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A chairde,

Many thanks for the positive messages for our assembly on Friday last. I would also like to thank you for your participation in the Parent Teacher Meetings, last week. We got a great sense of support from both assembly and meetings. It is wonderful to see the children back at school and we are all doing our best to see that they and their families remain safe. It can be difficult and indeed it has been difficult, at times, but it has only worked because we are all pulling together. There is strength in togetherness: **“Ní Neart go Cur le Chéile!”** as our school motto says. Let's continue with our hand washing, social distancing and the wearing of masks, the importance of all our joint efforts has not gone away. Let's not forget “our” kids who have had to adapt to endless hand washing and sanitising, as well as getting used to pods and bubbles and staggered break times where they can no longer play with friends or siblings outside their bubbles. They are an example and encouragement to us all at home and at school, with the resilience they have shown. *Nár laige Dia sibh a pháistí* (God's blessings on you, kids!).

This week's Friday's will be hosted by Room 12 and I understand that they will be informing us about toys now and in the past. Very appropriate as The Toy Show is on later that night. Something for us all to look forward to. A big thank you to Mrs Nally for taking last Friday's assembly. She put a lot of preparation especially into the technology and by all accounts did a “Good Job”!

On Friday December 11th we will have a **Christmas Jumper Day**, as a charity fundraiser. The charity will be decided by *An Chomhairle Scoile*, our Student Council, at their next meeting.

Our whole school will be attending the **Helix Panto** this year, courtesy of our Parents' Association and the internet. Our thanks to them for thinking of the children and for being willing to continue their great work, despite Covid. The Panto will be **“The Sword in the Stone.”** More details closer to the time.

[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



DT News: This week 1st Class students will learn how to change their font. We have concentrated on the Bold/Underline and font size for the past couple of weeks and students have mastered these skills now. Please encourage your children to show you their new typing skills by asking them to type you a story or poem about Winter. 2nd - 4th Classes will complete a Maths Survey for Ms Nally via their Google Classroom. I have set up a Computer Lesson classroom for students and this week I will teach them how to change to a new assignment in this new classroom. 5th class will continue to work on a surprise project for their families for Christmas - watch this space! 6th Classes will work with Microbits this week.

Ms Debby

As we prepare for Christmas, many of the classes in St. Mary's School are making homemade Christmas cards & letters for the elderly in our community. I will deliver them to the Local Trim Garda Edel Dugdale this week.

Garda Edel is hoping to spread some extra christmas cheer and make some hampers for the vulnerable in our community. **Items needed include small toiletries eg/ toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo and hats, socks, gloves and non perishable food items with a good shelf life.** Pupils may bring items into school and drop them to Room 22 each morning. Closing date for the collection at school is Friday 4th December. Thank you for all your help in advance.

Mrs O'Brien

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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[Community News](#)

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Nathanna na Seachtaine: An bhfuil cead agam dul go dt  an leithreas?/ Leithreas le do thoil? (May I go to the toilet?)

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

Green News



The only way to create a better future is to imagine it!

Is f idir linn! We can make a difference to our future. This message is loud and clear. We know that everything we do has an impact on our environment. Under the different themes we have studied, we can make little changes at home in order to be green and save the planet.

Reuse and recycle

Even though we cannot recycle at school anymore, we hope everyone is doing their own recycling at home. Usually around this time of year we have our Siopa Glas. Unfortunately this year it is not possible to exchange toys etc. Hopefully next year we will be in a better place and it will be safer to reuse and recycle at school again.

Energy

We can still remind ourselves to switch off lights and devices when they are not being used. Unplug chargers and put your computers on 'sleep mode' when you are not using them.

Water

We all know now to turn off the water when brushing our teeth and to take shorter showers. These simple actions save a lot of water!

Travel

When you can, try to cycle or walk instead of taking the car. This helps you get more exercise and saves fuel and emissions.

There are many other ways to be green but these are a few to remind us how simple it can be.

Our green theme this year is Global Citizenship - Marine. Last week two classes took a Sea keepers survey and will be working on sea life projects over the next few months. Although we are an inland town, we have a direct link to the sea and our country is an island so it is important that we appreciate marine biodiversity.

We look forward to working on the theme further during the 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. Imagine that better future!

Be safe and be green!

by Mrs Nally

St Mary's Parents' Association

Dia dhaoibh gach duine,

We hope you had a lovely weekend and are staying safe and well.

The Christmas Card samples should be back this week and will be sent home in your childs' bag, if they did one.



We will follow this with an email link through which you can place your order and pay for the number of packs of cards you'd like. There will also be a faculty to allow any corrections needed. Once again, the turn around for this will be tight and there will be a strict cut off point.



The school, in association with the Parents' Association, will be doing a Charity Christmas Jumper Day on December the 11th where the children can wear in their festive jumpers and bring €2 which we will donate to a nominated charity. The School Council will help choose which charity we donate to.

As always, please direct any questions to the Messenger option on the St Mary's Parents' Association Facebook page.

Take care,

St Mary's Parents' Association

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