

Mercy Primary

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates for your diary

- **School closure -Friday June 7th – due to the local elections**
- **Active Week June 10th – 17th**
- **Fun runs Junior -1st Tuesday 11th & 2nd – 6th Wednesday 12th**
- **Graduation for 6th class June 20th**
- **School holidays Friday June 21st 12noon**

Dear parents and guardians,

We hope this message finds you well. It's been another action-packed month. From many sporting events to our second class receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion May didn't disappoint! Some of our teachers travelled to Slovenia on Erasmus to learn more about educational methodologies and practices too. Our Senior Football Team gave us an afternoon of fantastic football in Moorefield for their Cumann na mBunscoil Division One final. Not to be outdone, our Under 12 Camogie Team also had their matches. Our Student Council provided great assistance as we welcomed families to our Junior Infant Induction afternoons. We received the fantastic news from the Department of Education and finished May with our first ever Creative Arts week. Fun-run training is in full swing and we're looking forward to our Active Schools week. Wishing all our families a wonderful long weekend, Slán

Cathal Ruane



Saturday, May 18th marked a special day for the children in our school receiving the Sacrament of First Communion in the Church of Our Lady & St. David. Fr. Liam celebrated a beautiful mass. The girls and their families came back to school where our Parents Association with the assistance of First class parents provided refreshments. Aisling Conway, our local photographer was also on hand to take photographs. It was a special day for many families in our school community. Sincere thanks to Fr. Liam, Trish O'Neill, our Parish Co-Ordinator, Class Teachers Mr. O'Dwyer and Ms. Loughnane for having the girls so well prepared.



May is the month of Mary and our classes took time to visit our Sacred space in reception. Throughout the month we had poems, hymns in honour of Mary at our weekly assemblies.



Our talented School Choir held their annual summer recital in the Chamber room in Naas library this week. The girls sang a repertoire of songs including 'Edelweiss', 'Climb every mountain' and 'Electricity'. They had fantastic participation from audience with their rendition of 'The Fields of Athenry'. We said farewell to our 6th class members, Cliona, Eleanor and Lauren. Thanks as always to their teachers, Emma MacNerney and Sarah Donnan.



Bhuaigh na cáilíní comortais scríbhneoireachta le déanaí.

Gaeilge

Congratulations to Meisi, Petra and Kali from Ms. Deely's 3rd class. Here they're being presented with their certificates and prizes from Sarah Walsh from Cill Dara le Gaeilge.



Our school attendance from August '23 - May '24 was **93.8%**. Attendance in April was **94%**. For the month of May attendance was also **94%**.



**FREE from smartphones,
FREE from social media,
FREE to be kids.**

We have very exciting news to share. In a few days' time, all Primary Schools in Naas will be announcing our upcoming "Go Phone Free" initiative, inviting parents and guardians to agree together with their children to the following code:



No smartphones while in primary school.



No social media while in primary school.



Respect the age rating on video games.

More information on this initiative, and the accompanying parents' information evening provisionally scheduled for 18 September 2024 at 8 pm, will be sent via Aladdin shortly.

Parents Association

The PA Summer clothes collection is on next **Wednesday June 5th**. Bags may be dropped the evening before, **Tuesday June 4th**, from 6pm – 8pm.

Our Parents Association together with other schools in the town of Naas will be announcing the "Go Phone Free" initiative. More information will follow in the coming days on Aladdin.



School Building Update

This week we received authorization from the Department of Education to notify the appointed contractor, Carroll O'Keeffe to begin work on the site. We expect work to commence onsite very soon.

SUMMER CLOTHES COLLECTION
WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE
Bags of clothes can be dropped to the school on Tuesday evening 4th June from 6pm to 8pm

WE ACCEPT	WE CAN'T ACCEPT
Adults clothes	End of line clothing
Children's clothes	Bedding
Pairs of shoes	Pillows
Hats/Scarves	Towels
Belts/Ties	Phones/Tablets
Soft Toys	

FUN RUN 2024

TUESDAY 11 JUNE
JUNIOR INFANTS - 1ST CLASS

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE
2ND - 6TH CLASS

JUNIOR INFANTS TO 1ST CLASS	2ND TO 4TH CLASS	5TH & 6TH CLASS
Face Painting following the race	Themed Dress Up - Superhero	Colour Run

Mercy Convent Sports

Our Senior football team had their Cumann na mBunscoil Division One final against Caragh NS in Moorefield Park, Newbridge. Our girls put in a tremendous effort but unfortunately it wasn't their day. We were and continue to be so proud of the girls, their dedication, commitment and drive. Huge thanks to their coaches Ms. Clifford, Mr. O'Shea and Mr. O'Dwyer.



Look at how Ms. Madigan & Ms. Rafter's first class embraced their Stem Creative Challenge using construction straws. #Future engineers in the making#

Our Mercy Value for the **month of May** was all about encouraging children to **celebrate their creativity**. Celebrating Creative schools week was a lovely way to bring the month to an end.



Our **Student Council** were of a huge help at our **Junior Infant Induction days**. With both Meet & Greet and talking to the incoming parents about their role in the school, they were excellent ambassadors and we were extremely proud of them.



Fun Run Fundraiser

On your marks, get set, go! We'll be hosting our fourth Fun-Run this year. As part of our Fun-run-raiser, we ask that where possible families and friends please sponsor their children. This is a key fundraiser with all monies raised split equally between our Autism class and new outdoor Aistear area both opening in September 2024. The children are putting in great effort daily with their training. Both days are always guaranteed to be fun and memorable for all involved.



We celebrated our first ever Creative Schools week this week. It started with **Lego workshops** for our junior infants. Take a look at their creations. Our Senior infants, first and second classes had a **creative dance workshop** whilst classes from third to sixth were actively engaged with **photographic activities**. With the help of our **Creative Schools Committee** we set up our

Art Exhibition for our whole school community to come and view. It showcases the numerous entries we had when we launched our first Creative School challenge earlier this year. We have extremely talented students bursting with creativity. We completed our week with a crazy hair day and again our students demonstrated great imagination with their crazy, creative hairstyles!



Crazy Hair Day

