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Imlitir 18

11th March 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

In this latest Imlitir we have lots of news and updates on recent and upcoming events in the school. Our work on **Green schools** continues after a very successful visit from An Taisce last week while **Seachtain na Gaeilge** takes pride of place for the coming days as we celebrate our native language and heritage. We have just emerged from **Book Week** where many pupils dressed up as their favourite character on Thursday. There were great efforts made in this regard and it was lovely to see the different characters and costumes. Our parents association also held a very successful **book sale** while the week culminated in the **Spelling Bee** competition. It is no easy feat to stand up and spell in front of your peers so well done to all who participated, won certificates and particularly to our winner, Julia.

Pride of place in the middle of all these activities goes to Mr Galligan's sixth class and the Banna Ceoil who performed so well in Tallaght last week. The judges' comments perfectly encapsulated the effort and performance. Well done to all involved! Our active schools programme continues with classes involved in walking every day. This is a very important way to highlight the benefits of being active in our world where there are increasing pressures to stay on the couch!

Lastly- I would like to welcome our visiting teachers from Belgium who are on an Erasmus programme. We have timetabled the teachers to various activities in the school so that they can witness our school in action. We hope they enjoy their experiences and that they find time to also do a little bit of exploring of Ireland in their time here.

Kind Regards,

Fergal Kelly

Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

March 18th St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday

April 16th Inservice Training

Easter Holidays begin **Friday 22nd March at 12 noon.** School returns on **Monday 8th April.**

Seachtain na Gaeilge

This is Seachtain na Gaeilge, a week we celebrate Ireland, our culture and language, St Patrick and the wearing of the green. Let's try to be even more green in the way we live as well!

There will be lots of activities happening during the week including Camogie, GAA football, reading and storytelling, dancing, Céilí, a quiz in Irish, music, Irish language games, and many other activities.

We would encourage everyone to use the 'cúpla focal' at school and at home. *Go raibh maith agat or Le do thoil. Bainigí triail as!* With that in mind please have a look at some nice suggestions for you to do at home: [Gaeilge sa Bhaile](#).

School Band

Banna Ceoil continues on Tuesdays 2.50 - 3.30pm.

Banna is open to all musicians from 3rd - 6th . You may be taking lessons outside school on another instrument - we welcome all instruments. If you are not taking separate lessons , you can bring along your feadóg (tin whistle) to Banna. We would love to welcome some new members .

Banna Ceoil Teachers

World Down Syndrome Day



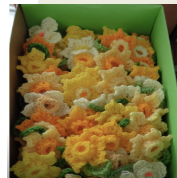
Why do we celebrate World Down Syndrome Day?

Its purpose is to educate the world on what Down Syndrome is and how individuals with Down Syndrome need to be valued in their communities.

Why do you wear crazy odd socks on World Down Syndrome Day?

The idea was created, because chromosomes are shaped "like socks" and people with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome. People all over the world wear colorful, attractive, crazy socks on WSDS to get noticed.

Believe it or not, socks get people talking! That's why on **Thursday 21st March**, #WorldDownSyndromeDay, we will participate in a **whole school Easter walk** and **we are inviting all pupils to wear odd socks on the day.**



Irish Cancer Society and Daffodil Day

Knitted daffodils, shamrocks and other novelties will be on sale in aid of the Irish Cancer Society again this year. €3.00 each



Money Club will be calling again on **Tuesday, the 12th of March at 12pm**. We have Easter eggs for each Super Saver.

Active News

The pupils (and staff) have been taking part in the daily running challenge the past fortnight. Well done to everyone. Our target was to reach Turkey (3,399km) to virtually support local athlete Liam Foley in the Trisome World Games. As a school we have reached Turkey & beyond. In week one, as a school we ran 9,125km and during week two we ran 6,820 laps - Amazing results. World Book Day added to the fun when running our daily laps #RunAroundEurope24



Library Visit

Some of the girls in 5th class went to Trim Library for a tráth na gceist. There were spot prizes and it was good craic, but overall win went to Emma, Zoe, Saoirse and Leah in Room 26. Well done girls.



Spelling Bee 2024

St Mary's Spelling Bee 2024

The final of St Mary's Spelling Bee 2024 took place last Friday. Twenty participants from 5th and 6th Classes battled it out in the hall to decide who would progress to the county final on 1st May. With a few tough words along the way and a final battle between two 6th Class pupils, a winner was eventually crowned. Everyone at St Mary's wishes our latest champion, Julia, the very best of luck in the county final later in the year. We also thank the other nineteen participants for taking part in the challenge. They were superb! Congratulations to each and every one of the girls on a job well done!



Sports News

Rounders for 5th and 6th class and Mini Rounders for 3rd and 4th class is starting again after the Easter holidays. Schedule will be Mondays, 2:50-2:30pm.

Choir Festival: Córhéile 2024



Well done to all the singers and musicians from Room 30 and the Banna Ceoil who took part in Córhéile last Tuesday 5th March 2024, which was held in the National Basketball Arena, Dublin. They performed so well and got a wonderful reception from the audience. Many thanks also to all the teachers who helped prepare the students for their performance. Mrs. Nally our flautist, Mr. Galligan our percussionist and conductor, Ms. Hendrick our accordionist, Mrs. McGale playing the feadóg (tin whistle), our ever-versatile caretaker Frank our guitarist, and our ukulele teacher from Music Generation, Stephen Fagan. They girls were very well behaved and proudly represented our school. Please read the comments below from Catherine McEvoy-McGorman. Catherine is one of the finest traditional flute players in the country. She is the recipient of Gradam Ceoil -TG4 Musician of the Year 2019, which is the highest award that can be given to a traditional musician. Catherine taught flute in our local Trim branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann until very recently. She was very impressed with our students performance so we can be very proud of her glowing report.

Report from Córfhéile na Scoileanna

Marches : Mo Ghile Mear + Roddy McCorley

Lovely sweet music and so together - well done.

Great rhythm. You got the audience clapping. Fab!

Polka : Maggie in the Woods

Very sweet music again - you all play so well together.

Amhrán: It's a Beautiful Day

Beautiful singing here - very sweet. I could hear every word.

Diction was very good . You made my day!

Ukuleles/whistles/fiddles:

Ukuleles were great. Well done. Wow! What a great group and so much work going on here . Fab to see so many children playing together. So much work and lots of music going on in this school. You should be so proud! Well done to all the students and teachers involved in this great work.



World Book Day 2024

As part of our World Book Day celebration last 7th march, it was great seeing both children and staff dressed as their favourite book character. See pictures below.



IMPORTANT DATES

Banna (School Band):	Tuesdays Rehearsal for 3rd - 6th Class 2:50-3:30pm
Camogie:	Wednesdays 2:50-3:50pm
Communion:	Saturday 11th May at 2pm
School Choir:	Thursdays 2:50-3:30pm for 5th & 6th class
Rounders:	Mondays 2:50-3:30pm for 5th & 6th class
Mini Rounders:	Mondays 2:50-3:30pm for 3rd & 4th class

*Ár mana (Our Motto):: Tír gan teanga, Tír gan anam
Scoil gan Ghaeilge, Scoil gan chroí
A country without a language is a country without a soul
A school without Irish is a school without a heart!*

GREEN NEWS

A huge thank you and congratulations to all who contributed to our Green Flag Renewal visit last Thursday. Tom Hegarty of An Taisce was very impressed with all the green activities and practices that are embedded into our school culture. He was thrilled with Frank's Song, 'Change the World' which we will all learn and the pupils on the green committee represented the school very well. Let's keep the efforts up and continue to 'change the world' with our green initiatives. Remember every little act locally resonates globally. The hummingbird story is worth watching again: <https://www.youtube.com/watchv=LLNkYKTrtU&feature=youtu.be>

WOW

WOW will go ahead on Wednesday if the weather allows. **Siúlaigí ar an gCaéadaoin.** Well done to all the eco warriors who brave the elements everyday!

COW

COW will resume after Easter.



Walking Wednesdays

Let's get the numbers up again!

Remember green is cool at home and at school!

Parents Association

USED BOOK SALE

We would like to thank you all for all your generous donations of pre-loved books. We were delighted to have received so many great books for everyone to choose from.

There were a lot of very excited and eager shoppers last Thursday and everyone had a great time!

A special word of thanks, too to Mr Higgins and the 6th Class girls for all their help in sorting and selling books. You did a fantastic job!

PA MEETING

We are holding our next PA meeting this coming Friday 15 th March at 9:30. Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome. As always, we appreciate all your support.

Community News

This March, the RSA's Check it Fits service will be visiting County **Meath** we will be visiting the following locations in **Meath**:

Smyths Toys Navan	10.00am - 5.30pm	Tuesday 12th March
Aldi Trim	10.00am - 5.30pm	Wednesday 13th March
Aldi Ashbourne	10.00am - 5.30pm	Thursday 14th March

The Check it Fits service is a full-time, nationwide, free expert service which aims to put parent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car. **No booking necessary just arrive on the day.**

The service is quick, it's easy, it's free, where our experts will advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have.

We would be delighted if you could help us to raise awareness of child safety in cars by letting colleagues, friends, family members and any other relevant contacts know about our upcoming visit to **Meath**.

Best wishes,
The Check it Fits Team

TRIM GAA CLUB DISCO

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IS BACK

8PM - 10PM

DJ SET



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15TH MARCH

2024

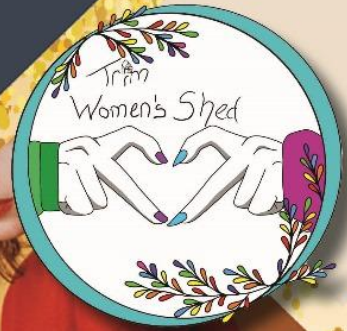
TICKETS
ON
CLUBZAP

5TH & 6TH
CLASS

LET'S PARTY

Trim Women's Shed

Night *of* Fashion



Trim Castle Hotel
Friday 22nd March 2024

Show Hosted by Rachel Byron-Murphy



Doors Open 7pm - Show Starts 8pm

Show Tickets - €25



SHOW SPONSORS



RAFFLE & SPOT PRIZES ON THE NIGHT

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**MULTI ACTIVITY
SUMMER CAMPS**

Trim - Summer Camp
Boyne Community School
29th July – 2nd August 2024
9.30am - 3.30pm



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WE'RE LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES FOR ST MARYS GNS, TRIM

SHORT TERM STAYS
10 weeks from 9th April, 2024

€220 PER WEEK RATE

- 6th Class, Spanish girls
- 9th April - 18th June
- Total pay - €2200
- Attending St Marys Convent,
Trim
- Saturday plans from 10-6.00PM
- Transport provided



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