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Imlitir 23
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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the support with all our **sporting and cultural activities** which are ongoing over the past few weeks. Next week is **Wellbeing week** and we have lots of activities and programmes planned, all which culminate in **sports day** on Thursday 6th June. There is further information on these events on page three of this Imlitir.

Last week we were delighted to receive our new **Junior Infant** cohort when the children got a chance to meet their new teacher and experience what will be their new surroundings in September. It looks as if the children will have no problem settling in. This was also a good opportunity to meet parents and answer questions and arrange further meetings if necessary.

Our enrolment period is now ongoing for our new **special class for children with autism**. Mr Kevin Higgins has been assigned to this post for the coming year and once our cohort is finalised we will be able to arrange a meet up and orientation for our new pupils. At the moment the school is busy securing funding for developing existing classroom space for the class and we hope to make improvements to parts of the school in order to ensure the best possible facility for September.

We have some spots available in our existing language class and mixed class groupings for our **Summer Programme** so please give your name to the office if you would like your child to be part of this programme for the first two weeks of July.

As part of our **school improvement plan**, we have prepared a questionnaire for parents of first, fourth and 6th classes. It is very important to the school that this is filled in so that we can make the necessary adjustments and changes to improve and develop. This survey can be accessed [here](#).

Congratulations to our **Green Flag Team** on our latest green flag. It is lovely to see our pupils walking and cycling to school and to see them concerned with these incremental improvements that can help all our lives. It is a tribute to Ms Nally that this theme has remained so much part of school life here in St Mary's over many years. Hard luck to our **camogie** team who despite a battling performance just lost the semi-final against Baconstown this week. Our **rounders** team have gone one better however and have reached the final. Best of luck to all concerned!

Warm Weather: On warm sunny days it is advisable that children wear sun block before coming to school. Children are permitted to wear tailored grey shorts to school on warm days. No cycling shorts or leggings are permitted. Let us all hope that the weather will improve so that the children will enjoy nice sunny days ahead.

Tusla Reporting: The school is obliged to report the names of all children who are absent for over 20 days. Parent/Guardians need not become unduly worried in circumstances where these absences can be satisfactorily explained due to illness, bereavement or family circumstances. Please ensure that all absences are explained to class teachers and entered on Aladdin Connect.

Kind regards,

Fergal Kelly
Principal

REMINDERS:
SCHOOL CLOSURES
3rd June Bank Holiday
7th June Local Elections

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES FOR 2024 - 2025

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES FOR NEXT YEAR

Payment links for Visual Arts, Photocopying, Admin Fee, Pupil Insurance and Computer Contribution will be sent this week, via text and email to enable you make online payments. You will have a choice of one payment of €45 or 3 weekly payments of €15, for the non-voluntary payments. This link is also on Aladdin Connect, which can be used at any time to check your account balance.

A number of classroom supplies will be provided by the school at the start of the year. There may be a requirement for parents/guardians to buy some additional items during the school year.

TO BE PAID ONLINE

Visual Arts materials, Photocopying, Admin Fee	€45.00
Pupil Protector Personal Accident Insurance 24/7 Cover (Voluntary payment)	€9.00
Contribution for Computers per Family [Unchanged since 2008] (Voluntary)	€50.00

MUSIC NEWS



UKELELE

Ukulele lessons are finished for this year for 4th , 5th and 6th classes.

A very big thank you to Stephen from Music Generation Meath for his enthusiasm and work in St Mary's every Monday. Last week , Room 30 paid a visit to St Joseph's with their class teacher and Stephen to sing and play for the residents . They represented their class very well and certainly lifted the spirits of all. Well done to them and all the classes that played and sang at assemblies and other events during the year.

A reminder that the school has a supply of new ukuleles for sale and for rent . Classes will resume for 4th , 5th and 6th class in September. Some children continue to play and learn new songs at home over the holidays, when they have their own instrument. Please return any rented ukuleles to the school in the next week. - R. McGale

BANNA CEOIL

We have come to the end of our Banna Ceoil practices for this school year.

A very big maith sibh (well done) to all the young musicians who worked so hard this year. They were diligent at attending practices and learning their tunes . They were a very co-operative group who showed kindness to each other and to their teachers. They were always so willing to perform at school activities when asked. That is why it was a pleasure bringing them to Córfeile last March. Hopefully the girls will continue to practice and play their tunes over the summer holidays. Thank you to all the parents who supported their children in the Banna. The girls are a credit to all you and your families. - S. Hendrick, S. Nally, and R. McGale

IRISH DANCING



Last Saturday, some of our pupils participated in the Leinster Grade Championship Feis.

We are very proud of all their achievements and many medals and trophies came home with the girls. Some children upgraded to the next category. Well done Amy, Rebecca, Lexie, and Jané!



SPORTS NEWS



ACTIVE SCHOOLS & WELLBEING WEEK

Next week is our **Annual Active Schools & Wellbeing week, 4th - 6th June**. Pupils are invited to wear their school tracksuit to school every day next week. **Please send an extra drink & apply sunscreen.** We have an action packed few days planned for the children to enjoy and they will spend much of the day outdoors.

Sports Day will take place on Thursday 6th June. Parents/Guardians are welcome to support their children **from 11am**. Please note the following:

Infants will have their treasure hunt from 9.40- 10.20am. The school gates will be closed for safety reasons and parents may not attend this activity.

Events for all classes will begin @10.40am. Infants and 1st classes will use the school yard (astro and tarmac area) and the older pupils 2nd - 6th class will use the back field. **Parents are welcome to attend these events from 11am.** Pupils will return to their classes at 12:30 for lunch indoors.

If you wish to bring your child home before 2.50pm on the day, please sign a release slip at the office and give it to the class teacher. Please do not remove your child from the school without signing a release slip and informing the teacher.

Note that under GDPR, parents cannot take pictures or videos of other children and staff or share photos & videos of them online. Thank you for your support.

ROUNDERS

Last week over 100 girls took part in a rounders fun day in Trim GAA organised by St.Mary's. Schools from all over Meath took part in this event and it was great fun for all children and coaches involved.



HOME BASED SUMMER PROGRAMS



The **Home-Based Summer Programme** is now open for applications. It is for children with Additional Educational Needs who qualify for the extra support and are not in Rooms 17, 23 and 24. To find out more please check out this link:

[Home-Based Summer Programme.](#)

[Applications close on FRIDAY 14th JUNE](#)

[Please see separate attachment for Application Form](#)

1st CLASS BOYS GRADUATION



Boy's Graduation: Monday June 24th

All parents/guardians/grandparents etc are welcome. It will begin at 1.15pm sharp. First class boys and girls will be taking part in the graduation and it is a lovely day for all.

Application for Special Class for ASD September 2024

On Monday 13/05/2024 we published our updated admissions policy regarding the new special class. We opened our applications on Monday 20th May. Please find some details below which are taken from the admissions notice on the website. To be accepted as a viable application children will need to satisfy certain criteria which are stipulated in the policy.

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	20/05/2024
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	10/06/2024
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	14/06/2024
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	21/06/2024

Nath na Seachtaine: Cá bhfuil tú i do chónaí? Tá mé i mo chónaí i mBaile Átha Troim.
Where do you live? I live in Trim.

Seanfhocal na Míosa: Nuair a bhíonn an cat amuigh, bíonn na luchá ag rince.
When the cat's away, the mouse will play

GREEN NEWS

Last Wednesday three of our Green Flag delegates travelled to Dundalk to receive the Green Flag for Global Citizenship - Travel. It was a wonderful day. We were very proud when they played our Green song on the big screen! Maith thú Frank and the Green Flag committee singers!

Well done to all who contributed in any way - walking, cycling, scooting, taking the bus, carpooling etc. Keep up the good work and continue to 'think green' as much as possible! Our work is not done!

Have another listen to our Green Song: 'Change the world'

<https://youtu.be/O7sQqW44nSA>

WOW (WALKING ON WEDNESDAYS) NEWS

WOW will resume on Wednesdays A huge thank you to Mr Carmody and Ms Mallon who sustain the initiative all year.

Walking Bus

We hope to start our walking bus next Thursday, June 6th. At the moment there will be one meeting point, that is outside Millteog at 8:40am If any other parent would like to volunteer to lead a walking bus from another starting point, please contact the school. There will be a consent form attached to an email in the next few days. Please complete one for your child/children if they are going to participate in the Walking Bus.

COW (CYCLING ON WEDNESDAYS) NEWS

On May 15th we had our National COW day. Over 40 people cycled to school that day. We had a delicious fruit breakfast thanks to Meath Local Sports Partnership and a huge thanks also to the Parents Association who were busy chopping and assembling fruit early in the morning! It was a huge success and we hope lots of pupils will continue to cycle until the end of the year.



The three pupils who accepted the award were **Eve, Julia and James**. They were a credit to the school, their teachers and their parents.

Children's Used Book Sale

After a successful fundraising event, we are delighted to announce that we will be running another **Children's Used Book Sale on Friday 14th June** in the School Hall. This is a great time to clear out books that are no longer being read and to replenish your children's libraries again.

Families are welcome to start sending their donated books to the school up until Tuesday 11th June. Our book sale will take place during the school hours on Friday 14th June and the children can purchase books for €1 per book. We are looking forward to another great day filled with wonderful books!

Adri O'Dea
PA Chairperson

School Closures for School Year 2024-2025

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

Join us this August for School's Out Sun's Out Summer Camp in St Mary's on August 19th-23rd. Contact Mr. Carmody at 085 2042545 for more information!

SCHOOL S OUT SUN S OUT Summer Camp

For Kids aged 4 to 12 years

St Mary's Primary School, Trim

Monday 19th August to Friday 23rd August
10.00am - 2.00pm

Cost
€80 1st child
€75 each for
2 or more
children

A great opportunity for Junior Infants starting school
to make friends and get familiar with the school life

Arts & Crafts, Sports, Baking,
Orienteering, Treasure Hunts,
Music & Dance, Science Experiments
Teddy Bear's Picnic
Water Fight on Last Day!

*Meath Senior Footballers
will be in attendance!*

For more information contact Mr. Carmody at 085 204 2545
All staff are qualified teachers with years of experience and Garda vetted

SCHOOL S OUT SUN S OUT Summer Camp

Child 1 Age

Child 2 Age

Child 3 Age

TOTAL AMOUNT
ENCLOSED

Special Requirement / Medical Conditions
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Emergency Contact Name & Number

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*Please wear comfortable clothing throughout the
week and bring a healthy packed lunch each day*

PAYMENT: ON OR BEFORE 31ST MAY 2024.
Any enquires after June 1st Please Contact 085 204 2545

Still places available for Kickstart Summer Camp in St Mary's on July 15th-19th. Contact us on 087 3629676 or email us on kickstartsummer2024@gmail.com for more information!

KICKSTART SUMMER
JULY CAMP
ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, TRIM

Date
Mon 15th- Fri 19th July

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...

5 Days
Price €75
& Sibling discounts

For Primary School Aged Children

Incoming Junior Infants are welcome!!!

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 28th June to The Office or to one of the camp leaders.
(Ms.Dalton/Ms.Maguire)

Envelope addressed: Kickstart Summer 2024- July Camp

Name\s: _____

Age: _____ D.O.B: _____

Parent/ Guardian: _____

Contact No: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Allergies/Medical conditions: _____

Any other relevant information: _____

Children should bring a packed lunch and drink each day.

The camp is strictly a nut free camp



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LOST AND FOUND



Coats collected this month.

All uncollected coats will be donated by the end of the year.

If your child is also missing their school jumper,
we have a growing amount of uncollected school jumpers as well.