

Mercy Primary Newsletter November 2023



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Dear parents and guardians,

November went in the blink of an eye, starting with our very successful PA quiz, followed by the late school start thanks to Storm Debi, our parent teacher meeting from Senior Infants to sixth and finishing [our history evaluation]. It was action packed! It was also a month where we took time to remember those who are no longer with us. Our Remembrance Tree in reception was visited by classes at different times during the month.

We look forward to meeting our Junior infant parents in January.

Cathal Ruane *Trish Kelly*

IMPORTANT DATE

Christmas Carol Service

December 14th

Junior Infants – 2nd Class :

1:20pm – 2:10pm

3rd – 6th Class : 7pm - 8pm

Venue : Church of Our Lady and
St David's

Basketball Blitz

Our basketball team are training hard for their next match on December 15th in Kill. Sincere thanks to their coach, Ms. Smyth for all the training and dedication she gives each Friday.



New Board of Management 2023 -2027

Our new board of Management has been elected. The Board is made up of the following members :

Chairperson : Trevor Macnamara ;
Secretary & Principal : Cathal Ruane,
Staff Representative : Laura McGlynn
Patron Representatives : Fr. Liam Morgan & Trevor Macnamara.
Parent Representatives : Kenneth Henry & Tracy Mullen.
Community Representatives : Deirdre White & Ann-Marie Fiely.



Full Attendance: Year to date: 94.6%
November: 94.4%

We are delighted to see our pupils at school and we are actively tracking attendance through its regular procedures.

In case your child isn't feeling well, it is crucial that they remain at home until they have recovered. Additionally, please make sure to inform the school about your child's absenteeism. You can insert your child's absenteeism using Aladdin Connect. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Our end of term attendance awards will take place before we break for the Christmas break.

SAVE THE
DATE



Our Parents Association have kindly organized our Spring Clothes Collection for February 9th 2024.



Christmas Food Appeal/Charity Collection

Children will be invited to donate nonperishable items in the coming weeks. These will be given to Naas Point. Many thanks to Ms. Deely and our Student Council for organizing this.

Every Day Counts



Third Class Junior Einstein Library Trip

Our third class paid a visit to Naas library for the Junior Einstein Science experience. The children enjoyed learning about smoke rings, the tesla coil, making static electricity, oobleck slime and elephant toothpaste to mention a few.



We welcomed two Department of Education Inspectors into our school on November 22nd & 23rd. They came to complete an evaluation of history within the school. It was a very pleasant two days and enjoyed by all. They were very complimentary of the school, pupils and staff and their findings are listed below. The picture on the right is a taken from our school display area that was showcasing artefacts from our school's own history.

6th Class bog talk

Our two sixth classes met with Nuala from Irish Peatland Conservation Council. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about Ireland's wild peatlands.



Our Digital Learning

Classes from 2nd to 6th have been busy collaborating to create some amazing stories using the **Book Creator** app.



Funded by the
European Union

ERASMUS We are thrilled to announce our acceptance into the Erasmus + program, with approved funding from the European Union for a group of teachers to visit schools in Slovenia and Spain. Our Erasmus + team will begin working on a project 'Learning Through Play' in January and we look forward to sharing their experiences and discoveries with you."



Junior Infant Enrolment
Infant enrolment for junior infants will begin on **Monday 15th January** and close **Friday 2nd of February**. Please keep an eye on our school website or contact the office for more information.

Evaluation Area	The quality continuum award levels – Weak / Fair / Satisfactory / Good / Very Good
Quality of pupils' learning outcomes	We were evaluated as being - <u>Very Good</u>
Supporting pupils' learning through learning experiences and teachers' practice	We were evaluated as being - <u>Very Good</u>
The effectiveness of school planning, including SSE, in progressing pupils' learning	We were evaluated as being - <u>Very Good</u>
Level 1 – Child Protection & Anti Bullying Inspection	Compliant or Not Compliant – We were evaluated as being fully compliant