



St. Mary's National School NEWSLETTER

April 2014



The hurling and Camogie season has started.

The girls are busy training hard every Wednesday and are looking forward to their first match against Glenmore.



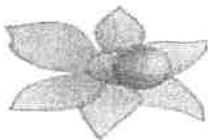
The hurling team have played two matches to date and were unlucky in the first match against Gaelscoil to lose by a small margin.

In the second St. Patrick's proved to be the better team on the day.

Greens School Report.

This year we are working together to get the Water Flag for the school. Four representatives from the school's Green Committee' attended a Water Forum in Kilkenny. The group worked on a 'Water Action Plan' for the school.

We will be sending home a survey after Easter to find out how 'water wise' we all are at home. The committee plan to have a 'Water Action Day' later in the year. Thank You for your support.



Story Writing Competition....

Fifth and sixth classes were invited by the Thomastown Drama Club to write a story or play for their competition. The theme was 'The Three Little Pigs' told from the wolf's perspective. The children had great fun working on their entries and are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the winners.



Battery Recycling.....

Don't forget to bring back all your batteries from the recycling bin after Easter. All batteries are collected from the school by Weee-Ireland



Irish Autism Action...

Please register your support For Irish Autism Action Mobile Phone Recycling Appeal by sending in any unwanted mobile phones. If the school can collect 100 old phones the school will receive an ipad which will be used with the children.



Board of Management Note

School begins at 9.30am every morning and ends at 3.10 pm every afternoon. The school will not be responsible for children outside school hours. **Parents are asked to have their children on time for school every morning.**

Gymnastics.... The children are enjoying their gymnastic classes.

After Easter gymnastics will commence for the following classes:

Ms. Moore, Ms. Doyle, Ms. S. Stapleton, Ms. A. Stapleton, Mr. Delahunty and Mr. Roberts and will continue for six weeks. The cost is €10 per child, payable during the six weeks.

Updating Family Records

Parents/Guardians are asked to check if they have updated the name of their family doctor with the school since the retirement of Dr. Magnier. This can be done by email (stmarys11town@eircom.net) stating the child's name and name of the doctor or by phoning the school - 7724290.

If any contact details have changed it is important to inform the school.

Fitness by Design- Easter Camp

This Easter camp will be held in the school from 14th - 17th April. (9.30am-2pm)

There are some booking forms available from the school office, they can be downloaded from the website:

www.fitnessbydesign.ie or by contacting Paul Quinn (camp Co-ordinator) @ 086-1049921.



Credit Union Quiz

Four teams represented the school in the Credit Union Schools Table Quiz - two U11 teams and two U13 teams. St. Mary's won the U11 section with team members: Edie Maher, Laurie Moylan, Senan Forristal and Tom Buckley. St. Mary's also won the U13 section with team members: Jack Skehan, Robbie Cody, Ciara Mae Somers and Peter Connellan. The teams proceeded to the next stage which was held in Newpark Hotel, both teams came third. Well done to all for taking part.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

April: School will close on Friday, 11th, at 12.30, for the Easter Holidays. Confirmation on Saturday, 12th. School will reopen on Monday, 28th.

May: School will be closed on Monday, 5th. (Bank holiday) First Holy Communion on Saturday, 10th. **School will be closed on Friday, 23rd (for elections)**

June: School will be closed on Monday 2nd and Tuesday, 3rd - Bank holiday and holiday School will close on Monday, 30th, at 12.30pm, for the Summer holidays.

*A Happy Easter to all pupils, teachers, school staff, parents and extended families
School website: www.stmarysstown.com*