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A chairde,

This Thursday is **Mercy Day**. As a Mercy school, it is always a very special day for us. We would normally have an Assembly and invite the Mercy sisters in our community who have done so much over the years in Trim in the areas of Health, Education and general community care. This year because of Covid restrictions, we will have a zoom assembly to acknowledge the contribution of the Sisters of Mercy. When we have a link to this we will share it as you might like to tune in. Pupils in our school will be able to access it in their classrooms.



Mercy Day September 24th: *“Let nothing interest you but what relates to God’s glory”.* This maxim is from the sayings of Venerable Catherine McAuley foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. We take this opportunity to wish the Mercy Sisters in our town a very happy feast day. We thank them for their devotion and dedication since they came to Trim in 1868.

Parents who have barring orders or other relevant **legal documents** are asked to inform the school, to enable us to uphold the law at all times.

Emails/texts reminding parents/guardians about **monies due to class teachers** for Visual Arts etc were sent out last week. Please ensure that we get these monies at your earliest convenience. Also, please let us know if you wish to pay by instalments or if you are contacted in error. A link to our online payment facility was included in the email/text. The school will also facilitate a Payment Plan for families that need it. Contact Helen/Rebecca for further details.

Many thanks to all who have already made the computer contribution. There has been a wonderful response, all things considered. As well as providing us with a computer room assistant, this money also goes towards new software, internet charges, ink for the printers etc. During Lockdown we were able to continue with Scratch and other computer lessons remotely. If you have not already made your contribution or would like to pay in instalments, please contact class teachers or Helen/Rebecca in the office. Please note that unlike the monies for Visual Arts etc. the computer contribution is **voluntary**.

Parents/Guardians who drop off and collect their children are asked to refrain from smoking at the school gates. Thanks.

GDPR: Please fill in and return the online forms as soon as possible. Our GDPR Walk, for those with permission, will be on Friday October 2nd.

Early collections: Please note that we can facilitate early collection of children at the end of the school day but, we are not in a position to provide child minding for children to stay in school beyond their finishing time, excepting children who go home at 3.00 on busses.

Emails to school staff: will be replied to during school hours and not outside these times. If something is urgent, please contact the school office. Thanks.

Homework: This week, one item of homework will be sent home via Google Classroom (Ranganna 2-6) or Class Dojo (Sen Infants and Rang 1) or Seesaw (Junior Infants). These will be sent to the email of parents/guardians. If you do not receive an email, please let us know.

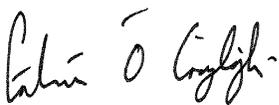
Digital Technology News: These past two weeks have been really exciting with students from 2nd to 6th class logging in to their Google drives and beginning their journey with Google docs and Classroom. Students in 1st class have started learning to type, use the keyboard and mouse. This will assist them when they begin to upload their homework assignments in Class Dojo. It is always lovely to hear 'that was a great class' when they leave the computer room after their lessons!!

Ms Debby

Please see below a communication from Health and Wellbeing, HSE CHO8 Midlands and Louth Meath which outlines a newly developed newsletter for Primary Schools from the HSE Education Programme. Please take the time to read, as it has very helpful information for us all.

[Primary School HSE Health and Wellbeing Newsletter](#)

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[Community News](#)

[Green News](#)

Nathanna na Seachtaine: Conas at  t ? T  m  go maith (How are you? I'm grand)

Seanfhocal na M osa: T s maith, leath na hoibre (A good start is half the battle)

Green News

This is National Bike week. Under normal circumstances we would organise a bike event, but this year everything is different. We would encourage anyone who can, to cycle or scoot to school this week. Apart from it being a healthy start to the day, it is also helping our environment by reducing carbon emissions.

We will hold off on starting our WOW campaign also as classes start at different times. Once again, we encourage our walkers to continue walking to school whenever possible.

We hope everyone is remembering to recycle at home. We won't be accepting items in school this year but the children know very well what things can be recycled at this stage.

In our classes we will have Gardaí Glasa who will be charged with keeping an 'eco eye' on things and reminding everyone to be green.

Finally our green theme for this year is Global Citizenship - Marine. We will be learning lots about 'matters marine' and how climate change is affecting our marine habitats. If anyone was lucky enough to have visited the beach while on a Staycation and would like to share any interesting photos, we would love to show them on our Green Blog.

Here's a lovely photo of a nest which one of our nature-loving teachers found last week.



And Sophie and Lily from Room 19 found this beautiful butterfly wing:



Be safe and be green!

by Mrs Nally

Remember Green isn't just cool anymore, it's a must!

St Mary's Parents' Association

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

Many thanks for your continued support.

Caroline Smith

Chairperson

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Boyneside Speech & Drama classes for boys and girls from First Class, focusing on improving students' pronunciation, communication, conversation and public speaking skills on Tuesday and Wednesday after school in Breathe Pilates Studio, Patrick Street, Trim. all Covid 19 regulations adhered to at all times. New students welcome. Telephone 087 2201981 or email dorscully@gmail.com

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