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St Mary's & St Gerard's N.S. Weekly Newsletter 31st May 2024

Dates for your diary

School Closed:

Monday 3rd June-Bank Holiday

Friday 7th June: Local Elections

Events:

Sports Day :Tuesday 11th June

Incoming Infants Morning:Friday 14th June 9.45-10.50

Monday 24th June @ 6.30 :6th Class Graduation Event

Holidays : Friday 28th June @ 12pm

Well-Being Subject Inspection

The recent Inspection of Well-being in our school is now completed. It was a highly engaging experience with pupils, staff and parents involved in the feedback process. Our pupils gained so much from the experience of sitting in a workshop with adults discussing our strengths and areas to develop. The feedback which we gained from these workshops and focus groups was valuable and will be brought to next year's School Improvement Plan. I am proud to say that the Inspector's gave us excellent feedback and I will share the formal report once received. We are a happy school and we learn best when we continue to stay connected and to care for each other.

I am very grateful to our staff for the huge work that went into this and to our pupils for their engagement and participation. I am also very grateful to our B.O.M, P.A and to those parents who took part in the process .

Meitheal /Evenings of Action

"Many hands make light work!"

Our Evenings of Action were so well-attended and the pupils absolutely had a ball! Thank you to Ms Malone for organising this event and also to Ms Mc Connell and Peter .

Ms Malone has a message for all our helpers below, which I happily share:

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Check out the website for this week's photos: www.enniskerry.ns.ie

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Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers, both adults and children, who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically during Evenings of Action to make our school grounds attractive, educational and child friendly. A special word of thanks to Mr. James Maguire (The Lawn Turf Farm) for his generous donation of roll out grass and compost to the school and to Andrew King (Garden World Nurseries) . The support, co-operation and goodwill of our wonderful volunteers made our Evenings of Action enjoyable, productive and successful.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Malone

Sports Day

We are very excited to announce that medals this year will be presented by Irish Olympic Boxer, Michael Carruth. He will bring along the Olympic Torch with him and speak to the classes. Prize-giving starts at 2 pm.

Our P.A. have a lovely new addition to our Sports Day; there will be teas and coffees and a cake sale in the school grounds from 1.15pm. You might like to bring a picnic blanket along and join us on the back yard. Hopefully the weather will oblige!

Wicklow Sports

Our school will take part in Wicklow Sports Day soon. The competition for places was intense and we look forward to a great day out and plenty of medals for Mary's & Gerard's. Thank you Ms Healy for organising all our sporting events for us.

Road Safety

Our P.A. have set up a Road Safety Group to address the dangers of walking to school in our lovely village. We have been joined in this parent-school group by Councillor Melanie Corrigan and Loraine Flanagan of Green Schools. We were reminded of how vulnerable children are as pedestrians . We agreed that we need to increase awareness of the 30 KPH zone outside the school and we are working with the council to seek safer pathways and crossings. We will keep our community updated on this important issue.

We can all play our part by slowing down to 30 kph through the village and by parking responsibly.

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6th Class News

Ms Dalton's class recently held a Cake Sale to raise money for the school. They raised €400! Thank you for your support on this. The class decided that they would like to use this money to hire outdoor event games for our school. We will have these out on the yard during Wellness Week, 10th June. We will also use the proceeds of our win on the Wicklow Walk to School competition to fund treats for the pupils during Wellness Week. More news to follow on this!!

The annual trip to Delphi for 3 nights in 6th Class was a great success. Ms Kearney and Breda were so good to take the group on this huge trip and to mind them so well. The class had a ball ! Well done for the excellent behaviour and camaraderie on this trip.

Calendar

The school calendar for next year will be shared with you next week.

Cleaners

We are looking for new cleaners.If you know of anyone who might be interested , please ask them to get in touch with me .Thank you.

Pick ups during lunchtime/breaktimes- Gentle reminder:

Our school breaks for small break from 10.50-11 and for lunch from 12.30-1.

Please do not pick up your child from school during these breaks as we have no cover in the office at that time Pupils can be picked up for appointments before or after these times.

Wishing all our community a wonderful long weekend,

Thank you for your support,

Deirdre Morgan

Principal

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