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Imlitir 21
29th April 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support regarding our recent efforts to improve your children's attendance in school. We are now heading into the heart of the Summer term where hopefully the weather will improve and we will have ample opportunity to enjoy some outdoor activities as well as the usual school routines. Our teams and representative will also be busy for games and matches and we wish them well in their endeavours.

Congratulations to our Green Schools team led by Ms Nally for achieving yet another green flag. The school really is at the heart of environmental questions and I have been struck since my arrival in November at the children's wonderful knowledge on all things environmental. Congrats also to our choir group on our performance in the Big Sing. The school has great talent in its ranks and it is nice for the children to showcase these attributes at concerts and assemblies.

Pupils in 2nd class have a big day coming with their First Holy Communion on the 11th May and we are all looking forward to supporting the children in what is always a lovely occasion and a day of celebration. Please make contact with the office through email (office@stmarystrim.ie) if you would like the school to make provision for a First Communion video. Over the past few years there has been a smaller cohort taking up this offer and this has resulted in costs accruing to the school. If there is considerable demand for a streaming video this can be arranged but otherwise parents may be happy with their own photo arrangements outside the church. Let the school office know by Friday 3rd May.

I am enjoying my reading classes with First Class. Their standard is good and it is nice to get to know the pupils. This is part of our initiatives that ensure that the children are learning at their own pace and at the level that is most appropriate for their progression. I look forward to meeting more pupils through these kind of initiatives in the future.

Kind Regards,

Fergal Kelly

Principal

REMINDER MAY 6th - 10th, 2024
Our school will be closed next week.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

As mentioned in our last Imlitir, the school is putting a lot of emphasis on school attendance. We would like to again reiterate how important it is for your child to attend school. We encourage parents to have accountability and let their teachers know the reason for their child's absence. Regular attendance will overall have more positive effects on your child and we are highlighting good attendance at our assembly. We hope we can continue to work in partnership with you to improve this area.

INTERCULTURAL DAY

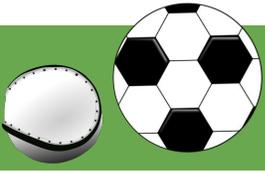


A very big thank you to all our visitors who came to help us learn all about some of the different countries represented in our school this week.

We heard stories in Polish , Lithuanian , Romanian and French . Thank you to the parents who read and the teachers who facilitated. We are very fortunate to have our very own author-in-residence, Lara, who has written some beautiful books in Tagalog (the language of the Philippines). Some of the classes got to hear Lara reading to them and enjoyed the stories very much.

One of our mums gave a wonderful presentation on her home country of Nigeria . Some classes did projects on other countries. We are fortunate to have families from so many countries in St Mary's - we can learn so much from each other. Most importantly , it's good to remember that we all smile in the same language.





SPORTS NEWS



ATHLETICS

A huge congrats to 5th & 6th class girls who both came 3rd in the Cross Country Championships in Navan Racecourse!

Well done to 4th class also, who ran a fantastic race!



CAMOGIE

Well done to our school camogie team who beat Dunboyne team on 25th April in the first round.



REMINDERS:

SCHOOL CLOSURES

6th - 10th May

3rd June Bank Holiday

7th June Local Elections



WELLNESS NEWS

FOOD DUDES WEEK

Well done to all the children who tasted lots of fresh fruit and vegetables during our Food Dudes Week. The aim of this programme is to encourage children to taste different fruit and vegetables and to increase the quantity of fruit and vegetables in their diet. It is recommended that children eat 5-7 portions of fruit, vegetables and salad daily. The Junior Infants got their Food Dudes lunch boxes to continue to bring in some fruit and vegetables for lunch. Here are some photos from Room 13 during Food Dudes Week.

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



S.P.H.E. - Social, Personal and Health Education

We will be teaching the Stay Safe programme this term. The Stay Safe programme is part of the Social, Personal and Health Education/SPHE curriculum which all primary schools are required to implement. Cooperation between parents and teachers is essential to the success of this programme. It is important that parents are aware of the content of the Stay Safe lessons and are able to discuss the lessons with their children. Your child may bring home worksheets which will inform you on the topics being covered in class and how you can reinforce the messages at home. You can familiarise yourself with the content of the Stay Safe lessons at: www.staysafe.ie/teachers/resources.htm

RSE- Relationships and Sexuality Education

Relationships and Sexuality education/RSE is an integral part of the S.P.H.E programme. The sensitive elements of the Relationships and Sexuality education programme are covered under the Strand Units, 'Growing and Changing' and 'Taking Care of my Body'. We will be completing these Strand Units with 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Class in the forthcoming weeks. Our RSE policy is available to view on our website www.stmarystrim.ie

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 |
| Rounders: | Mondays 2:50-3:30 pm for 5th & 6th class |
| Mini Rounders: | Mondays 2:50-3:30 pm for 3rd & 4th class |

Nath na Seachtaine:
Seanfhocal na Míosa:
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Tá/Níl an ghrian ag taitneamh (The sun is shining / The sun is not shining)
Bíonn cluasa fada ag muca beaga (Little pigs have long ears)

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.



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!

**Remember
green is cool
at home and
at school!**

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 Fundraiser

Thanks so much for everyone who supported our first fundraiser for the new Autism Class.

We are planning more events to raise funds for this cause and will keep you posted.



Zumba

We have been having great fun with Lorraine in our Zumba classes. We even got some students to join us!

We hope to see you on **Thursday 2nd May at 9:45** in the PE Hall for another free fun Zumba morning.



We hope you all have a lovely mid term break next week.

Adri O'Dea
Chairperson

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.

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| 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 |

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
€70
 & Sibling discounts

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

 Name\s: _____
 Age: _____ D.O.B: _____
 Parent/ Guardian: _____
 Contact No: _____
 Emergency contact: _____
 Allergies/Medical conditions: _____

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

****Final places left for May Summer Camp during the week off school! ****

LOST AND FOUND TOYS & KNICK KNACKS



Please note any unclaimed items will be donated to the local charity shops.

