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A chairde,

Last Friday December 11th was *Christmas Jumper Day*. **The Gavin Glynn Foundation** was the charity chosen by *An Chomhairle Scoile/* Student Council. To date we have received €2,382 from your generous donations. What a fantastic response. Thank you all most sincerely.

School closes for the Christmas Holidays on Tuesday December 22nd at 11.50 (Grúpa 1) and 12.10 (Grúpa 2). Please make the necessary arrangements.

Friday next, December 18th will be **Jersey Day** in advance of the Mens' and Ladies' All Ireland Football Finals. Best wishes to the Meath Ladies, we hope that they can go one better than last year. We hope to have one of the team members at our assembly on Friday. Something to look forward to.

Christmas Nativity Plays: Due to the restriction on singing indoors, we are unable to have the usual Pageant and Nativity plays, this year. We will have a song with input from every classroom, recorded outdoors, at Friday's assembly. Also, one or two classes have a non-singing event planned but we are all a little sad that we were unable to do more, due to Covid restrictions. We normally use this opportunity to collect donations for Trim Vincent De Paul and Trim Meals-on-Wheels, so we will still send a link home, if anyone wishes to make a donation.

Christmas Panto: Our thanks to Trim Credit Union who sponsored the Helix Panto *The Sword in The Stone* for the whole school, this year. It will be about 75 minutes long and different classes can watch it at different times, starting on Wednesday 16th, for one week. Teachers will let you know when their class will be watching. Thanks also to our Parents' Association for coming up with the idea and for providing snacks on the day. Yes, you read it correctly, we still have a Parents' Association and they are still very active.

Zoom Open Day: will be on Thursday January 14th @ 11.00. We will have a 3-D tour of the school preceded by a short talk and question time. You are all welcome. A link will be sent to those who have submitted enrolment applications and also to those who request by email. Please spread the word.

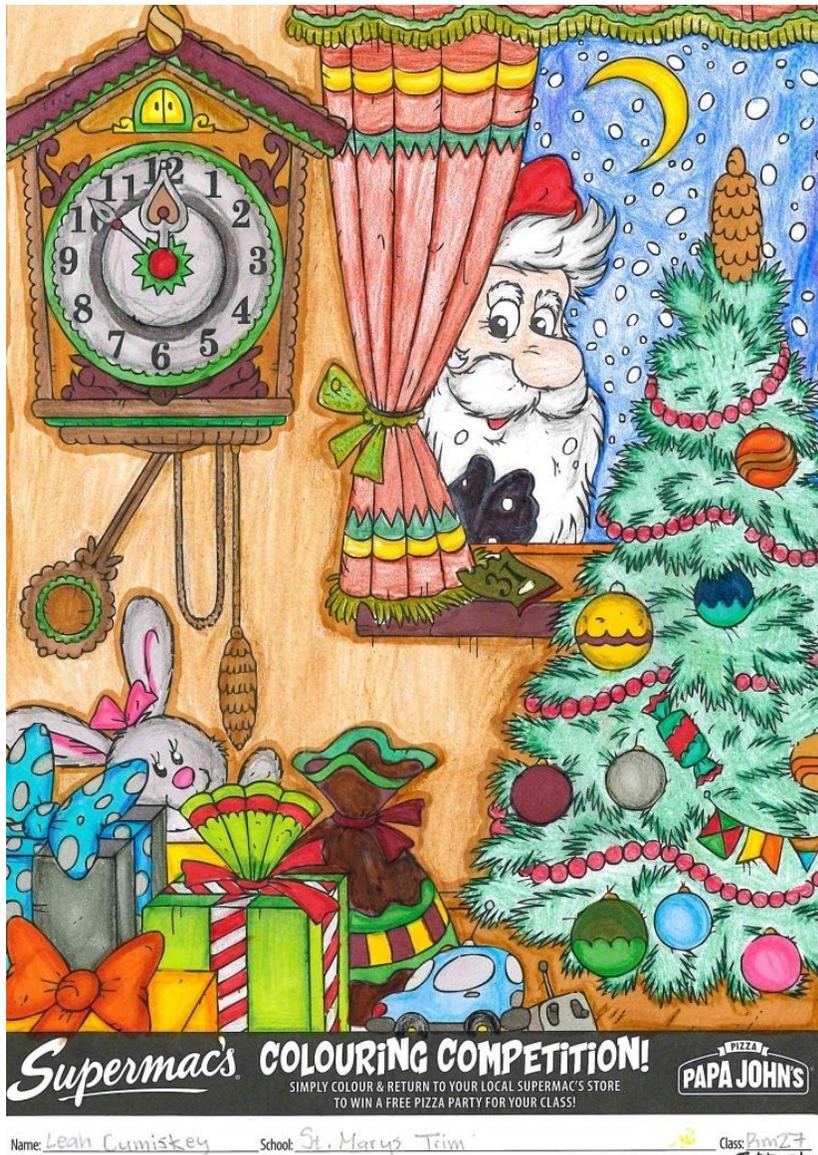
DT News: With the countdown to Christmas happening and great excitement in the air we are putting together our final poems, applications to be Santa's new elf (while his other elf is off sick) and all the questions we would like to ask Santa if he was available. After the new year we will begin our Scratch journey - for those who have never animated a story or put together their first programmed game they are in for a real surprise!

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.



The winner of the Supermac's Colouring Competition was Leah Cumiskey Room 27. Congratulations to Leah who won a Pizza Party for her whole class.

Mise le meas

Cóilín Ó Coigligh

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Príomh Oide.

Nath na Seachtaine: Nollaig Shona duit/daoibh (Happy Christmas)

Seanfhocal na Míosa: Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin

Green News

We want to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas break. It would be great if we could try to have a Green Christmas also. There are many ways to ensure we have a Green Christmas! We encourage everyone to be mindful of waste management in the lead up to and over the Christmas period. Try to use recycled materials to wrap gifts or reuse gift bags. Old Christmas cards can be used to create gift tags or decorations. By being creative and making homemade cards and decorations, we can avoid tinsel and plastic as much as possible.

Planning is key to preventing waste at Christmas. As they say, ‘make a list, check it twice and stick to it!’ Try to avoid excess food and when possible, choose Fairtrade products and wrapping. Gifting a hamper of Fairtrade consumables will help the movement and promote global equality. Look out for the logo:



Remember to compost any unused leftovers and Christmas trees after Christmas.

We know that if everyone can make even a small effort it will make a big difference.



Be safe and be green!
by Mrs Nally

St Mary's Parents' Association

The PA are signing off for this year. Our last event is a surprise for the children in their classes before they finish up - we hope they enjoy it! Oh no they won't...oh yes they will!!

We have also organised a small treat on the day for the children to enjoy.

The final surprise is one for the teachers, the support staff and anyone who works in the school who will receive it this Friday. We hope they like it.

All of these events, treats and surprises are organised by us but in your, the parents and guardians, names. With that in mind, the end of the school year in June 2021 sees the loss of some of the PA reps as their daughters move into their new adventures in secondary school. If you think you can give some time to help out, have some ideas or can join the committee officers please get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your continued support during this very different and strange school year.

We have tried to help the children in every way we could think of and we hope they have had a great year.

Thank you as always to the school, the teachers, Mr O'Coighlin and Ms Nally for always being available and listening to our suggestions.

Massive thanks to Rebecca and Helen in the office for all their help. As we couldn't enter the school it's been challenging but with their help we did our jobs safely and successfully.



Nollaig Shona gach duine



St. Mary's Parents' Association

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

[Community Notices](#)

Trim Branch of Drogheda Credit Union are delighted to help support the St Mary's community with the showing of the panto to all the children in the school. We would love if you can consider us for your lending needs in the future whether it be for a car loan, a holiday loan or a home improvement loan.

[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 23rd of December.

Please check on the link below for information on **Computer Classes For Children** starting in January. There is a choice of Google Docs, Google Sites, coding with Scratch, coding the Micro:bit and coding with App Inventor.

The classes are online and are suitable for children from 2nd - 6th class. The cost is €30 for 5 weeks.

More information is available :<https://hightechtraining.ie/> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/hightechkid>