St Mary’s & St Gerard’s Weekly Update 26/1/24

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we enter the last week in January, I am happy to share our news with you all.

Grandparents Day

We are excited to welcome our Grandparents to Grandparents day next Friday, 2nd February. The day will begin with a prayer service in the church at 10.45, with tea and coffee served after in the hall. Then the Grandparents are invited to go to their grandchildrens’ classrooms to spend time there. It is a very special day in our school calendar.

Assembly

It was Catholic Schools Week this week. We celebrated this by having a special assembly yesterday to celebrate our Catholic Ethos. Our message was “Let your light shine!” Ms Kearney’s 5th class led the assembly.

Swim Team

We had much success and great participation in the Leinster Competition recently. We are so proud of our school Swim Team , led by Ms Healy and now coached and assisted by 2 past-pupils.

Chess Club

Great news: Mr Clarke is returning on Tuesday! We will resume the chess lessons in 3rd & 4th between 1.30 -2.30 and the chess club will resume from 2.30-3. Please let Mr Clarke know if you will be returning to the Club on Tuesdays.

Rugby

Our 3rd- 6th classes are enjoying their Rugby each Wednesday. We continue to offer a variety of sporting opportunities to all our pupils. The rugby coaching is in addition to our regular P.E, Swimming , Tennis and soon we will be resuming our weekly G.A.A. coaching.

Reading

We bring our classes to the library on a regular basis. Please encourage your child to read each day. It is such a rewarding part of their childhood and also boosts their educational outcomes. Encourage your child to borrow from the library on a regular basis and why not link in with other friends to share /swap books? This is a great way to discover new writers and to reduce costs. If you are in Bray or Greystones, there are great charity shops with a selection of childrens’ books. We are lucky that our pupils are such enthusiastic readers and we are always looking to foster this love of reading.

School Development

We are currently having the school re-wired. It is a major Electrical Project, funded by the Department of Education. We expect the project to run until the end of April. It happens in the evenings and does not disrupt the teaching and learning.

Personal Note

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Alison Mc Connell,Anne Malone, our school staff, our parents, the P.A., Eugene O’Mara & our Board of Management and the parish team for your huge support and kindness recently when my father passed away.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Deirdre Morgan

Principal