



## St Mary's Convent Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Great to see everyone back after our Easter break. The last term promises to be a busy one as usual. We are putting a lot of emphasis on improving the children's attendance and this emphasis will become part of our three year school improvement and overall attendance strategy for the school. Following some analysis we found that there is improvement needed in this area. Since the pandemic, attendance in schools nationally has dropped and we are no exception. I would like to again emphasise just how important it is for your child to attend school. Regular attendance at school will overall have more positive effects on your child. This term we are highlighting good attendance at assembly and introducing measures to encourage your child to come to school. The school will continue to work in partnership with you to improve this area.

The pupils and staff are looking forward to many events over the coming weeks. First Communion day is always a lovely day for the school community and the children are very busy preparing for this day at the moment. More immediately the school choir are attending The Big Sing on Friday in Dublin and we wish them well on their performance. They had an opportunity to perform for the whole school last Friday and it was great to see them in action. With camogie, athletics, cycle training all to the fore in the next few weeks we wish everyone the best of luck in their endeavours.

In association with our Parents Council We are having a **Zumba class** in the school on Thursday 18th April @ 09:45 am-10.45 am for parents. We hope that a good cohort can attend. This initiative is part of our Wellbeing programmes and Active school measures as well as the chance to build relationships and connections with parents. It is very important to us that we continue to develop the link between our school community and home. The classes are taken by Lorraine who is an expert in her field and it promises to be a fun morning. For anyone with small children they can bring them along and they can dance to the music. We will gauge the interest in these classes and hopefully set them up as weekly programme. We hope to see you there! There is no need to register-just turn up!

Kind Regards,

**Fergal Kelly**

**Principal**

Here is the proposed school closures for next year. They are still subject to ratification by our Board of Management. Please bear these dates in mind while arranging your holidays.

Return:	Thursday 29th August 2024
Mid-Term:	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024
Christmas Break:	Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025
Feb Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd Feb 2025
Spring Mid-term Break	Mon 17th - Friday 21st Feb 2025
St Patrick's Day:	Mon 17th March 2025
Easter Break	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 5th May 2025
June Bank Holiday:	Friday 30th May - Monday 2nd June 2025
School closes	Friday 27th June 2025



**REMINDERS:**  
**SCHOOL CLOSURES**  
**April 16th Inservice Training**  
**6th - 10th May**  
**3rd June Bank Holiday**  
**7th June Local Elections**

# Active News Update

## Run Around Europe Results

The four week running challenge has ended and we are so proud of all the children.

Our aim was to reach Turkey (3,399km) and virtually support local athlete Liam Foley in the World Trisome Games. The pupils of St. Mary's succeeded and ran an impressive 32, 912 laps collectively over the four weeks.

Double World Champion, Liam Foley won GOLD in the 800m and 1500m in the @Sports Union for Athletes with Downs Syndrome (SUDS) European Championships. Congratulations Liam!



## Irish Cancer Society and Daffodil Day



Just to extend a huge thanks to all who supported the Shamrock/Daffodil Irish Cancer campaign (including the Heaven at 11 and the potted daffodils) before the holidays. The Daffodil Day figure far exceeded our expectations. We handed in over €2,200 which was amazing! This contributed to our knitting lady's (Cecile Somerville) overall collection of €7,573.00

Thanks to the great marketers and persuasive sellers, the growers, the bakers and the consumers!

Daffodil Day is a very worthy cause and St Mary's really made a significant contribution. Míle buíochas!

## 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.

## **This week is Food Dudes Week in St. Mary's**

The children will have an opportunity to taste fresh fruit and vegetables for 5 days. A letter outlining this programme has been sent home to all families.

Lots of activities around healthy eating will be integrated into the curriculum this week. Please review our Healthy Eating Policy

<https://stmarystrim.ie/wp-content/plugins/smart-slideshow-widget/2024/02/Healthy-Eating-Policy.pdf>



Food Dudes is a healthy eating programme supported by Bord Bia.

## **Say Yes to Languages**

Bonjour,

Third and Sixth Class have completed an 8 week language programme supported by Say Yes to Languages. The children learnt how to communicate in French using basic greetings and phrases. It also introduced them to French food and culture. The programme highlights the different ways we learn new languages and the similarities that exist between different languages. As part of this programme we investigated how many languages are spoken in our school community. We have identified that over 35 different languages are spoken in St. Mary's e.g. Danish, Urdu, Lámh, Polish, Tamil, Lithuanian, Romanian, Igbo, Yoruba, Ukrainian, Croatian and Sinhala to name a few. The programme helps to foster a respect and appreciation for diversity and inclusion.

Thanks to our French tutors, Mr. Galligan, Ms. Mallon, Ms. Dully and Ms. Minogue for facilitating this programme in our school.



# IMPORTANT DATES

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

*Nath na Seachtaine:*  
*Seanfhocal na Míosa:*

Ba mhaith liom...I would like  
Bíonn cluasa móra ag muca beaga

## GREEN NEWS

We are still working on our Global Citizenship - travel theme. The weather has impacted on our actions but hopefully that will improve soon and we will be able to resume the more sustainable ways of coming to school....walking, cycling and scooting. Our Walking Bus will resume every Thursday in May after the break. If any of our parents are available to help out please let me know, by emailing the school. Send you name and available dates to [office@stmarystrim.ie](mailto:office@stmarystrim.ie).



## WOW NEWS

WOW will go ahead on Wednesday if the weather allows. **Siúlaigí ar an gCéadaoin.**  
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***

# Parents Association

## CASH FOR CLOBBER

We are all set for our Cash for Clobber fundraiser!

Please bring your filled refuse bags in to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Here is a quick reminder of items:

### YES PLEASE

- Clothes
- Paired shoes
- Handbags and bags
- Scarves and ties
- Sock
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen, bedding, towels, and curtains

### NO THANKS

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats
- School uniforms with logos
- Corporate workwear
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing

Thanks in advance for your support!

## ZUMBA

Here's your chance to dance!

All are welcome to join us for a free Zumba class this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 in the PE Hall.

Little ones are welcome too.

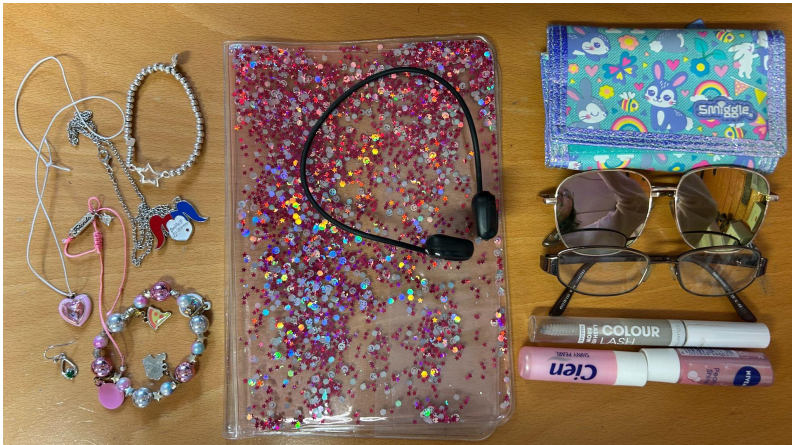
We will even give you a cup of tea or coffee afterwards!

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Adri O'Dea

Chairperson

# LOST AND FOUND TOYS & KNICK KNACKS



Please note any unclaimed items will be donated to the local charity shops by the end of the month.



**KICKSTART SUMMER**  
**MAY CAMP**  
**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, TRIM**

*Incoming Junior Infants are welcome!!!*

**Date**  
 Tues 7th-Fri 10th May

**Time**  
 09:30a.m-01:30p.m

**Contact Us**  
 For more info or to book a place contact 0873629676  
 Email: kickstartsummer2024@gmail.com

**Activities**  
 Fun sports, team challenges, arts & crafts, treasure hunt, music and dance, science experiments, teddy bear picnic, baking & more...

**Price & Sibling discounts**  
**€70**

**All staff are Garda Vetted and have years of experience teaching children.**

# Booking Form

Please return booking form below complete with camp fee on or before Friday 26th of April to The Office or to one of the camp leaders.  
 (Ms.Dalton/Ms.Coakley/Ms.Maguire)  
 Envelope addressed: Kickstart Summer 2024

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Name\': \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/ Gaurdian: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies/Medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Children should bring a packed lunch and drink each day.  
 \*The camp is strictly a nut free camp\*

**Leaflets for the May Camp will be given out this Wednesday.  
 We look forward to seeing your kids at camp!**





**CULA BULA**



# **YOUTH CLUB**



**EVERY TUESDAY  
6:30-7:30PM**

**For ages 8-12 years**

Meet kids your own age and have fun!

**€5 registration €1 p/w thereafter**

**culabulayouth@gmail.com**

**Trim Family Resource Centre, 15  
Wellington Avenue, Trim Co. Meath, C15  
FC03**

LOCATION: TRIM GAA CLUB

TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS

CLASSES: 5-7 YEARS  
& 8+ YEARS



Scan to book a FREE TRIAL!



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Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024

From

3:45pm – 8:00pm

Give blood, save lives.

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Call **1800 222 111** to book an appointment.

Check your **eligibility** at **giveblood.ie**

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