

SMSG Newsletter 13th May 2024

Dear Parents & Guardians,

An update on what's happening this week, as we welcome our pupils back to school after a sunny week off!

Outdoor Classroom

Our new Outdoor Classroom has been surfaced with a synthetic surface, paid for by the P.A. It looks beautiful! We will officially open this space at a function soon, date to be confirmed. Thank you to the P.A. for their work in fund-raising and to you our parents for the generosity in supporting PA events . Our BOM have also been very engaged in this project and this was much appreciated . This is a super use of funds as we love our outdoors learning in Marys & Gerards.

Confirmation

Our 6th Class will celebrate their Confirmation on Saturday at a Confirmation Service. This newer format, which has been parish-led, means that the class attend a service rather than a Mass for the Confirmation Sacrament. It is also different because it takes place on a Saturday, rather than on a school day.

We look forward to this special day for our pupils. We are grateful to Fr Bernard, for the service and to Aideen for her parish and Pastoral support for our pupils.

Our PA will organise the function for the families in the school hall afterwards. Thank you in advance for your support for this function; whether by giving your time or sending in food for the event. It is always a lovely occasion.

Choir

Please ensure that your child comes along and takes their place in the choir this Saturday (4th & 5th). I would like to see a large turnout from the Choir to honour our 6th Class ,who have shown up for so many events over their years in our school.Thank you to Ms Seoighe for her work in preparing the choir also.

Anti-Bullying Policy

We are reviewing our Anti-Bullying Policy at present. It is a long document but I have summarised it (2 minute read) ; the summary is available on the website. Please reach out if you have any queries about this and indeed if you have any concerns in this regard for your child.

Well-being Inspection

Well-being is an important part of our teaching and learning and is at the heart of our culture in SMSG. The DES will inspect this aspect of our school soon. It will be a good opportunity to review our provision and to show our strengths and to identify areas for improvement. It will also be an opportunity for pupils to take part in the feedback process and to give their thoughts and views.

A short summary of Well-Being in our school will be made available on the website soon.

Website

Ms Mc Connell works hard to keep our website up to date with photos and content. Please go to the website to see the photos and to keep up to date with the teaching and learning experiences here in school.

Tours/Class Volunteers

Thank you to those parents who come in to help with reading or who come on our trips and tours. It makes a huge difference to the teachers and the pupils! Please ensure that you sign a volunteering form and leave it back to Annette. They are available in the lobby.

A gentle reminder that all volunteers must come in through the red doors and sign in and out. Please wait until after the lines have gone in before going to the classroom (through the red doors) to volunteer. Thank you.

Meitheal Reminder-29th & 30th May

Ms Malone will be organising 2 evenings of action (Meitheals) for Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th May. Please come along and help us to get our grounds tidied up, it is always a fun evening and we appreciate any time that you can give us on this.

Wishing all our community a great week,

Kind Regards,
Deirdre Morgan
Principal

