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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Lá Glas: Thank you once again for your support for all our activities this term. Last week we were able to showcase our school for our Belgian visitors and they were very impressed with our ethos and atmosphere. Friday was our Lá Glas where we celebrated all things Irish. Well done to all our performers in the ceolchoirm who performed so well and provided such great entertainment.

Special Class: The school continues to develop and foster new initiatives to cater for the education for all and to this end the board of management has agreed to a request from NCSE to open a special class for children with autism for the coming school year. The organisational window for this new venture is quite tight as there are some challenges in terms of funding, enrolment, space, recruitment, training etc but I have no doubt that the school will leave no stone unturned to have this facility up and running as soon as possible. St Mary's has always been keen to serve the community in the best way possible and there is a shortfall of places for children with autism in the Trim area. I know that the school community will be very enthusiastic about this new initiative. We will need the support from everyone to ensure that we can provide the best possible facility. If you would like more information on our plans in this area please contact the school office.

Easter Celebrations: This is a really important time in the church calendar and elsewhere in this Imlitir there is information on Mass times etc. Our school holidays for Easter begin On Friday 22nd March at 11.50 am.

Attendance: We would like to really emphasise the importance of coming to school. Research indicates that regular attenders are better achievers and more confident in their daily lives and are set up for future success. We have noted a disimprovement in our attendance statistics since the pandemic. It is vitally important that your child attends school. I am meeting with the Board of management, staff and parents association to agree measures and incentives that encourage good attendance and punctuality.

Study. One of our teachers Mr Galligan is embarking on an important piece of research that will be very valuable for primary schools. Parents of children in rooms 14, 18, 20, 26 and 30 will have received some information. I would encourage as many responses as possible.

Wishing all of you a safe and pleasant Easter break.

Kind Regards,
Fergal Kelly
Principal

World Down Syndrome Day



On **21st March, Thursday**, the whole school will participate in an Easter walk and we are inviting all pupils to wear **odd socks** to celebrate **#WorldDownSyndromeDay**

Intercultural Day



On **Wednesday 24th April**, we will celebrate the many cultures that are represented in St Mary's. We have welcomed families from many different countries around the world to Ireland and we all have a lot to learn from each other. If any parent or grandparent is in a position to visit our school to tell us about growing up in another country, we would love to hear from you. Please let the teacher or the office know if you can visit.

We also have some dual language books in our school library. If you would like to read a story to a group in your home language please let us know. We have books in Polish, Lithuanian, Spanish, French, Tagalog, Romanian and others.

Mobile Phone Policy

Reminding all parents and guardians of our phone policy. The children are not permitted to use phones in the classroom or school. If you need to contact your child with an urgent message, please contact the office at 0469431919.

Board of Management

At its last meeting, the Board agreed to the establishment of a class to support children with Autism.

Attendance in the school was discussed and our plan to encourage better attendance was welcomed.

The board explored the placing of gates near the yard to further the safety of the children in the school.

Irish Cancer Society and Daffodil Day



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

So far, we have collected a little over €1410.00 for knitted shamrocks. Thank you for your continued support. Why not pick one (or two) more up at the office.

Active News Update

It is the final week of the Run Around Europe daily running challenge. The pupils (and staff) have completed running laps everyday. Our target was to reach Turkey (3,399 km) to virtually support local athlete Liam Foley in the Trisome World Games, which begins today. As a school we have reached Turkey & beyond. To date we have completed 18,397 km as a school - Amazing results. Well done to everyone **#RunAroundEurope24**

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Nath na Seachtaine: Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh
Seanfhocal na Míosa: Ní hé lá na báistí, lá na páistí!

GREEN NEWS

We had a very successful visit from our Travel Officer, Tom Hegarty two weeks ago. He was impressed with our green practices. Our green theme this year is Travel and we have been really trying to walk more over the past 2 years. Cycling and scooting are also more sustainable than driving. When the weather improves after Easter, we hope to restart our cycling campaign.

Tom Hegarty will come to the school to give a Scooting workshop in April and our Cycling classes will start in May.

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!

Save our planet night and day

Walk on Wednesday, that's the way

If you want to travel far, take the bus, not the car

Cycle on Wednesday, you know how

Follow the rules of WOW and COW

Remember to recycle the cardboard boxes from your Easter Eggs and we can happily report that the foil is also recyclable. Simply scrunch the foil into a little ball and recycle in your normal recycling bin. Have a happy and a green Easter!



Did you know?

**All parts of the
Easter Egg
wrapping can be
recycled!**

Parents Association

CASH FOR CLOBBER

As mentioned, St Mary's will be opening a new Special Education Classroom for children with Autism.

The Parents Association is excited to help raise funds towards resources for this program.

Our first fundraiser will be a 'Cash for Clobber' event after Easter break.

Families will be asked to fill bags with: all types of clothing, linen, towels, curtains, hats, bags, scarves, ties, and soft toys.

Filled bags can be dropped to the school from Monday **8th April to 15th April**. These are then collected by 'Bags2School' and weighed. For further information, you are welcome to visit bags2school.ie.

We appreciate your support for this initiative.

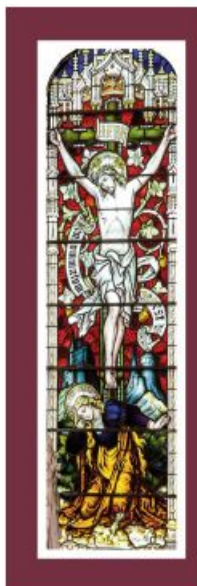
PA MEETING

Our next PA meeting will be on **Friday 12th April at 9:30**. Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome.

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

April 16th Inservice Training

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



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

IN TRIM AND BOARDSMILL

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper Trim at 7pm
followed by Adoration until night
prayer for vocations at 10pm

Good Friday

Trim at 3pm • Boardsmill at 5pm
Outdoor Stations of the Cross
Trim at 7pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Trim at 9pm

Easter Sunday Mass

Trim: 9am, 11am & 12.30pm

Boardsmill: 10am

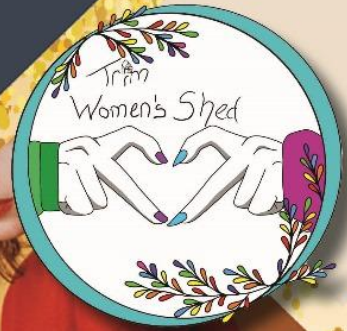
Confessions

Good Friday 4pm - 5pm

Holy Saturday 12 noon - 2pm

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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WANT TO EARN SOME EXTRA INCOME?

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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**REGISTER
NOW!**