



EASTER NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Primary School

March 2026

Pre School Class

In this term, the early intervention classes were busy! In February, we explored the wonders of space, learning about planets, stars, and even becoming little astronauts in our role play. The children loved our creative space activities! March has been full of celebration and fun. We enjoyed World Book Day by dressing up and sharing our favourite stories. We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day with lots of green, music, and dancing. The children created beautiful spring art as we talked about new life, flowers, and changing weather.

We've been learning about Mother's Day and made special surprises to show our love and appreciation. As Easter approaches, we are enjoying crafts, stories, and egg-themed activities.

We've also been using the hall alongside the other class, building friendships and enjoying active play together.

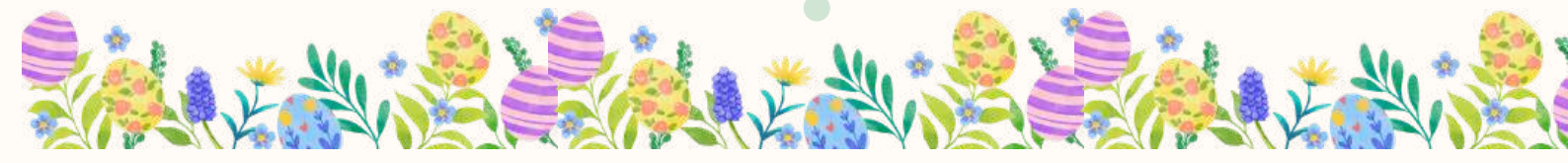
Well done to all our shining students!

Junior Infants

Junior Infants have been very busy the past few weeks as term 2 comes to an end. We had lots of fun learning about St Patrick and making Mother's Day cards. We have been learning all about money and the different cent coins. We celebrated Lá Buí and the children wore something yellow and donated to a very good cause. We have continued to make super progress with our new sounds and blending sounds to make words. We are all really looking forward to our Easter holidays.

School Age Class

Room 18 have had a busy few weeks learning all about Spring. We learned about baby animals that are born and flowers that bloom in Spring. We planted our own seeds and watched as the Sunflowers started to grow. We enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Lá Buí. We are enjoying Easter Activities this week as we look forward to our Easter Holidays.



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Senior Infants

Since our last newsletter in February, the boys and girls in our class have been very busy and have been learning lots of new things! We spent some time learning all about the work of a hairdresser, and the children really enjoyed exploring this topic and talking about visits to the hairdresser themselves.

In SESE, we learned about Saint Patrick and why he is such an important figure in Ireland. The children loved hearing the stories about his life and how St. Patrick's Day is celebrated. In Irish, we were also learning about Lá Fhéile Pádraig and An Cháisc, practising new vocabulary and using it in our classroom activities. We have also been learning about recycling and electricity, and the children had great discussions about how we can help take care of our environment. In Maths, we have been working very hard on counting and recognising numbers, and we are now confidently learning numbers all the way up to 15! We have also been learning about money and patterns, and the children have been doing great work recognising and creating their own patterns.

In PE, the class had great fun learning some Irish dancing, which was a lovely way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

We also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. The boys and girls in Fifth Class came to visit our classroom and read stories to us. It was a very special day, and the children really enjoyed listening to the stories. The class has been very creative too. We made beautiful rainbow and shamrock art for St. Patrick's Day, and recently we also made some lovely Easter bird nests, which the children were very proud of.

We have been continuing to work on our handwriting, practising our capital letters and working hard to improve our writing every day. As part of RSE, we have been learning about what I can do, my friends, and my family, as well as discussing ways to stay safe on the road. It has been a very busy and enjoyable few weeks in our classroom, and the children have been working very hard. We are very proud of all their efforts!





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1st Class

What a busy term for Rm 7 and 8! You may have spotted us when we were out and about on our spring nature walk. We identified so many signs of nature and we even listened so carefully that we were able to hear the different types of birds singing. We have become experts at naming our local wild flowers.

Bhí na páistí ag labhairt gaeilge l rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. They were amazing. There was such a battle for raffle tickets and some children were lucky to get their hands on delicious Easter eggs. We learned so much about life on the farm and how each season brings different jobs for the farmer. We explored the different foodstuffs that the animals eat and how these foodstuffs are made.

We have been busy measuring weight and capacity in maths and have been doing lots of hands-on experiments. We learned that just because something appears bigger it does not mean that it is heavier. We also found out that taller objects don't necessarily hold more liquid than shorter containers.

Book Day was a big hit and we had a myriad of different book characters in Rm 7 and 8 on the day. You wouldn't have recognised us! We learned all about the history of Mother's Day and what makes our mummies so special. We also made some lovely gifts for them. Happy Easter to everyone from all in 1st Class. We hope it is EGGSTRA Special!!!

2nd Class

2nd Class have had a very busy term. The children have been preparing for their First Holy Communion in May and have been going to Mass on a Friday morning.

Room 2 and 11 celebrated World Book Day in March and spent time reading under the stars, which was really exciting.

The children learned how to sing in Gaeilge and also took part in a traditional Céile which was exciting and fun.

In Maths, the children have been learning about time. They have been reading an analogue clock and have started to work on calculating the duration of an event. In English, the children have been learning how to write to socialise and have been writing letters to their pen pals in school as well as writing invitations. Lastly, the children celebrated St Patrick's day by wearing green for Lá Glas, they enjoyed lots of fun activities and made shamrock art that they displayed in school.



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3rd Class

We have had a very busy and exciting few weeks as we prepared for Easter!

English

In English, we have been learning about writing for socialising. The children wrote lovely letters to pen pals and worked hard on using friendly language and good sentence structure.

Gaeilge

In Irish, we learned all about éadaí (clothes). The class enjoyed learning new vocabulary and practising speaking about what they wear.

Maths

In Maths, we have been focusing on fractions and decimals. The children have been working on understanding parts of a whole and converting between fractions and decimals.

P.E.

During P.E., we had great fun playing rounders. Everyone worked on their teamwork and ball skills.

SESE

In SESE, we started our group projects on the Incas. The children are enjoying researching and learning about this fascinating civilisation.

Religion

In Religion, we have been learning about Easter and Holy Week. We discussed the important events and their meaning.

Drama

In Drama, the children took part in role play, acting as Mary and the disciple John. They did a fantastic job bringing the story to life.

Art

In Art, we explored Pop Art and created colourful designs. We also designed some creative Easter bunnies!

SPHE

In sphe we have been doing RSE, focusing on our senses and the functions of our organs.

We are very proud of all the hard work the children have done this term. Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Easter break!



The header features a decorative border at the top with a string of yellow stars and dotted lines. Various colorful Easter eggs (green, pink, blue, yellow) and white flowers are scattered along this border. Two grey rabbits, one on the left and one on the right, are holding Easter eggs. The title 'EASTER NEWSLETTER' is written in large, bold, green capital letters.

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4th Class Room 12

We have been learning about area and measuring in March. We got to go outside to complete a maths trail where we focused upon non-standard units of measurement after we looked at standard units in the classroom. We measured the distance from one door to another in steps, the length of the bench in hands and the distance from the wall to the door in arms.

We had to work together to complete these tasks! We also made some Irish flag themed shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day. World Book Day was a great event for our class as we won an award together for our costumes. We had lots of fun and are very excited for our easter holidays.

Our School Website

Don't forget to visit our school website to keep up-to-date with all the activities and events in St. Mary's Primary School and to see photos and examples of the pupils' work!

Visit us at

www.stmarysmullingar.ie

4th Class Room 15

This term has been a busy and enjoyable time for 4th Class. Over the past few weeks, we have taken part in a variety of fun and engaging activities. We looked forward to our weekly tennis lessons, where we have grown in confidence when striking the ball.

In SESE, we explored Ancient Egypt as well as learning about the Vikings and Normans in Ireland. We created some excellent projects based on our learning. In Maths, we focused on practical topics, including measuring the area and perimeter of different shapes.

In English, we worked on developing our understanding of homophones and practiced using them correctly in our writing. We also had great fun learning traditional dances such as The Walls of Limerick, The Siege of Ennis, and An Dreoilín.

Recently, we have been finishing our second novel of the year, Under the Hawthorn Tree by Marita Conlon-McKenna, which has given us valuable insight into life during the Great Famine.



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5th Class

What a busy and brilliant term it has been in 5th Class! The children have thrown themselves into every activity with energy, creativity, and plenty of fun. Church and library visits continued, supporting both their spiritual growth and love of reading, while in class the children have explored new topics with curiosity and enthusiasm. Seachtain na Gaeilge (2nd–16th March) brought the school to life with the Céilí sa Halla, the art and writing competitions, and Lá Glas on the 16th, celebrated with a special assembly (tionól Lá Glas). We also had an informative Fire Safety talk in the library, explored exciting STEAM projects during Engineers' Week, and celebrated World Book Day on the 5th with dressing up, reading challenges, and a "reading under the stars" event on the 6th.

Sporting activities kept everyone active, with girls' soccer training on Fridays and the Girls' Soccer Blitz on the 19th. Choir members continued to shine in choir practices, while creative talents were on display with artwork for the CBS semi-final and final and entries for the An Post Writing Competition (20th March).

We also had lots of fun celebrating Lá Buí, World Story-Telling Day, and World Down Syndrome Day (Lots of Socks!) on the 20th. A well-earned day off on Tuesday 17th March gave everyone a little springtime break to recharge.

It has been a term full of learning, laughter, and memorable experiences. Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and hard work! Wishing all our families a happy and relaxing Easter holiday filled with joy and sunshine.

The Student Council

The Student Council held a very successful 'Lá Buí Fundraising Day' on Friday, March 20th, 2026, raising an impressive total of €741.41

We are proud to support LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice, which provides specialist palliative and supportive care to children with life-limiting conditions and their families across Ireland.

Well done to the Student Council for organising the fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who helped and a huge thanks to parents/guardians, children and staff of St. Mary's who supported this very worthy cause.





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6th Class

Sixth Class celebrated a special milestone as they were confirmed at a lovely ceremony on Saturday, March 7th, officiated by Bishop Thomas Deenihan in the Cathedral. Congratulations to all the children on this important occasion.

In SESE, the pupils have been exploring Australia, creating excellent presentations and attractive displays around the school. They are now learning about Nelson Mandela and South Africa. In Maths, the class have been focusing on Money, Directed Numbers and Area.

We enjoyed celebrating 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' with a variety of activities including games and Céili dancing, both in the classroom and in the hall. The children learned An Dreóilín, Ballaí Luimnigh (Walls of Limerick) and Ionsaí na hInse (Siege of Ennis). Lá Glas was marked by everyone dressing in green for the occasion.

The class is also taking part in weekly tennis lessons at the local tennis club, which they are thoroughly enjoying.

HSCL

Hi parents!

I hope to see a lot of keen participants when we renew our Walking Group after Easter!

See you then.

Seánie.

A reminder that Seán Ó Máirtín is our Home School Community Liaison.

The number to contact Seán is 0876380897, his email is seanomairtin@stmarysmullingar.ie and he is contactable during school hours.



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SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Crina ó Sheomra 9

Lá Fheile Pádraig!
Lá Fheile Pádraig a bhí ann. Chuir
Conner dath glas ina ghruaig!
Chuir Conner seamróg mór ar a
gheansaí. Chuaigh Conner isteach
sa bhaile ar an mbus.

D'fhéach sé ar an bparáid. Is
aoibheann leis an dath glas! Bhí
fearg ar Mhamáí. Ní maith léi an
gruaig glás ar Conner!

Victoria ó Sheomra 10

Dia duit!
Victoria is ainm dom.
Is maith liom ag cróise.
Sílím go bhfuil Taylor Swift go dona.
Sílím go bhfuil Frank Ocean go
maith.
Is breá liom mo leaba.
Tá madra agam.
Is breá liom a bheith ag
iománaíocht.
Is breá liom cucamar.
Is fuath liom oinniún.

Buaiteoirí Comórtas
Scríbhneoireachta

Irin ó Sheomra 6

Lá Fhéile Pádraig
Lá Fhéile Pádraig a bhí ann. Chuaigh
Neha agus mé go dtí an Pharáid.
Cheannaigh me hata glas agus
scaif glas. Cheannaigh Neha
bratach ghlas agus balún glas. Chuir
Neha an seamróg ar a chota. D'ól
me sutalun. D'th me pancoga. D'ól
Neha uisce agus d'ith Neha piotsa le
mushroom. Chuaigh Neha agus mé
go dtí Páirc an Chrócaigh ar an
mbus. D'fheach mé agus Neha ar
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agus cheannaigh mé bráisléad glas
agus cóta glas.

