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13th March 2025

Subject: Invitation to Parent Consultation Meeting on School Amalgamation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Just to remind you of **tonight's** important meeting regarding the **future of St. Michael's and St. Mary's Schools**. This meeting is an important opportunity to give parents and guardians a chance to voice their thoughts on a possible amalgamation of St Mary's and St Michael's schools. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, share feedback, and collaborate on solutions that best serve our pupils and families. **This meeting is for parents only** as children will get their say in the consultations organised in the school. Staff consultations are currently ongoing in both schools.

Please join us tonight at 7.30pm in St Mary's School Hall. Entrance is around the side of the school on the Summerhill road side. A reminder also that there is a poll sent out on aladdin connect. Please fill this in if you are attending.

School Football and Athletics. Well done to our football team who won all the rounds in the mini-7's competition so far in Meath and are through to the finals. Best of luck also to our cross country running squad next Thursday, 20th March in Navan Adventure Centre as they strive to follow up successes earlier in the year.

Odd Socks day for Down Syndrome will be held this year on **Friday, 21st May**. The children can wear odd socks with their normal uniform. There is no pressure on the children to bring money on the day but if they wish they can donate and it will be collected in the classroom and sent to the Down Syndrome association. As part of our Mercy tradition and inclusive ethos, we like to support such events.

Kayleigh. Best of luck to our visiting teacher Kayleigh Trappe who is in the final of ***Dancing with the Stars*** on Sunday night. Kayleigh has worked in the school on occasions and visited classes and spoken at assemblies. Kayleigh is also an advocate for speaking Irish and valuing our culture and its traditions which is an important role especially in the week that we celebrate all things Irish.

Parents Association. Thank you to our busy parents association for all their help during the book sale and all the other recent events. Their help is much appreciated by the school.

Fergal Kelly
Principal



SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH / APRIL

Seachtain na Gaeilge

10-14th March 2025

Wearing green for Green Day

Friday, 14th March

Cupán tae (tuismitheoiri)

Friday, 14th March at 9.30am sa seomra foirne

School closed for St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday

Monday, 17th March

Odd socks for Down Syndrome Day

Friday 21st March

Daffodil Day

Friday, 28th March

Whole school closure for In-service training

Monday 24th March

School Closed for staff training on New Maths

Curriculum

Thursday, 3rd April

Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion

Sunday, 30th March at 11am

The Big Sing

Friday 4th April

Wearing blue for Autism Awareness and Easter

Holidays

Friday, 11th April

HSE VISION AND HEARING TEST

Junior Infants and some of our new students in Senior Infants were given the HSE School Vision and Hearing Consent Forms. We ask the parents to fill up the form and return it to the class teacher as soon as possible. HSE will collect the forms on Friday, 28th March .

Lá Glas



Seachtain na Gaeilge and Green Day. We will all be **wearing green** tomorrow to celebrate all things Irish. We will have a ceolchoirm in the morning where various classes will be performing rincí Gaelacha agus drámaíocht. This will be followed by a céili (Irish dancing) and a tráth na gceist (quiz). Best of luck to all our performers and pupils participating in the activities. Parents/guardians/grandparents of children in the concert etc are welcome to attend in the school hall at 9.30am. Parents can come to the staffroom where they can have a cupán tae and speak beagán Gaeilge tar eis an ceolchoirm. Ms Nally, Aisling, Éilis and Sienna will host.

GLANMORE FOOD ADDS EXTRA MEALS TO THE MENU

From next week Glanmore Foods will be adding two additional items to Wednesday's Menu:

- **Chicken curry with fluffy rice and peppers**
- **Chicken casserole with potatoes and vegetables**

These are now available for parents/students to order via the Glanmore Foods app.

SCHOOL NEWS

WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

World Book Day took place last **Thursday, March 6th**. To celebrate this special day pupils and staff dressed up as book characters of their choice.



WORK OF THE WEEK

The children's work of the week is displayed in the front foyer and we have purchased frames to make a presentation that shows the various work of the pupils in all the classes. Parents are welcome to view the presentation at any time particularly if your child's work is displayed. The presentation reflects St Patrick's day currently and all our seasonal activities.

MINI 7S

The Girls' Mini 7's team have made it to the county final! They qualified from the regional competition winning all their games along the way. The finals will be held in Dunganny on Wednesday, 26th March.

Well done girls!



7 MASS CHALLENGE

We are now in the season of Lent. We would encourage the children to make some small sacrifice over the coming weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. This may be in the form of giving up treats of some sort or helping those around us more. Traditionally, the three practices to be taken up with renewed vigour during Lent are prayer, fasting and charity.

We are also encouraging the children to take on the 7 MASS CHALLENGE to attend the six Sunday Masses and one other during the season of Lent. Cards are available at the School Office.

MUSIC NEWS

Córfhéile 2025

Well done to students from fifth and sixth class and the Banna Ceoil who participated in Córfhéile na Scoileanna at the National Basketball Arena in Dublin on Wednesday, 5th March. The judges' comments perfectly encapsulated the effort and performance. Córfhéile na Scoileanna aims to provide a platform for music activities, and enables children to share in and enjoy the performances of other groups, free from the stress of competition. Our group provided the assembled audience with a mixture of music, song and dance.

A variety of instruments were used during our performance – ukuleles, tin whistles, harps, accordions, concertinas, a violin, a guitar and a flute. We thank our caretaker, Frank, as well as Stephen Fagan from *Music Generation* who joined the group on stage for the performance. Stephen has been teaching the pupils how to play the ukulele for some time now and the school has benefited greatly from his advice and experience. We also thank the parents who joined us in Dublin and who kindly recorded a few videos for us. Here are the links to the videos. They are also available on the school website www.stmarystrim.ie.

https://youtu.be/UjFX_7JWsi4

<https://youtu.be/-MtAAtvT8wk>

<https://youtu.be/-NJ3lu7Ao0I>



The group also performed for us at our school assembly last Friday which launched our Seachtain na Gaeilge week.

Well done to all involved!
Comhghairdeachas!



THE BIG SING will take place on April 4th. An email with all of the details will be sent out next week. Don't forget to book your tickets!

GREEN NEWS

This year we are joining Trim Climate Action Group in the St Patrick's Day parade as Eco Warriors. Some girls from Room 31 and others on Green Flag committee have been busy working on the props and have come up with some amazing 'home-grown' ideas for the Parade.

We have a great tradition of promoting our Green Flag themes every year in the parade so that we can pass on the important message about protecting our planet. The world is our Common Home as Pope Francis tells us.

Anyone who would like to walk with the school delegation must fill in a consent form and return it tomorrow.

Our Green Flag theme is 'Food and Biodiversity'. *Remember Green is cool at home and at school!*



Parents Association

USED BOOK SALE

The Parents' Association would like to thank everyone for their support during our USED BOOK SALE.

We raised €805.00.

PA Meeting

We invite you all to join us in our next Parents Association meeting on **Friday 21st March at 9:15am.**

We will be discussing the **ANTI-BULLYING POLICY.**

Kind Regards

Natache Sadler



DWTS

Final 2025: Sun 16th March



Best Wishes

KAYLEIGH

**TEXT "KAYLEIGH"
TO 53125 TO VOTE!
(DURING THE SHOW ONLY)**



After School Emergency Relief staff members required

If you meet the requirements, you will be added to a contact list for when the After School needs an additional staff member to cover. You may be given advance notice, or it may be at short notice. It could be to cover several mornings/afternoons during the week, or just one here and there as needed. Although a certain amount of flexibility is required, as you will be part of a pool of relief staff, you can advise of your availability at the time, and possibly work around other commitments you may have.

€14.00 p/h (above industry minimum wage if 16-20 years old)

It would be desirable for a candidate to have:

- Minimum of 1 years' experience working with children 4yrs-12yrs
- Experience coming up with ideas to entertain kids, and willing to be silly and have fun playing games
- Friendly and patient demeanour
- Ability to work off own initiative and work well with others
- Excellent communication skills
- Flexibility as you could be called in at short notice to cover anytime Monday to Friday between the hours of 8-9am (€17.50 per morning) or between 1.30pm – 5.30pm, or between 9.30am-5.30pm during school holidays (Minimum working hours 2.5 hours cover per day term time, and 4 hours cover per day non-term time).

Main Duties and responsibilities for Afterschool :

- Supervising and supporting the Afterschool Children to complete homework in a timely manner
- Supporting afterschool team to ensure effective communication and planning of Art, games, sports, snacks and other activities
- Observing, monitoring and recording where necessary the wellbeing of the children.
- Maintaining accurate attendance records on the children, keeping within ratio and adhering to other regulatory requirements.
- Meeting and greeting parents in a positive and friendly manner each day.

****A successful candidate will only be able to start after Garda Vetting and receipt of 2 verified references.***



CHECK IT FITS IS COMING TO:

MEATH

19/03 - O'Brien's SuperValu Kells

20/03 - Aldi Trim

21/03 - Aldi Ashbourne



Visit www.rsa/checkitfits to find out more.

RSA checks from 10:30am to 5:00pm.

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Wren and Mabel

Sewing, Dressmaking and Craft Classes

My name is Michelle and I teach sewing and craft classes through my business Wren and Mabel in Meath and Louth. My business is focused on sustainability and a circular economy. I want to share my sewing and dressmaking skills so people can mend, alter, restyle and create their own clothes. My classes include complete beginners, alterations, dressmaking and lampshade making. My classes are in Carlanstown, Trim, Navan and Dunleer. I am also available for one to one tuition and private group workshops. Please see my all my upcoming workshops for March and April.

To know more about the schedule of classes please email
hello@wrenandmabel.ie

**WE'RE
BACK!**

EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, TRIM

Dates: 14th-17th April

Times: 10am-2pm

Cost: €80 per child. Discount for siblings.

Contact : 046 943 1919 / 086 304 3462

Action Packed Fun for 4 - 12 year olds!

- Creative Easter themed arts & crafts activities
 - Wide variety of games & sports
- Baking tasty treats to eat and take home
- Fun science experiments • Face painting
 - Easter egg hunt

Children will need to bring a packed lunch & drink every day. All activities are fully supervised and insured at all times. The camp activities cater for both junior & senior age groups. Should you wish to enrol your child please complete and return application form overleaf with camp fee and return to St. Mary's Primary School, Trim.



Camp is subject to approval from BOM

APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Class: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Contact: _____

Please state if your child has any allergies or medical conditions:

Receipt

Date: _____

The sum of € _____ received from _____

for Easter Camp.

With thanks

St. Mary's Primary School