



EDITION 4

MERCY CONVENT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

MAY '25



Happy mid break everyone!

We have had a very busy but productive half term since returning back after our Easter break. The weather made the time fly and allowed for plenty of outside of the classroom activities to take place. The First Holy Communion was one of the highlights and a special mention to our extremely supportive Parents' Association who organised a lovely celebration after for the girls and their families.

The final three weeks of June will be symbolic as, all going to plan, will be the final three weeks in temporary accommodation. It will be a great few weeks with so much happening. Thank you all in advance for the support with our Fun Run that is coming up, we really appreciate it.

Enjoy the week off, **C. Ruane**



UPCOMING EVENTS



- Mid Term Break 3rd-6th June incl
- Junior Fun Run 17th June
- Senior Fun Run 18th June
- Active Week 16th - 20th June
- School Tours June various dates
- Sixth Class Graduation 25th June
- Summer holidays 26th June - Infants 11:45am, all other classes 12noon



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

We had a beautiful First Holy Communion Ceremony on Saturday the 17th of May. The sun shone on our wonderful community who celebrated the occasion with reverence and sincerity.

A heartfelt thank you to our second Class teachers, Fr Liam, Trish, Deacon Laurence and the whole parish team for making it such a special occasion.

And of course a huge thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association who organised a fabulous reception in the school halla afterwards.



SPORTS UPDATE

FOOTBALL

Our amazing football squad reached the Cumann na mBunscol Division 1 Final which was held in Moorefield. They came up against a strong Scoil Bhríde team, Clane. They fought back with great heart and determination in the second half but it wasn't to be this year. Hard luck team, we are so proud of you all!

ATHLETICS

Our athletics team were out in force in Rathcoffey GAA and did incredibly well, finishing 2nd overall as a team! We're especially proud of one of our runners, Sophie who came in 1st place – what an amazing achievement!

CAMOGIE

Our camogie team have had a fantastic run this year, only to be stopped in extra time by Sallins. They left nothing behind on the pitch and scored a fantastic 6-8 in normal time, only to lose out narrowly in extra time. They played their hearts out and we are beyond proud of the entire squad!

RUGBY

Well done to our fantastic 4th and 5th Class Touch Rugby team who took part in a blitz at Naas Rugby Club! The girls represented our school with great spirit, teamwork and enthusiasm. Well done to everyone involved!

THANK YOU

To all the teachers who give their time to coaching these fantastic pupils!

Camogie–Mr Ruane, Ms Coughlan

Football–Mr D O'Flynn , Mr O'Shea

Athletics –Ms Jacob, Mr Corkery, Ms Woulfe

Tennis– Ms Woulfe , Ms Clancy

Basketball– Ms Smyth , Amalia

Rugby–Mr McCabe, Mr C O'Flynn



NEW JUNIOR INFANT INDUCTIONS

We were absolutely delighted to welcome all the new infant children who will be joining us in September.

It was lovely to see so many excited faces and we look forward to seeing them again soon as they begin their school journey with us!!

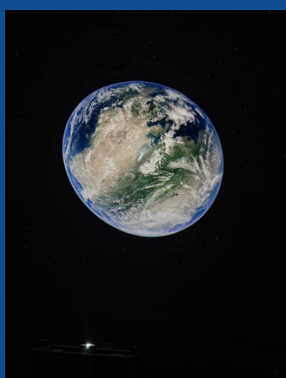
KILMAINHAM VISIT

Our 6th Class had a fantastic trip to Kilmainham Gaol in Dublin on Friday the 16th of May.

They explored the rich history of the wonderful site and soaked up the sunshine in the beautiful gardens of the Royal Hospital Kilmainham afterwards.



PLANET VORTEX!



Our pupils went on an incredible journey through time with Planet Vortex! A huge thank you to our Parents' Association for making this amazing experience possible!

COACHING

We are very lucky to have a number of coaches visiting our school every week to help upskill our pupils in collaborative games with Mario, camogie & football with Niall and rugby with Michal. The students really enjoy the fun and games!





GO PHONE FREE

We continue to explore ways to support healthy digital habits for our children – at home and in school.

This month, we're sharing two thought-provoking resources that offer real insight into the impact of screens on young minds:

Why Voluntary Codes Matter

In this recent Irish Examiner article, child and adolescent psychotherapist Colman Noctor shares his perspective on the importance of School Voluntary Phone Codes, and why communities working together can make a lasting difference [CLICK HERE](#)

Watch: "Our kids, their screens, the evidence"

A powerful, under-4-minute short film that lays out the research and risks in a clear and compelling way. [CLICK HERE](#)

MERCY CONVENT PRIMARY
SCHOOL

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

3RD TO 6TH CLASS

DO YOU ENJOY CREATING A PIECE OF ART? WE HAVE A CHALLENGE FOR YOU...

We're getting ready to print the fifth edition of our yearbook next month and we need your help! We're looking for some creative pupils to design artwork for the front and back covers. Would you like to see your art on the cover of our yearbook and be a part of Mercy Primary history?

What do you have to do?

Create a piece of art on A4 or A5 sized paper. You can do both if you want! The A4 artwork is for the front cover and the A6 artwork will be part of the back cover. Please remember to write your name and your teacher's name on the back. Finished entries can be given to Mr Corkery if your classroom is upstairs or to Jacinta if your classroom is downstairs or in the old school building. Blank A4 and A5 paper can be found on a table outside Jacinta's office, so feel free to take one if you'd like to enter. You can draw, colour, paint, create a collage, or use any materials you like to make your unique artwork. Just make sure there's no writing on it.

**The title for the piece of art is;
'At Long Last - Moving from the Temporary
School Building'**

Entries must be brought in on or before Wednesday 11th June. Selected pieces will be announced at assembly on Friday 13th and as many pieces as possible will be displayed on the school art noticeboard. If you have any questions, please ask Ms. Keogh, Mr. Corkery, Ms. Woulfe or Mr. Ruane.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Parents' Association Clothes Collection. We raised €360 and 10% will go to the LauraLynn Foundation!





RUGBY FIELD OF DREAMS

Our school was lucky enough to be selected to take part in Aldi Play Rugby at the Aviva Stadium! the girls had an unforgettable day, joined by proud parents and teachers as they stepped onto the same pitch as rugby legends.

They even got to meet Aldi Play Rugby ambassadors Paul O'Connell, Beibheann Parsons and Linda Djougang. A huge thank you to everyone involved!

CHOIR RECITAL



We were amazed and enthralled at the musical talents on display at our choir recital. A huge thanks to Ms MacNerney, Ms Donnan, Ms Meehan and Ms McCoramck for all the time and effort they put into the fabulous school choir.



TIDY TOWNS VISIT

We had a great morning on the 9th of May with a visit from Naas Tidy Towns. From duck hotels and bat havens, to learning about the importance of keeping our town clean! We are very proud of the town's Gold Medal status.

A big thank you to Vourneen and Gerry for taking the time to come in to us. The pupils loved learning about all the important work they do in our community.

FUN RUN 2025!



This year will be our best yet with more ideas added for each class!

The money raised is going to two special areas of our new campus, opening in September!

1. Outdoor Garden Area

We are developing an outdoor space for our pupils to support hands on exploration.

2. New School Library

We are setting up and furnishing the new school library to serve the needs of our entire school community.

Gentle Reminders

- Kindly update Aladdin should your child be absent.
- If absent please cancel Bradbury's hot lunch via the app.
- We have a healthy eating policy and encourage healthy eating. Please click [here](#) for details.
- Punctuality is important and greatly assists with a smooth day.
- **If your child is not returning to us in September, please let us know as soon as possible.**