



# St Mary's Convent Primary School

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*8th February, 2021*

A Chairde,

**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](mailto:office@stmarystrim.ie) in the next 24 hours. There will be a limited number of SIM cards available on a first come first served basis. We are also in a position to lend laptops, if needed. Contact [office@stmarystrim.ie](mailto:office@stmarystrim.ie) for further details.

I have attached a copy of our **Remote Learning Policy** which was updated at our Board of management meeting last week. Please read it. Thanks.

The school has registered with **Benivity**, a volunteer programme organised by **Intel**. I understand that homeschooling hours can be counted as volunteer hours. If you work in Intel and would like to nominate St Mary's, please contact me at [office@stmarystrim.ie](mailto:office@stmarystrim.ie)

Tomorrow is **Safer Internet Day**. Ms Debby will be covering safer use of the internet in her classes this week. The classes run at the same time as they did in school and please encourage your child to attend. Please check out some great advice and links [Here](#)

**Scoil Mhuire** has informed us that they will be doing a Zoom meeting for the new First Years later this year.

I have also attached information from the Minister for Education about the **In-person Supplementary Programme** to Support the Education or Care Needs of Pupils with Complex Needs during this period of school closure. If you have any queries, please contact me at [pffice@stmarystrim.ie](mailto:pffice@stmarystrim.ie)

Our Board of Management met on Tuesday 2nd February where the following were discussed:

- Our insurance company is following up the repair of the all-weather pitch. They have appointed a consultant who has inspected the damage and is currently writing a report for Allianz.

- We have received written approval from our Patron to use a school credit card.
- Compliments on the various activities organised by St Mary's for Catholic Schools Week from Fr Paul. Mr Ó Coigligh thanked Mrs Nally for her guidance.
- Vote of thanks to ISM for their efforts.
- Approval of Distance Learning Policy updates - Approved with amendments on recording of meetings and change of "Distance Learning" to "Remote Learning". Policy to be revisited in June.
- Extension update - Going to e-Tender next week. Start date may be delayed due to acquisition of pre-fabs and Covid.
- Emergency Works update (Replacement of external doors) - Our appeal is currently with the "Technical" section of Emergency Works.

*Ms Coakley*

**Digital Technology:** This week we will cover 'Internet Safety' with the students. This will be done in the form of video's (links will be posted online in their Google Classroom), a questionnaire and a short story to complete on Cyberbullying. Please ensure that your child/ren (2nd class - 6th class) logins into their Google Classroom to access the link to the lesson as this ensures their safety online and also gives them access to the assignments for the day.

We will continue to do Scratch with all students again next week. Happy Internet Surfing!!

*Debbie Walsh*

**Enrolment Forms** for next year were posted on Friday last, to be returned by Monday February 15th. Forms are still available from the office or on our website.

Mise le meas



Cólín Ó Coigligh,  
Príomh Oide.

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**Nathanna na Seachtaine:** Tá/Níl sé ag cur sneachta.  
**Seanfhocal na Míosa:** Ní hé lá na báistí, lá na bpáistí (Rainy days are not for children!)

## Green News



### Keep our oceans plastic free

Our Green Theme this year is Global Citizenship - Marine. Last Friday we had a very interesting Green Flag Assembly. We were delighted to welcome our wonderful guest speaker, Jessica Sargeant from GOAL. She spoke to us about the 17 Global Goals, one of which relates to Life Below Water. She pointed out through the Hummingbird story how each of us, no matter how young or how small, has an important role to play in protecting our world. The little Hummingbird didn't just stand by and let the forest fire burn....it did its best to try to help. Have another look!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLNkYKTTTrtU&feature=youtu.be>



### Let's be like the little hummingbird and do our bit!

We also showcased some of our pupils' art, crafts, experiments and stories about the Marine environment. Well done to everyone who contributed pictures! You have been very busy learning about the sea at home! Have another look at the lovely slideshow Rebecca in the office put together:

<https://youtu.be/fWbvY40tZ50>

The marine environment plays a very important role in maintaining our climate and produces half of the oxygen we breathe. Ireland's seabed territory is one of the largest in Europe and more than 10 times Ireland's land mass. There are a lot of reasons to protect our oceans.

Here is a link to Green Schools Stay Home resources with quizzes, marine environment themed videos, tips and activities which pupils can enjoy doing at home.

<https://greenschoolsireland.org/green-schools-stay-home-marine-environment/>



Our oceans and seas are very important ecosystems. There are many threats to the marine environment, in particular the threat of marine litter. This type of litter is any man-made material that has ended up in the marine environment after being lost or discarded on land or at sea. Marine litter can become a health and safety issue for beach users but can also be ingested by wildlife which in time could end up in our food chain. The oceans can teach us many things. We will be learning a lot about it over the coming months.

Here's a clip more suited to the senior pupils and parents. It is narrated by Sir David Attenborough and music by Hans Zimmer. Definitely worth a watch. (and a listen!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uuWN20Lc4E&feature=youtu.be>

Don't forget about the National Marine Aquarium will be delivering live lessons via You Tube. Each week there will be 2 sessions. Previous lessons can be watched and they will be continuing until Feb 26th.

**Deep Science** (1- 1:20pm)  
**Mermaid tales** (1:30 - 1:45pm)

For more information head here:

<https://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/learning-at-the-aquarium/home-learning-sessions/>

***Remember to keep safe and keep green!***

## Community News

 **Music Generation Meath/na Mi**

**only €5!!**

**Beatboxing workshop with SK SHLOMO!**

**Free to members of Meath Youth Choir!**



**JOIN THIS SONIC SUPERHERO'S ZOOM WORKSHOP AND LEARN THE SKILLS TO BECOME A SUPERSTAR BEATBOXER IN A WORLD OF FUNNY SOUNDS, BRILLIANT NOISES AND COOL MUSIC!**  
**FEBRUARY 23RD, 5 - 6PM**  
**OPEN TO ANYONE IN IRELAND BETWEEN 6 AND 18.**

Register your interest by emailing [musicgenerationmeath@lmetb.ie](mailto:musicgenerationmeath@lmetb.ie)

**Try our pilot Songwriting Course!**

**€40**

 **Music Generation Meath/na Mi**

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](mailto:musicgenerationmeath@lmetb.ie) to register interest



**Leabharlann Chontae na Mí**

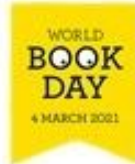
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**World Book Day Library Mascot Competition**



As a celebration of World Book Day, Meath County Council Library and Schools Service are running a mascot design competition. We are inviting all students in 1st to 6th class to submit a design for a library mascot. The winning design will be reproduced and used on our website, social media platforms and library merchandise. Children can name their mascot and include some information about their design if they wish.

Prizes: The winning entry will receive a collection of books for their school library to the value of €250. The winning child will also receive a book voucher to the value of €50.

We understand that you are working under very difficult circumstances at the moment and we hope that this competition can be incorporated into your curriculum. There is no entry form for this competition, children can send an image of their design to their teacher and the images can then be emailed to [smahon@meathcoco.ie](mailto:smahon@meathcoco.ie) by the teacher/school. Please include the name and age of the child and name of the school with each entry.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 19th of February, with the winner being announced on Thursday 4th of March. We would ask teachers to chose the **best 5 entries only** and submit them for judging.

**Terms & Conditions**

- All entries must be an original work.
- The winning entry will be uploaded to [www.meath.ie/library](http://www.meath.ie/library) and will be reproduced in hard copy on posters and other merchandise for the library service.
- The judge's decision is final and no individual correspondence can be entered into.
- This competition is only open to primary school students in Meath.

Entries must be submitted through the school and emailed to: [smahon@meathcoco.ie](mailto:smahon@meathcoco.ie)

Yours Sincerely  
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