

## St Mary's & St Gerard's Weekly Newsletter 10th January 2025

*I am glad we made it through the dreadful weather conditions safely this week. Thank you to our staff for making sure we could welcome the pupils warmly, especially Peter!*

### **Ladies Lunch**

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow in the Summerhill Hotel for the Nollaig na mBan Ladies Lunch. There will be a drinks reception from 1 pm with the meal starting at 2 pm.

### **Restorative practice**

Restorative Practice is a proven method of resolving issues and restoring relationships in school and other settings. We have Restorative Practice in place in our school and find it to be an effective way of encouraging pupils to listen to each other, build empathy and promote accountability. We have decided to share the 6 questions that we work through with pupils in the Restorative Approach, with our parents. You may like to try this approach at home with any sibling issues that arise. I hope this helps.

### Restorative Practice Questions

1. What happened?
2. What were you thinking about at the time?
3. What have you thought about it since?
4. Who has been affected by this and how?
5. What needs to happen now to make things right?

### **Creative Schools Visit**

Rebecca from Creative Schools visited classes from 3rd to 6th Class this week to listen to the pupils' ideas about how we can work on our Creative Schools' Project. There was lots of enthusiasm from all the pupils for this venture.

### **Violins/Music Generation**

Violin tuition will begin in 2nd class this month We are part of the Music Generation Network and this helps to fund the tuition costs. Thank you to Ms Seoighe for organising this.

### **Assembly- World Day of Peace 8th January**

Well done to Rang a cúig for their important message for peace at our assembly on Wednesday. Thank you to Ms Kearney for organising this.

### **Survey Link**

The Department of Education has shared a survey for parents regarding the free schoolbooks scheme . Please see the link attached:

<https://dessurveys.education.gov.ie/surveys/primary-schoolbook-survey-202425-parent-survey>

**St Mary's & St Gerards N.S.**  
*Caring, Connection & a love of learning*

**Dates for your diary**

20th January: School Closure for staff training

29th January: Laudete Choir Festival (4th-6th)

31st January: Grandparents Day