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## *Imlitir 18*

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A chairde,

### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Parent-Teacher Meetings (excluding Junior Infant classes) will take place tomorrow Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>. There are two options: a video link through Google Meet (like ZOOM) or teacher will phone you at your appointed time. There is also a phone facility available through Google Meet, in case you have technical issues. If you phone the number which was 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 link phone number instead of the video link, it will be like a telephone conference. We expect there may be some technical issues but hopefully nothing too serious. It is great that the meetings can take place.

**Important Note:** Grúpa 2, who normally finish at 3.10, will finish school at 2.50 on Tuesday and Thursday only, due to the Parent Teacher Meetings.

We are also continuing with our school **assemblies** and last Friday Room 30 did a technology, poetry and “wash your hands” assembly. Have a look at our website to check it out: <https://stmarystrim.ie/> or find it on our Facebook page.

On Friday next there will be an assembly to acknowledge the “Good Job” that all staff in St Mary’s are doing during Covid. I will be sending the link on Thursday, if you would like to join us @ 9.45. If you would like to send a message, in advance, please do so to [office@stmarystrim.ie](mailto:office@stmarystrim.ie) by Wednesday. Thanks.

Please read this Guide to Close Contacts in School from the **HSE**

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/partner-resources/covid-19-schools-and-parents-resources/a-parent-s-guide-to-close-contacts-in-school.pdf>

...or watch the Youtube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2Vur9Dx4dk>

### **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

This year we can't send *our usual* shoeboxes so Team Hope are asking us to virtually fill a shoebox online. The Team Hope Volunteers in the various countries will then fill the boxes and deliver them to the excited children.

Each box will cost €20 and you can personalise it online by clicking on this page to build a special box from you and your family. <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/#build-a-box> There is still lots of time to fill in a box online as the closing date is not until December.

Here is a photo of some of our shoeboxes from last year. Look how many children we made smile! Thank you! Ms Dalton



**Súgradh, Spraioi, 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 Spraioi 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:** This week 1st classes will continue to practise their typing skills and what they have started to learn in Microsoft Word. However, over the next few weeks we will start introducing them to Google Docs. This will be an immense learning curve but one that I am convinced we can do! We will be sending home their login and passwords to the St Mary's Google drive (no emails for students) and will be asking you to work with your children on logging in and

showing you their work each week. So great things ahead!

2nd - 4th classes will also continue to login to their Classrooms where they will be given their assignments for the computer classes. We are currently working on the small menu changes that occur between Microsoft Word and Google Docs/Slides. I will also be introducing 'Creating a Folder' into the next few weeks lessons - this leads to good housekeeping.

Remember to ask your girls to login and show you the work they are doing during their computer time!

*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.

A few of our pupils had their poetry featured in the Meath Writer's Circle Publication. We congratulate them and would like to share their poems below. We will include the one about Climate Change in our Green News section.

*Sprinkles*



Sprinkles are big,  
Sprinkles are small,  
Sprinkles are short,  
Sprinkles are tall.

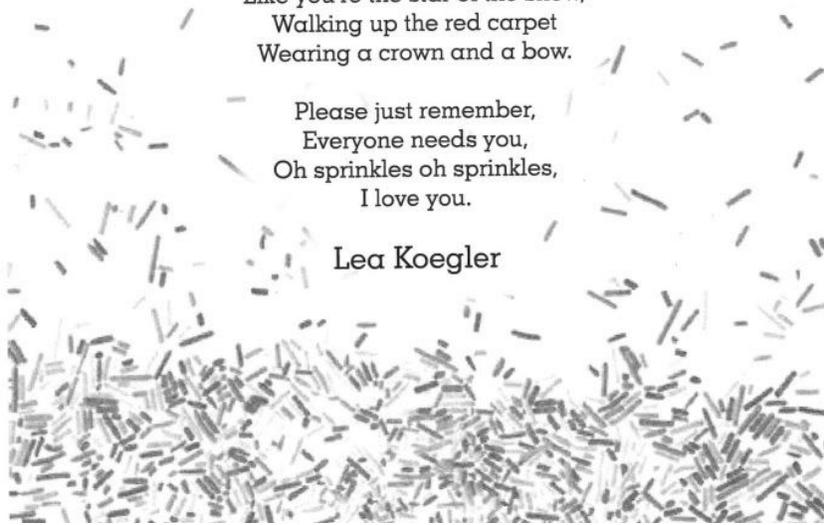
Sprinkles are colourful,  
Or black and white too,  
Oh sprinkles oh sprinkles,  
I love you.

You sit on my cupcakes,  
Trying to look cool,  
Or swimming in melted ice cream,  
As if it's a pool.

Sprinkles you act  
Like you're the star of the show,  
Walking up the red carpet  
Wearing a crown and a bow.

Please just remember,  
Everyone needs you,  
Oh sprinkles oh sprinkles,  
I love you.

Lea Koegler



Mise le meas



C il n   Coigligh,  
Pr omh Oide.

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**Nathanna na Seachtaine:** C  leis  ? (Who owns this?)

**Seanfhocal na M osa:** Is glas iad na cnoic i bhfad uainn

## Green News



Many of you may have tuned into the Future Island Programmes on RTE last week as part of Science Week. Dr Tara Shine spoke about Climate change. She has said in the past that young people can be influencers among their peer groups and that change of attitude towards Climate control could be a new and refreshingly different experience. Everybody can do something to live more sustainably and to reduce their impact on the environment. The key thing she said is to take that first step. She made a few suggestions, one of which was to make your lunch plastic free. In time she hopes schools will become plastic free places. Why not try that? It's a small step but it's a start. The only way to create a better future is to imagine it!

Our Green Flag theme is Global Citizenship - Marine. Last week's imlitr identified the many reasons why the marine environment is important and needs to be protected. If you haven't seen the Beach Clean-up clip. It's worth a look.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WNnt0dj8rE&authuser=0>

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. Imagine that better future!

**Be safe and be green!**  
by Mrs Nally

# Mr Golden Sun



Oh horrible sun,  
You shine on my head,  
I will be sweating,  
until I am dead.  
We're on a mountain trail,  
Trying to get fit,  
But because of YOU,  
We have to sit.  
We see the coastline,  
And we want to stop,  
Then we look down,  
And there's sweat on our tops.  
YOU evaporated our water,  
What are we supposed to do now,  
I guess we'll die of thirst,  
Before sundown.  
There are pricklies everywhere,  
And YOU'RE heating them up,  
Now they are angry,  
And they're going to prick us.  
Now we see lambies grazing,

It looks like they're having fun,  
We just can not wait,  
Until this is done.  
Now we're in the shade,  
Now this is fun,  
Until we're out of the trees,  
And back in the sun.  
What's the temperature?  
It's getting hotter,  
When we get back,  
We're definitely gonna get some water.  
Now we're at the top,  
There's no need to stop,  
Because there is no more going up.  
Now after that,  
I think we need a break,  
So let's go get some of Martina's  
Crepes.  
The sun ain't so bad  
So go outside,  
Because the sun's rad (and so are you)

Lea Koegler and Rebecca O'Reilly

# St Mary's Parents' Association

Hello from the Parents Association

Thank you to all the children who made a Christmas Card template last week, there are some really impressive artists in the school!

The templates have been sent off and we wait for the sample card to come back.

Special thanks to the teachers who got the templates done in class, where possible, and to Rebecca in the office for her help gathering them all up and sending them off.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable week.

St. Marys Parents Association.

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