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Signs of Spring in time for Lent

A Chairde,

Mid-Term Break: School will be closed for Mid-Term on Thursday and Friday. This week's schoolwork will be more activity based, as a lead up to the break. I wish to acknowledge again the great efforts made by staff, pupils and parents to ensure that we get the best out of a difficult situation. We are all looking forward to a safe return to school. Our Special Classes return on Monday next, February 22nd. No official word has come to the school about other classes but judging by the announcements on Media, it will not be long now. We will be having a staff meeting after the reopening announcement and will be in touch with you with the exact detail, after this. We will be in touch with details for the Special Classes on Wednesday, after we meet to put the final plans in place.

I would like to thank Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8 and their teachers for a great assembly on Friday last. The creativity was awesome, even down to using left-over orange paint on a potato model of a famous ex-US President! Our future is in good hands. Mr Carmody announced a challenge to raise funds for Barretstown and I hope that this worthy cause is well supported. An email with those details was sent on Friday. If you did not receive it or would like further information, please contact office@stmarystrim.ie or tcarmody@stmarystrim.ie

Sixth Classes: Both Scoil Mhuire and Boyne Community School have confirmed that they will hold a Zoom meeting with Sixth Class pupils before the end of the school year. Scoil Mhuire have informed us that they will not be conducting Entrance Tests before then. They will organise something in First Year.

Free SIM cards: The school is in a position to provide a free Three internet SIM card to support families who are having difficulties with signal, speed, cost etc. They can only be used in a Three router or LTE tablet. They are free until June. If you wish to apply for this support, please email office@stmarystrim.ie asap.

Lent

February is associated with many things. It begins with St Brigid's Day welcoming the spring, next we mark St Valentine's Day celebrating love and then on Ash Wednesday, we start the solemn season of Lent. This is a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. Lent is time to be kinder to others, to become aware of God's presence in our lives and to live by his Word.

One way we mark Lent in Ireland is by having a Trocaire Box in our homes. Trocaire boxes are currently available from the back of the church. Please take one home with you this weekend and be ready to start Lent on Ash Wednesday. The Trocaire box reminds us that, even in these challenging times, there's someone else much worse off than me. Whatever you can give to Trocaire, it will make a massive difference. St Francis of Assisi said "it is in giving that we receive".

Fr Paul asked us to remind everyone about ashes for Ash Wednesday. In Trim and Boardsmill Ashes will be blessed and ready to take home with you at the following times, during which Eucharistic Adoration will take place and one of the priests will be available:

Trim

10.30am - 12.30pm

3.00pm - 4.00pm (children)

7.00pm - 8.00pm

Boardsmill: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Mrs Nally

Digital Technology: This week our Scratch lessons continue. Students will learn about costumes and how to use a sprite in many different ways. I will also be revising 'turning in' work in Google Classroom. It is important that all students learn to do this correctly so that their work is not lost amongst teachers' emails.

Debby Walsh

Enrolment Forms for next year were posted ten days ago, to be returned today Monday February 15th. Forms are still available from the office or on our website.

Mise le meas



C oil n   Coighl ,
Pr omh Oide.

Nathanna na Seachtaine: Tá brón orm. (I am sorry)
Seanfhocal na Míosa: Ní hé lá na báistí, lá na bpáistí (Rainy days are not for children!)

Green News

As Spring tries to assert itself, we would encourage everyone to get out and enjoy nature. Try to spot signs of spring as you walk around Trim. How lucky we are to have such a beautiful town and landscape at our fingertips. Much is being said about our children's wellbeing at the moment (not to mention that of parents!). There is plenty of research to back up the positive effects of nature on our wellbeing. 'Every single cell in our entire body becomes immediately grounded whenever we physically touch the earth directly.' Nature allows us to focus our senses. Simply being in nature, connecting with it through our sense of sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch bridges the gap between us and the natural world."

Our Green Flag theme this year is Global Citizenship - Marine. While we cannot visit the seaside at the moment, we can look forward to that in the future but for now we can enjoy and appreciate our local environment. Keep up the good green habits we've been cultivating Recycle, reuse and reduce! Conserve water and energy and maybe during Lent when we are trying to be kind to others, we can think about how we can be kinder to the earth as well.



Remember to keep safe and keep green!

Community News

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February Mid-term course
Open to anyone in secondary level education

We will look at:

- Hooks
- Melodies
- Chorus
- Writing Lyrics
- Structure

4 days online course
15th, 16th, 18th and 19th February
2 - 4pm each day

Email
musicgenerationmeath@lmetb.ie to register interest



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