out this week. Please read the accompanying letter with the order form and ensure all spellings and details are correct on the order form as no corrections can be made after the order forms have been submitted. The deadline for return of order forms will be highlighted and we ask that you adhere to same as we are bound by the deadline to ensure that children receive their cards with enough time to post them off far and wide.**

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysparentsassoc/>

Many thanks for your continued support.

*Caroline Smith*

Secretary

## Community Notices

**There will be an After School Club facility available at St. Mary's school from January 2019, 3-6pm, subject to demand.**

**If you are interested in using this facility, please pick up a leaflet at St. Mary's office from Wednesday 7th November where further details will be available.**

**Art & Craft Club** will start this Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov in Room 4 from 3.00 – 4.00. It will run for 6 weeks. The cost is €30. We will be painting, making Christmas decorations and developing drawing skills. It is for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class children. Contact Ms Carr



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

**Carney School of Irish Dancing** Classes in St. Patricks Hall every Tuesday. 2pm – 3pm & 3pm – 4pm. Every Friday @ 5.30pm. Infants and Senior infants can be collected from class rooms @ 2pm and left back to the buses @ 3pm. New members & beginners welcome. Contact Ann Carney 087-6336495



**POLSKA SZKOŁA BEZ GRANIC  
W TRIM**

**ZAJĘCIA EDUKACYJNE**

- małe grupy dla dzieci od 4 -10 lat
- cena 50 euro/mieś.
- nauczanie zintegrowane
- nauka przez zabawę
- kursy maturalne

**ZACZYNAJMY  
6 WRZEŚNIA 2018  
GODZ: 16:00-18:00**

**ZNAJDZIESZ NAS**

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**KAŻDY CZWARTEK OD 16:00 DO 18:00**

- Nauczyciele z wykształceniem pedagogicznym, posiadający doświadczenie w edukacji szkolnej, wczesnoszkolnej oraz przedszkolnej.
- Podstawa Programowa dla uczniów polskich uczących się za granicą zarejestrowana przez MEN.
- Myślisz o zdawaniu matury z języka polskiego w Irlandii? Przygotuj się z nami i zdobądź dodatkowe 100 punktów!!!



**TRIM LINE DANCE CLUB**

**EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT  
Starting 4<sup>th</sup> October!!**

**8.30-9.30PM**

**LINE DANCE BEGINNERS CLASS  
€5 DROP IN (ALL LEVELS WELCOME)**

**VENUE: ST. MARY'S CONVENT NATIONAL SCHOOL,  
PATRICK ST, TRIM**

**NO NEED TO SIGN UP JUST COME ALONG,  
HAVE FUN, MEET NEW PEOPLE AND KEEP  
FIT!**

ANY QUERIES CONTACT CLAIRE – 086 1071187



**Part-Time FREE Courses**  
Further Education & Training  
Back to Education Initiative (BTEI)

**Course Registration Morning on  
Wednesday 14th November from 9.30am to 11am  
in Alpha Learning Centre Trim, New Haggard Road**

**FREE Courses**

**Eligibility**  
EARLY SCHOOL LEAVER OR  
MEDICAL CARD HOLDER OR  
ON A SOCIAL WELFARE PAYMENT/DEPENDENT OF A PERSON ON A SW PAYMENT

**QQI Level 3 Courses**

- Career Planning, CV & Interview Skills
- Practical Computer Skills
- Exploring a Career in Digital Media
- Exploring a Career in Tourism
- Exploring a Career in Retail Skills

**QQI Level 4 Courses**

- Office Administration Skills
- ECDL European Computer Driving Licence
- ICT Skills
- Tourism Visitor Care & Customer Service

**QQI Level 5 Courses**

- Advanced Office Administration
- Bookkeeping & Accounts
- Payroll Manual & Computerised

The courses run 2 days per week 9.30 to 2.45

If you can not make the 14th November, for more information please contact Adult Education Guidance & Information Service:  
Telephone: 1800 991 898  
BTEI Course Coordinator: Jackie Breen Email: jbreen@lmetb.ie WWW.LMETB.IE