

Mercy Primary Newsletter November 2024



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Dear parents and guardians,

November seems to have passed so quickly. Even as the temperatures plummet the endless learning and engaging activities around the school continues at pace. The girls in the senior classes have had great fun with the Tri Hero training and had a taster session of golf. Our Active Break Challenges have been warmly received by all ages.

We celebrated another very successful PA quiz in Naas GAA on the 15th. Our parent teacher meeting from Senior Infants to sixth were also held this month.

The last week has been busy getting ready for our annual Christmas Carol service. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with all our families.

Carol Ruane Irish Kelly

IMPORTANT DATE

Christmas Carol Service

December 12th 2024

Junior Infants – 2nd Class:

1:20pm – 2:10pm

3rd – 6th Class: 7pm - 8pm

Venue: Church of Our Lady and St David's

**NOW
ENROLLING**

Junior Infant Enrolment

Offer of places for Junior Infant enrolment is under way. The closing date for acceptance of places is **December 13th 2024**.



November was also a month we remembered and prayed for those who are no longer with us.



We've been thrilled with the support for the GO Phone Free initiative. To date we've had 93% of families signed up which is fantastic. We greatly appreciate your support.



Our Parents Association had a busy November! Building on the success of last year's quiz, this year's quiz didn't disappoint. Fantastic prizes were up for grabs. An astounding €2,609 was raised and this will assist with exciting activities planned during the year. The PA launched the "Coppers for Christmas" on November 22nd. Families have until December 6th to return the copper coins. Search everywhere in your house! All monies donated to a worthy cause. Finally, thinking about a wardrobe clear out – our next clothes collection is 9th January.

**Student
Council**

Student Council 2024-2025

Here are our student Council 2024-25 members. They have been busy assisting with assemblies and other important tasks and messages around the school.



**Gear up, Fill the Van!
Clothes Collection**

**Mercy Convent Primary School
Parents' Association Fundraiser**

Thursday 9th January

Bags can be dropped into the school hall from 6pm to 8pm;
Children can bring bags to school Thursday 9th & Friday 10th.

ACCEPTED ✓

- Adults clothes
- Childrens' clothes
- Pairs of shoes
- Hats, scarves, Belts, Ties
- Soft toys

NOT ACCEPTED ✗

- Bedding, Duvets
- Pillows, Cushions
- Blankets, Towels
- Tablets, Mobile Phones
- End of life clothing

'Coppers for Christmas'

Have you any spare change to donate for a Christmas Fundraiser?

We are seeking 5c, 2c, and 1c coins (or any other loose change) to contribute to the work of the Parents Association (a proportion of which will be donated to charity – see below).

Instructions:

- Separate out the coins into each money bag provided
- Where the value of the coins matches the specified amount on the bag (i.e. C5 in 5c or C2 in 2c) then please seal the money bag with a strip of Sellotape applied vertically
- Put all three money bags containing the coins into a Ziploc freezer bag with your child's name, class and teacher's name written clearly on the outside
- If you have extra coins (or coins of a higher value) then please place these loose into the freezer bag

Return the coins to the school by no later than Friday 6th December 2024!

Please note that a proportion of the funds raised will be donated to the Naas branch of St Vincent de Paul to assist local families who may be struggling with the cost of Christmas.

Basketball

This month our highly skilled basketball team played Scoil Bhríde, Naas and Scoil Bhríde, Kill. Our team showed praiseworthy skills, great determination and teamwork. There were narrowly defeated.



Full Attendance: Year to date: **95%**
November: 94%

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 important 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.



Garda Maureen Nerney, our community guard visited our junior classes this month. The children learned about many of her tasks as she helps people in our community and keeps us safe. She will meet the senior classes next month.



Alan Nolan

Our fourth classes got to meet Ireland's well known author and illustrator Alan Nolan last Wednesday in Barker & Jones. Alan chatted to them about his books and demonstrated step by step how to draw some of the characters from his books.

Sixth Class Hoodies

Our two sixth classes were delighted with the arrival of their "Class of '25" hoodies this month.



Our senior classes have enjoyed the Tri Hero training with Daithi and Emer. They also had the opportunity to try out some golf skills with Conor Devery, a coach from from Golf Ireland. Meanwhile our junior classes have been enjoying camogie/hurling with Emmet each Thursday.

