

SCHOOL NEWS

Blackfriary Archaeological Dig

On Wednesday 5th June, the girls in **Second Class (Room 14)** and **Third Class (Room 16)**



walked up to the Blackfriary Archaeological Dig near SuperValu.

The girls spoke with the head archaeologists who explained why they are digging there and what they have found so far. The girls then got to hold ancient pieces of pottery, marble and animal bones that were found there since the dig began almost 15 years ago. Some of these pieces are over 700 years old so the girls were very careful when holding them! They also got to see archaeological students from all over the world helping at the dig.

The dig is open to the public on Wednesday afternoons and it would be a lovely way to spend a few hours on a nice sunny afternoon. Sincere thanks to archaeologists Mark, Laura, Fiona and Finn for their warmth, friendliness and patient explanations.



BOSCA ICE CREAM TREAT

It was that time of year again where every class went to Bosca for some ice cream. Even slushies were available for the children who were allergic or did not like ice creams.

Thanks also to Bosca for giving complimentary coffee to staff members who accompanied the children.



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COMMUNION DAY

Congratulations to the Second Class girls of Room 14 and 15 who received their First Holy Communion at St. Patrick's Church on 24th May. It was a wonderful occasion for everyone who had gathered in the church and the girls prepared for a long time for this and had a great day.

We would like to thank the Parents' Association for their ongoing support and for all their efforts in making the day so special for the children. After the ceremony they hosted a reception for the recipients and their families at the school.



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GAEILGE

St Mary's was **awarded another Gaelbhratach** for the great efforts we are making to use Gaelige in everyday life.

Bronntar Gaelbhratach eile orainn de bharr an sár-iarracht a rinneamar chun an Gaeilge a chur chun cinn timpeall na scoile.

Fourteen girls travelled to Roscrea to represent the school and enjoyed lots of fun activities using their Irish. They met pupils from other schools around Ireland who are working on their Gaeilge too.

Bhí ceol, rince, cluichí agus craic acu! Bhí na cailíní an-mhaith. Bhíomar an-bhródúil astu!



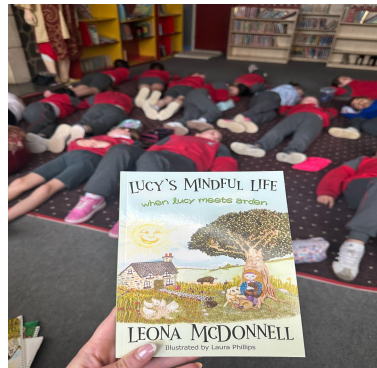
SPELLING BEE EVENT

Saoirse Barry took part in the Leinster Spelling Bee in Eason's on O'Connell St. on Thursday, May 29th. Saoirse did exceptionally well, making it to the last four. We could not be more proud! **Congratulations Saoirse.**



MINDFULNESS WITH ROOM 15

Room 15 really enjoyed a mindfulness session with Leona McDonnell in the library. After reading part of the book we did a little bit of yoga, grounding our roots and imitating the tree in the story. Leona wrote her own book called When Lucy meets Arden. We really enjoyed listening to Leona talk about her book and what inspired her to write it.



Parents Association

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Many thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their Saturday afternoon recently to help out at our Communion reception and also to all our helpers on Sports Day. Your assistance as always with our events is very much appreciated.

We have just two events left this school year that the PA are seeking volunteers for:

6th Class Graduation: Wednesday 25th June – thank you to all who have volunteered to help already. An additional 2-3 helpers to help set up and serve refreshments between 6.45pm and 8.15pm in the evening would be much appreciated.

Used Uniform Sale: Friday 27th June – seeking 4 helpers to help with the sale between 9am – 9.30am / 11.15am – 12.15pm.

If you are in a position to help out with any of the above, please do contact us at pa@stmarystrim.ie with your name and contact details and we will be in touch.

USED UNIFORM SALE
On **Friday 27th June**, the Parents Association will be holding a Used Uniform Sale. We hope that families can benefit from this recycling project.

We are asking for donations of used uniforms and school tracksuit items. If you would like to donate items for the sale, they can be brought to the school office from **Wednesday 18th June** onwards. Please ensure that items are in a clean and wearable condition.

The students will also be allowed to wear their own clothes on the last day of school to allow uniform items and tracksuits that are no longer needed to be donated.

The sale will take place on **Friday 27th June** from **9:00am – 9.30am** and again from **11:15am to 12:15pm** in the School Library.

Second hand uniform items can be purchased for **€2** each.

We appreciate your support in this project.

Warmest regards

Natache Sadler

Chairperson – St. Mary's Parents' Association

END OF YEAR SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE



Donations:
Wednesday 18th June – Friday 27th June