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November is the month for remembering those who have died. We think especially of Stephen. May he and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

A chairde,

This week is Science Week. There are many events organised regionally. Check out the following link for details: <https://www.sfi.ie/engagement/science-week/>

Throughout Science Week there will be a variety of ways for you to get involved and find out more about science in our daily lives through events, interviews, social media and much more.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher Meetings (excluding Junior Infant classes) will take place on Tuesday November 17th and Thursday November 19th. We hope you all have managed to book your meeting times online. If not, please contact the class teacher ***immediately*** and we will assist you. There is a phone facility available through Google Meet, in case we have technical issues. If you phone the number which will be sent out with the video link, it will bring you into the meeting room. You will have to wait to be admitted. If you are using the phone number instead of the video link, it will be like a telephone conference. More details will be sent to you before the date. We are finalising them at the staff meeting on Wednesday. Please note that Junior Infants have their meetings in February. Room 27 meetings have been postponed until further notice.

Catholic Schools - St Martin



St Martin de Torres' feast day will be celebrated on Wednesday. Martin was a soldier. He didn't know much about God but he knew that Jesus told us to share and to care for the poor. One day he was riding his horse. A beggar asked for help. Martin took out his sword and cut his own cloak in half and gave half to the poor man. Later in a dream Martin saw Jesus wearing half of his coat. Martin learned more about his faith and became a priest and later a bishop. He is now a saint. We can learn a lot from St Martin and his faith and his kindness to the poor.

Mrs Nally

Súgradh, Spraoi, Siamsa and Sonas Christmas Annuals: Orders for the Christmas Annuals this year will be online. We are sending the link today. The cost of the Annual is €4.00. All orders must be placed by Friday 20th November. We will then place the order and we expect to receive Annuals on or before 4th December.

Junior & Senior Infant classes will receive the Súgradh with a free pencil.

First & Second Classes will receive a Spraoi with a free pencil.

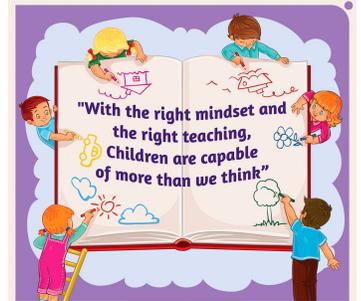
Third and Fourth Classes will receive a Siamsa with a free pen.

Fifth & Sixth Classes will receive a Sonas with a free pen.

Helen

DT News: Senior Infants and 1st classes will continue to work on their Microsoft Word skills. I will be teaching the following skills over the next few weeks - Changing Fonts, Font Size, Bold, Underline (we will skip Italics for the moment), Centre and Left Align. Please remember where possible to allow your children to show you what they are learning in school - they are sure to amaze you all!! From 2nd class upwards we will continue to use Google Docs and Slides adding new skills each week. Students have learnt to login to their Google Drive and work their way through opening a document, formatting the document for whatever they are working on e.g. font size/font/centre etc. and emailing or sharing a document with their teacher which is a great achievement for each of them.

Ms Debby



Application for Enrolment Forms for next year are now available on our website (under "Forms") or through this link

<https://stmarystrim.ie/wp-content/plugins/smart-slideshow-widget/2020/10/Application-for-enrolment-and-enrolment-policy-to-email-2-1.pdf>

Please return by email or post in preference to hand delivery.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C il n   Coigligh".

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Pr omh Oide.

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Nathanna na Seachtaine: Is cuimhin liom - I remember
Seanfhocal na M osa: Is glas iad na cnoic i bhfad uainn

Green News



Our Green theme continues as Global Citizenship Marine this year. Why care about the marine environment? There are many reasons the marine environment is so important:

- 71% of the planet is covered in water
- Oceans produce over half of the oxygen we breathe
- Oceans regulate our climate
- Oceans play a role as a Carbon sink soaking up excess CO₂
- Seafood plays a huge role in nutrition, diets and in medicine
- Thousands of people are employed in the marine sector
- Tourism is huge around the ocean
- The sea also provides scope for many sports eg. surfing, swimming and boating

Sadly human activity is having a detrimental effect on the ocean in many ways including litter on our beaches and microplastics in our waterways. Climate change has also had an impact causing acidification and coral bleaching. Melting ice-caps has led to changes in whale migration patterns. Overfishing has taken huge amounts of fish out of the ocean and this is not sustainable. Invasive species has threatened and eradicated native species. Marine biodiversity is being challenged in so many ways. Here is a clip about a 2 minute beach clean. It is really worth a look:

<https://youtu.be/7WNnt0dj8rE>

There are a myriad of topics to research in relation to the marine. We will be busy! Our friends from An Taisce have sent us lots of ideas so we will be involving our classes in various events, workshops and seminars during the year.

Marine fact: Over 8 million tonnes of plastic rubbish gets dumped in our oceans every year

COW and WOW are on hold for now but we encourage you all to walk or cycle whenever you can.

Remember to keep your good green habits going at home. Reduce, reuse and recycle as much as you can.

Be safe and be green!
by Mrs Nally

St Mary's Parents' Association

The school, in association with the Parents Association, will be arranging the printing of the very popular pupil designed Christmas Cards again this year. With the year we have all gone through, the PA felt it would be a positive message for the children to be able to do their Christmas Cards to send to loved ones especially to those they may not have seen in many months.

The children will receive their card template, an A4 sheet of paper, this week which they use to draw their Christmas Card onto, if they want to. This does not have to be Christmas themed, if your child would like to draw something not related to Christmas this is fine too.

The template will then be returned to the school by Friday 13th. We CANNOT extend this date for any circumstances, unfortunately, as they have to be back in the printer for Monday 16th. The printer will then produce a sample card for each child who has completed a template, Your child will receive this and bring it home over the next couple of weeks. At this point we will use Aladdin to order the cards and take payment to reduce contact in the school. The card packs have 10 individual cards and envelopes with your child's name and class on the back and their individual drawing on the front.

The timeline for the return of the template is very, very tight and they have to be in by this Friday 13th.

If you have any questions please use the Facebook Messenger on our PA page and we will get back to you.

Thank you,

St. Mary's Parents Association

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