



MERCY CONVENT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....

I know everyone is really looking forward to the break starting today. It has been a very rewarding term since we opened on the 28 th of August, I sincerely hope your child has enjoyed and benefited from it too. The children have been brilliant, and they are credit to you. The staff and I really appreciate the support we have from our school community, and I thank you for that. It is hard to believe that this will be our final Christmas in the temporary building, roll on 2025.

To our wonderful staff, the effort, dedication, professionalism and kindness they bring to the school each day is evident for us all to see. I sincerely thank each one of them for all they do every day. I know we all wish them a very well-deserved rest!

Finally, to Ms. Kelly. As she leaves her role today, I hope she carries immense pride in all that she has achieved in the last three and a half years. She has an unbelievable dedication to the school and children which thankfully will now continue into her teaching role. I wish her well on the next chapter and I am extremely grateful for her support, friendship and tireless effort as Deputy Principal. Mr. Corkery will be the Acting Deputy Principal from January 6th until the position is filled permanently before the summer holidays.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh.

C Ruane

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We had a wonderful response to our raffle over the last week. We raised a whopping €2100.00 so thank you all for your generosity. We have two basketball courts in our new school and the aim was to raise money for backing boards and hoops. We were absolutely delighted last week when Kieron & Trish Gammell contacted us to sponsor one pair of hoops to a cost of €1200. The raffle money will pay for a second set and just under €1000.00 which will go to PE equipment for the new hall. We are extremely grateful and we look forward to showing you around our new school later in 2025.

MESSAGE FROM MS KELLY

Dear parents and guardians,

After much reflection, I have made the decision to step down as Deputy Principal in the Mercy Convent. With the growth in numbers attending the Mercy Convent the role of Deputy Principal is becoming a full-time administrative position in 2025. This imminent change helped me to realise that I miss teaching and being in the classroom. This has not been an easy decision; having worked tirelessly with Mr. Ruane, to create and maintain the wonderful school community.

While I will no longer be serving in the Deputy Principal role, I am pleased to share that I will continue to be part of the school community. As per Department of Education requirements, in order to relinquish my position I will commence job sharing from January 6th 2025 until the end of the academic year; I can then resume my full time position from September 2025.

I remain deeply committed to the Mercy Convent school and look forward to continuing to contribute in new ways.

Sincerest thanks, it has been a privilege to work with such dedicated parents and contribute to the growth and success of our students and school.

T Kelly





Our pupils had a fantastic time combining festive fun with learning! Ms. Humphrey's Senior Infants explored Bee-Bots, while Ms. Madigan's First Class got creative building Santa's sleigh using different materials as part of STEM.

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION



We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who contributed to our recent food collection. Special thanks to Ms. Deely for organising the initiative and to John for delivering the donations to Naas Point.

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

We are thrilled to announce that our Coppers for Christmas collection raised an incredible €2,648.20 (after expenses). As planned, 70% of the proceeds (€1,853.74) will go to St. Vincent de Paul, supporting local families in need this Christmas. We will use the remaining funds to help pay for some exciting events for the school children next year, more details will follow early in the new year. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed!

Pictured (L-R): Members of the Mercy Convent Primary Parent's Association – Sarah Hume, Sinead Morrissey, Jenni Dunne, Michelle Gaffney and Tamsin Jones – alongside Ray O'Mara and John Miley of St. Vincent de Paul.



Christmas Carol Service 2024

JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE



SENIOR CAROL SERVICE



Christmas at Mercy Convent

