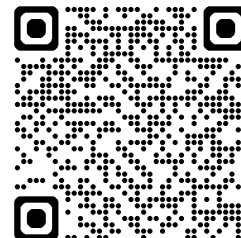




St Mary's Junior NS

Rowlagh, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

End Of Year Newsletter



Another Eventful Year in St. Mary's JNS

Summer Holidays are here.



As the school year comes to a close, we reflect on a busy and successful year at St. Mary's J.N.S. While teaching and learning continued seamlessly, our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the health, safety, and happiness of our students. Every day, children excitedly entered the school, gates ready to learn and connect with friends, teachers, and SNAs. We wish everyone a wonderful summer.

This year has been filled with a wide range of activities and events at St. Mary's JNS. We celebrated Grandparents' Day, Wellbeing Week, Active Week and Tech Day to name just a few.

As we reflect on the past year, we also look forward to the opportunities and adventures that the next year will bring. We look forward to seeing you all again on **August 28th**. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break.



Máiread Byrne

Congratulations to Máiread Byrne, she has been teaching in our school for 21 years and throughout this time she has made such a positive impact on the school community

She exudes boundless energy and arrives at work each day with a renewed passion for teaching and learning. I can confidently say that Ms. Byrnes' enthusiasm for teaching has had a profound impact on the children of St. Mary's JNS, thanks to her dedication, care, and vibrant spirit.

On behalf of the school staff and the wider community, I can say that Ms. Byrne will be greatly missed. However, we are thrilled that she is embarking on a new chapter and wish her many joyful adventures. Please remember to visit us from time to time.

Maureen McGuinness

You may have already heard that Maureen is retiring. Maureen has worked in the school for several years in different roles. She makes everyone's days easier, with a smile on her face and welcoming words for everyone. She ensured that everything ran smoothly in the school and staff and children will miss her next year. Please come back and visit us often.

HSCL News



Looking back on my first year as HSCL in St. Mary's JNS, I would like to thank all our pupils and their families, my colleagues, and community partners who made me feel so supported in my new role. Throughout the year, workshops and courses provided valuable opportunities for me to get to know you and to develop our creativity and skills together.

Some of the classes offered included:

- **Hug Your Book**—helped parents develop a range of skills to support their children's reading, writing and talking.
- **Ready, Set, Go Maths**—gave J.I. parents some games and activities to use at home with their children to further develop their children's number skills
- **Dads and Lads Club**—focused on a variety of activities from gardening, to sporting activities, crafts and local visits.
- **Parents' Group**—helped out with a variety of our events e.g. Tech Day, Grandparent's day. If you would like to be added to this WhatsApp group, simply send me a text requesting to join.

We value the input and ideas from parents. If you have any course suggestions or ideas that you believe would benefit you or your children, please feel free to share them with me. Together, we can continue to provide a well-rounded education that inspires and supports every child's learning journey.

Well done on being actively involved in your child's education. Your dedication and partnership have greatly contributed to the success and positive atmosphere of our school community.

I am looking forward to meeting up after the break and working together again. Wishing you a wonderful summer,

Trish McLoughlin (HSCL) 086 3123122

Garden and Outdoor Space

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the raised beds, garden, and outdoor spaces at St. Mary's JNS this year. These areas have provided wonderful opportunities for hands-on learning and exploration. The children took pride in planting and tending to the gardens, watching their efforts bloom and grow. These outdoor spaces have not only enhanced their educational experience but also fostered a deeper connection with nature.



Garden Club parents & children also made great use of the space—tidying up beds and planting orchard-trees. Volunteers are always welcome if you feel you can help with outdoor space. Thanks to our caretaker, Jeff, for helping to maintain the garden areas.

SCP

Thanks to SCP for working with us throughout this year to support the children and families in our school. SCP have funded or ran lots of activities within our school this year:

- **Afterschool Clubs** on Mondays SCP provided funding for our afterschool clubs . Thanks to the staff who ran these clubs.
- **Wednesday Lunch Club**—all 2nd class children were included in these activities to get used to going in to the Senior School.

Attendance and Punctuality

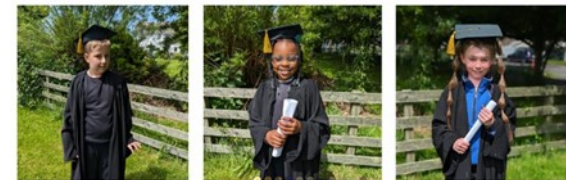
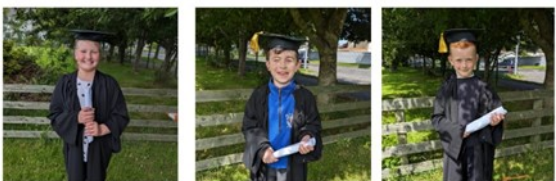
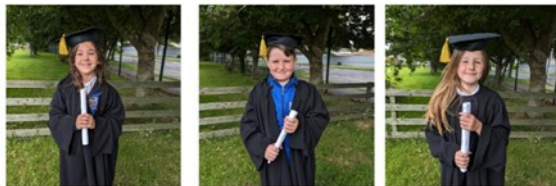


With your support we have seen another increase in attendance the exact figures are available on our website. We will continue to build on this next year.

2nd Class Graduation

Congratulations to all our 2nd Class children who graduated St Mary's Junior School this week.

Families were invited to our school hall to see our graduates receive their certificates. It was a lovely event filled with songs and big smiles! We are all very proud of their hard work and creativity since they joined our school 4 years ago and we wish them the very best in the Senior School!



School Website



www.stmarysjunior.ie

Scan the QR code at the front of this newsletter to access the school website. It's designed to be user-friendly and packed with useful information and the latest news. A big thanks to the dedicated staff of St. Mary's JNS for keeping it updated regularly. Visit us to stay informed about all the exciting hap-

New Infants enrolled

We have 2 new Junior Infant classes starting in September. Our thanks to Blue Skies who helped us with transition packs to make the move from pre-school to primary school smoother. We look forward to welcoming all the new Junior Infant children after the Summer on **August 28th**.

Message from the Principal,

Ms Maura O' Shea

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The summer holidays have arrived! After another successful year packed with fun, activities, learning, and meaningful teaching, we've finally reached the summer holidays!

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families for your unwavering support throughout the year.

As evidenced by the numerous activities that have taken place, the staff at St. Mary's have worked tirelessly to ensure the children have enjoyed a wide range of experiences over the year.

I want to extend my gratitude to the teachers, SNA team, and all the management and staff at St. Mary's JNS for their hard work this year.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to every member of the school community for creating joyful memories for the children of St. Mary's JNS.

To all the children, have a wonderful summer, spend time outdoors, and remember to lend a hand at home whenever possible.

Take care, stay safe and be kind,

Le gach dea –ghuí,

Maura O' Shea



We hope you and your families have a lovely summer.

*The Board of Management & Staff of
St Mary's Junior School.*