



**St Mary's Convent  
Primary School**

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**Imlitir 24**  
27 June 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of another busy school year, I want to congratulate our students on their achievements this year. Their eagerness to learn and excel has resulted in great progress and accomplishments. We are immensely proud of their growth in knowledge and skills, which have laid a solid foundation for their future learning journeys.

In the realm of sports, our students have showcased tremendous talent, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We have enjoyed considerable successes in our various teams but the pupils have also showed dedication and a desire to improve and we are always delighted with how they represent the school on these occasions.

Our students have also excelled in the arts, displaying their creativity and talent in various forms. From performing in assemblies and end of year events, these activities have not only enriched their educational experience but also helped them develop confidence and a deeper appreciation for the arts.

A special mention goes to our 6th class students, who are preparing to transition to secondary school. This is a significant milestone. Their journey through St. Mary's has been marked by growth, learning, and friendship. As they move on to new schools, we wish them every success and happiness. We are confident that they will continue to thrive in their new environments and make positive contributions to their new school communities. We were delighted to host a lovely evening for them last Wednesday evening and it was nice to get a chance to chat to parents and grandparents.

Our first-class boys are now moving into second class, congratulations on your progress and achievements this year. We are excited to see you continue your journey at St. Michael's. Your transition marks the beginning of a new chapter filled with exciting learning opportunities and experiences. Monday's graduation was a great way to celebrate their time here in St Mary's.

Our achievements this year would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of our staff. Their commitment to providing a high-quality education and nurturing environment for our students is always apparent, ensuring that each child receives the support and encouragement they need to thrive. Thank you to our teachers, SNAS, support staff, and particularly Rebecca, Lara and Frank for their hard work and perseverance. I would also like to say thank you to Ms. Nally our Deputy Principal who has been an invaluable support during my first year in St Mary's.

**School  
Closes on  
Friday  
28th June  
at 11:50**

I would also like to thank you, the parents and guardians, for your continued interest and involvement in school activities. Your partnership with the school has greatly contributed to the success and happiness of our students. I would like to thank the Parents Association who have been an invaluable support to the school and wish those who are moving on from the committee well in the future.

Have a wonderful summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming you back in the new school year.

Warm regards,

**Fergal Kelly**

**Principal**

**School Reports were released** on the Aladdin Connect app last week. If you still have not signed up for that, please contact the office and they will assist you. You will be able to access reports on the app as well as other alerts and messages.

*Nath na Seachtaine:* **Comhghairdeachas! Congratulations!**  
**Tá an samhradh buailte linn! Summer is here!**

*Seanfhocal na Míosa:* **Is glas iad na cnoic i bhfad uainn! The hills in the distance are green**

## GREEN NEWS

### **Green Flag Raising Event**

Today the whole school will be wearing green as we celebrate and raise our newest **Green flag for Global Citizenship - Travel.**

It has been a great two years working towards this Green Flag. The Green Flag Committee, pupils, teachers, SNAs, and parents have contributed by walking, cycling, car pooling, using buses, walking with and assisting with the Walking Bus and remembering not to idle in the car park while waiting for pupils. It was a collective effort and should be celebrated!

### **COW (CYCLING ON WEDNESDAYS) NEWS**

Last month 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.

For Parents of current 1<sup>st</sup> class and 5<sup>th</sup> class

# CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2025



## Confirmation Day

- **Friday 31 January**  
(Ceremony times to be finalised)

## Confirmation - Meeting with parents in Trim Church

- **Tuesday 1 October 6pm**  
St Michael's NS & Boardsmill NS
- **Tuesday 1 October 6.30pm**  
St Mary's NS & Gaelscoil na Boinne

## Confirmation First Mass of Preparation

- **Sunday 13 October**  
(Ceremonies to be finalised)



## First Holy Communion

- **Saturday 10 May 12 noon** Boardsmill NS
- **Saturday 10 May 2pm** Gaelscoil na Boinne
- **Saturday 24 May 12 noon** St Michael's NS
- **Saturday 24 May 2pm** St Mary's NS

## First Holy Communion - Meeting with parents in Trim Church

- **Tuesday 8 October 6pm**  
St Michael's NS & Boardsmill NS
- **Tuesday 8 October 6.30pm**  
St Mary's NS & Gaelscoil na Boinne

## First Holy Communion - First Mass of Preparation

- **Sunday 20 October** (ceremonies to be finalised)

Fr John and I take this opportunity to thank you for your tremendous support throughout the year and to wish you a refreshing and well deserved summer holidays. We very much look forward to working closely with you again in September.

With renewed thanks and best wishes,

Fr Paul

# SCHOOL NEWS

## TOYS FOR JUNIOR INFANT CLASSES

Dear Parents, If any homes are doing a **toy clear out** Junior Infants would love some of your pre loved toys for our Aistear areas.

Some examples of items that we would love- anything for our home area( dolls clothes, dolls, cots, small table and chairs, ironing boards, washing machine etc) construction toys, Lego, cars, dress up/costumes, full Jigsaws, games etc.

**\*\*Please do not send in broken toys or items with missing parts as space is restricted\*\***. Toys will be given a good home in Junior Infants.

With thanks,  
Junior Infant Team

## WORLD REFUGEE DAY

A very big thank you to all who helped with the World Refugee Day fundraiser. We raised a total of **€1100.00**

Thanks to Ms O'Connor for organising the Heaven@Eleven and to all those who baked and brought in the goodies.

Thank you to Mr Galligan and the girls in Room 30 for taking the time to make the beautiful bookmarks - they raised more than €120 selling them!

Thanks to all the parents who sent in donations and to the class teachers for collecting the no-uniform donations.

The funds will be shared with both Unicef and MSF who are working on the ground in Gaza .

## UKELELE LESSONS

Ukulele lessons will continue for 4th , 5th and 6th in September.

The school has a supply of ukulele instruments for sale. The cost is €50 each. They are the same as the ones used by Music Generation and are a very good quality - they hold their tuning longer than most others. Please contact the school if you'd like to buy a ukulele before school closes for the summer.

If you own your own ukulele , the cost of lessons is only €25 for the year.

If you'd like to rent a ukulele from September - June , the cost of lessons and rental is €50 in total.

If you rent for a second year , you can keep the ukulele as you have covered the cost.

Please return all rented ukuleles as soon as possible and by the end of this week at the latest.

Thank you to Stephen Fagan and Music Generation for facilitating the lessons this year.

# SPORTS NEWS



## ACTIVE SCHOOLS & WELLBEING WEEK

The pupils and staff enjoyed last week celebrating Active Schools Week & Wellbeing Week. The pupils had the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities; table tennis, cycling skills, Pitch and Putt, camogie, football, visits to Trim Castle, town Sensory Garden, bubbles & chalk fun, Bootcamp, bracelet making, dancing and Mindful moments and wellbeing walks. A huge thank you to the staff of St. Mary's who volunteered their time and shared their coaching skills with the pupils.

The sun was shining for our annual Sports Day last Thursday. A special thank you to our Parents Association for supplying some healthy refreshments. The YELLOW team won this year.

The Rounders match between the 6th class pupils and the teachers was good fun. Congratulations to the 6th class pupils who won the game!





## ROUNDERS

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our Rounders Team who won the Meath Division Championship on Wednesday 5th June. The girls played their hearts out and sailed through their group games defeating Cannistown N.S, St. Mary's N.S Ashbourne, St.Mary's Enfield and in the final Kenstown N.S.

Congratulations Sophia Finnerty, Lucia Kelliher, Heather Sloan, Julia Bielenin, Sara Mary Elmo, Maja Greene, Isobel Byrne, Gemma Edwards, Maria de las Merceder Conde, Eve Kane, Aisling Chikezie, Rebecca O'Brien, Ava Johnson, Isabella Mc Intyre- Kelliher, Robyn Lacey, Fiyinfolunna Onagooruwa, Naoise Flannery, Tamsin Haughey, Eva Daniels, Sadbh O'Neill for bringing home the trophy. Well done!



Some of our other students took part in various sports competitions and proudly brought home the trophy. Here are some photos taken.



# 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.

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| <b>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.</b> |               |
| <b>TO BE PAID ONLINE</b>   |               |
| <b>Visual Arts materials, Photocopying, Admin Fee</b>  | <b>€45.00</b> |
| <b>Pupil Protector Personal Accident Insurance 24/7 Cover (Voluntary payment)</b>  | <b>€9.00</b>  |
| <b>Contribution for Computers per Family [Unchanged since 2008] (Voluntary)</b>  | <b>€50.00</b> |

## 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.

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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                          |

# Parents Association

## Used Uniform Sale

We are having our Used Uniform Sale on **Thursday, 9am -9:30 am and 1:50pm to 3:30pm** in the School Library. All sale items will be €2 each.

We will be taking donations of items until Thursday and children can wear their own clothes from Wednesday to facilitate donating items. We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday!

## Used Book Sale

Thank you to all who donated books for the Used Book Sale. Unfortunately we didn't have enough books to proceed with the sale. We are postponing the sale to the new school year. You are welcome to continue to donate any books that you may have. We will arrange a new date and keep you updated.

Finally, a heartfelt word of thanks for all the support you have given to all our projects throughout the school year. Also a special word of thanks to everyone who has helped at any events and activities. We appreciate all of the time and effort you have dedicated to the Parents Association.

We wish everyone a wonderful Summer Holidays!

## LOST AND FOUND



# MEATH LIBRARIES

## **Summer Stars Reading Adventure 2024**

Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries from the beginning of June until the end of August. This year we have a special mission for our Summer Stars Readers. We need your help to get our Library Bus to Paris in time for the 2024 Olympics. Our bus is fuelled by “Leabhar Power”! For each book that you read, the bus can travel 100 metres. The journey to Paris is 1,166 kilometres so we need you to read lots of books to get the bus there in time for the Opening Ceremony on July 26th. Then we’ll have to make the return journey home. So get down to your library and register for the Reading Adventure, get reading, and get the bus on the road!.

## **Reading Reward Lucky Dip**

When you visit to get your Reading Booklet stamped you will get to pick a reward from our **Lucky Dip Box** that's filled with mini surprises.

## **Leabhar Power Prize Draw Ticket**

You can also earn a Leabhar Power Prize Draw Entry Ticket. Every golden ticket gives you 1 entry in to our end of Summer Prize Draw. We have a Prize Bundle to be won in each of our libraries in 2 age categories. Younger readers can win a really cute Reading Buddy Soft Toy plus some books and crafts, while older readers have a chance to win a Prize bundle filled with books, vouchers and more. The more you read the more tickets you can earn to enter the prize draw.

## **Homework Pass**

Meath Libraries are partnering with Meath Primary Schools to encourage children to read. We have asked all the schools in the county to allow us to award a Homework Pass to any child participating in our Reading Adventure who reads 8 or more books. For anyone with reading difficulties we can adjust the target. We understand that not everyone will reach the 8 book target and we want to help everyone achieve their own personal goals.

Homework Passes will be awarded at the end of the summer with Reading Certificates. Also if you want to participate in the " Homework Pass" please email your school details to: [cbrecknell@meathcoco.ie](mailto:cbrecknell@meathcoco.ie)

## **Summer Stars Events Programme**

We have lots of free events lined up for July and August so make sure to book in at your local library for some fun activities and entertainment. There will be Arts and Crafts, .

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!

**SCHOOLS 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

**SCHOOLS OUT  
SUN'S OUT  
Summer Camp**

Child 1 ..... Age .....

Child 2 ..... Age .....

Child 3 ..... Age .....

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

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Darby Print Trim 085 2042545

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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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

**Incoming Junior Infants are welcome!!!**

## 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

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Name\': \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies/Medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Any other relevant information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Children should bring a packed lunch and drink each day.  
 \*The camp is strictly a nut free camp\***



## **Running in Jiggle 'n' Jump for the 8 weeks over Summer**

**\*NCS applies if you are booking for 3 or  
more weeks for childcare**

**9.30am till 2.30pm (option till 5.30pm if  
needed)**

**Book in all 8 weeks for €100 per week,  
5-7 weeks for €110 per week, and 1-4  
weeks for €120 a week \***

**Themed weeks with lots of outdoor  
activities and learning new skills.  
Games, competitions, Art & Crafts,  
nature hunts, picnics, water games,  
Lego, painting, talent shows,  
Charades, puzzles, quizzes.....and lots  
of fun with friends!**

**Contact Julie on 0868505310 or Jiggle 'n' Jump  
Facebook Page**



**Sibling Club will be running again for €38 a week.**

Class pick up will be at St. Mary's School at 1.50pm (can arrange from 12 noon for the first 2 weeks) for the hour until 2nd pick up at 2.50pm.

We have a fantastic play area, loads of games, Art & Craft and lots of fun with friends.

Jiggles 'n' Jump is conveniently located beside St. Mary's and it is run by vetted, fully insured, and Tusla registered staff.

Contact Julie on 0868505310 or contact through the Trim After School or Jiggle 'n' Jump Facebook page.

# Do you have a young carer at home who helps to support a sibling with additional needs?



Sibshops are fun and interactive workshops for children aged 8-12 years who have a sibling with additional care needs at home.

Workshops include

## Games, Activities & Healthy Snacks!

As well as being great fun, Sibshops are a good opportunity for siblings to get together and chat about the positive and challenging parts of being a young carer.

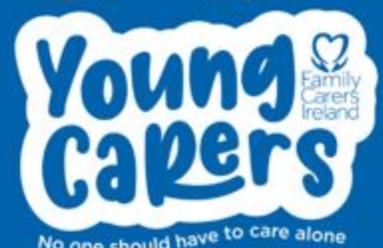
**Venue:** Trim FRC Bungalow, 15 Wellington Av., Trim, Co. Meath C15 FC03

**Date:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Time:** 2pm-4.30pm



**Registration is essential - to enquire/book, email: [youngcarers@familycarers.ie](mailto:youngcarers@familycarers.ie)**





## ACADEMY TV - CASTING CALL



**DO YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOTBALL'S NEXT BIG STAR OR PITCH SIDE REPORTER??**

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6-14 THIS YEAR & COMPLETELY SOCCER MAD THEN THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!!

To APPLY!

Send a video clip to us explaining a little bit about yourself!

What club do you play for?

Why do you love soccer?

if you had the chance to ask your favourite soccer player a question what would you ask them?

Why you think you should be one of Academy TV's young reporters?

For further info contact: **+353 85 138 5667** | Email: **[chloeoneilldingle@gmail.com](mailto:chloeoneilldingle@gmail.com)**



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