



Mary Queen of Ireland Newsletter

September and October 2022

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A New Term!

Our first term has gotten off to a wonderful start.

We would like to say a special welcome to our new Junior Infants and new students, who have all settled in so well after their first month at school.

Here is a photo of our new Junior Infants!



Parent Teacher Meetings

This year, we hope to hold our parent teacher meetings in November. You will receive a date and time prior to this. Please confirm your attendance in your child's homework diary when you receive your time and date.

Lunches

We will continue to provide hot lunches at school for children in 1st to 6th class. To avoid excess waste, please let us know if you would like to cancel your child's hot lunch. Any child who doesn't wish to avail of the hot lunches at school must bring in their own healthy lunch from home. Junior and Senior Infants will be provided with cold lunches. (sandwiches, rolls etc.) The only drinks permitted at school are plain water or plain milk.

This is important to take care of your child's teeth.

Maths Week 2022

This week is maths week! During this week we will do lots of maths games, puzzles and hunts at school.

School Drop Offs

We would ask that children wait in their class groups outside the school gates in the mornings with their assigned 5th or 6th class student, and wait until their class is called to come in. Please remember, as always, to drive carefully near the school, particularly during busy drop off and pick up times. There is no parking on the yellow lines outside of the school. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Contacting Our Staff

If you need to speak to your class teacher, you can phone our office on 01 840 4629 and leave a message. The class teacher will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can email any of the teachers on the following email addresses:

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School Enrolments 2023-2024

Our school began accepting applications for the admission of incoming students on the 7th October 2022. Closing date for applications will be the 24th February 2023. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is 10th

March 2023. Applicants must then confirm acceptance of their offer of admission within 2 weeks.

School Improvements!

During the summer holidays, we had our whole school yard renovated. We now have 2 multi purpose yards for our students to play on, which includes a walking/running track around the perimeter. We have added a tree bench, a stones play pit, new flag poles to display all of our flag achievements, some colourful murals and an outdoor stage. In the coming days, we will be adding to our selection of outdoor musical equipment. We are also currently updating and transforming the front face of the school. We look forward to keeping you updated on this.

Green School News

Some of our Green Schools Committee went on a trip to County Hall in Swords to attend a talk and presentation about the school garden. They showcased all of the fantastic work we have done in our garden, and they got to meet the Mayor of Swords. A great day was had by all!

We would also like to commend the amount of students who are travelling to school on their bikes and scooters! We are delighted to see our new bike shelter being put to such good use! It is a great way to get some exercise in the morning while looking after the environment.

Here is a photo of some of our Green Schools Committee with the Mayor of Swords.



Dublinia

All classes have been learning about the Vikings at school. We will take a whole school trip to Dublinia on the 16th November to put our knowledge into practice!

Flower Tots Charity Walk

We will join Flowertots for their walk in aid of Snowflakes Autism Support charity on Thursday 27th October at 11.30am. Children may bring a donation on this day if they wish to contribute. There will be a prize for the best dressed adult male and female!

Wellness Week

Our Amber Flag team have already been very busy this term. They organised a wonderful wellness week for our school from the 3rd to the 7th October. During this week, we organised buddies with the junior and senior classes, did extra mindfulness breaks and colouring, practiced gratitude and we had a pyjama day!

We would also like to thank our Parent's Association for hosting a lovely coffee morning for the Community during Wellness Week as a fundraiser for Pieta House. Thank you to all who participated in and contributed towards this very worthy cause.

Here we are in our Pyjamas at school!



Halloween and Midterm 2022

We invite the children to dress up in their Halloween costumes on Friday the 28th October. On this day, we will do a Monster Parade and Monster Mash dance in the yard to show off our costumes!

The school will be closed for midterm on the 31st - 4th November.

Parent's Association

The Parent's Association wish to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning during Wellness Week, which raised €388. In addition, the Pyjama Day raised €130.95, giving us a fantastic total of €510.95 raised for Pieta House.

The PA will be holding a Halloween Fancy Dress Disco in the school hall on Friday 28th October. 4-8 year olds are invited to attend from 5-6.30pm, and 9-13 year olds can attend from 7-8.30pm. There is a €2 entry fee, and the tuck shop will be selling snacks and drinks.

School Assembly

A huge well done to 1st and 2nd class, who did a wonderful class performance during our September school assembly! They also performed their songs during our Wellness Week Coffee Morning.