

St. Mary's N.S. Spring Newsletter

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Happy Easter from all at St Mary's



Wellbeing and Student Voice

Celebrating our achievements



St Mary's Student Council continue their great work to raise money for **UNICEF** this Lent.

The Student Council is a representative structure for pupils through which they can become involved in the affairs of the school, working with staff and parents for the benefit of the school and the pupils.

Some of our proud *Student Of The Week* recipients



Our Student Council have prioritised ideas from suggestion boxes and brought these to the attention of the principal.

In St Marys, the Student Council has been responsible for a number of positive initiatives including fundraising for new sports equipment

Some of the ways we celebrate pupil achievements and talents in St Mary's is through **Student of the Week** and the **Principal's Award**.

Continuing our culture of Inclusion

Playground Pals

Playground Pals are an important part of school life. Children volunteer to be a Playground Pal and make the commitment to help encourage happy and sociable play-times. They are a point of contact for children during breaks and can help encourage friendship and games, helping to make sure no-one feels alone .

Our Playground Pals have been very busy helping and guiding our more junior girls. They play lots of fun games and look out for anyone who might need a friend. Our younger girls can always count on them.



Wellbeing and Physical Education

Zumba

We're keeping fit with Zumba in St Mary's! Our Zumba instructor Frank comes each week to teach the girls new moves.



Encouraging children to be active can help:

- develop their muscles, bones, balance and senses
- develop and strengthen social and emotional bonds
- establish a lifetime habit of being active
- reduce their risk of ill health as an adult
- make children feel great about themselves

Swimming Lessons

3rd-6th Classes continue to enjoy the use of this fantastic local facility.



PE in the Community Centre.



The Five Ways to Wellbeing

1. Connect
2. Learn
3. Be Active
4. Take Notice
5. Give

The Sacraments

Second class received their **First Confession** in February.
Thank you to Fr. Tom and Fr. Aquin.



Sixth Class girls who received their **Confirmation** in March .



We celebrated **Catholic Schools Week**
in January



SCIENCE

TECHNOLOGY

STEM

ENGINEERING

MATHS



Senior Infants enjoyed using **Bee-Bots** in the classroom. They worked collaboratively to plan and programme their beebots.



BEING ACTIVE

First Class used **scratch coding** to think creatively and work collaboratively.

BEING DIGITAL LEARNERS



BEING MATHEMATICAL



STEM—Curiosity and Fun



Bricks 4 Kidz delivered LEGO® Technic workshops. These workshops teach the principles of **science, technology, engineering and maths** through LEGO®. The teaching is imaginative, multi-sensory and fun, creating a dynamic learning experience .

Third and Fourth Classes also enjoyed a visit from The **Lifetime Labs** and learned about circuits.

COLLABORATION

COMMUNICATION

PROBLEM SOLVING

CRITICAL THINKING

LOGIC SKILLS

CREATIVITY



Green Schools



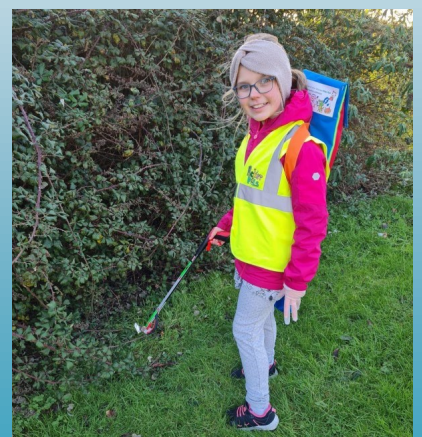
Walk on Wednesdays

Our Green Schools committee are continuing to check **Walk on Wednesday** numbers.



ACTIVE CITIZENS

Initiatives spreading out into the wider community



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí a lán rudaí ar siúl sa scoil le haghaidh seachtain na Gaeilge. Seachtain na Gaelige took place from the 1st-17th of March and it was a great success. Well done to all the classes who danced at the céilí. Bhí Lá Glas againn freisin.

- Céilí Mór
- Yoga as Gaeilge
- Bosca Draíochta



Seachtain na Gaeilge



We enjoyed the **CÉILÍ MÓR** in Cobh Community Centre as part of **LÁ GLAS** .

The pupils performed dances such as Shoe the Donkey, The Siege of Ennis and many more.....



Fourth class pupils led the whole school Biongó as part of SnaG. Maith sibh

School Garden



The daffodils we planted in Autumn continue to give a brilliant display this Spring.

We have continued our planting in the school tunnel as part of Agri Aware Incredible Edibles Programme. Lettuce, spinach, carrots, potatoes, strawberries, chives and turnips have been planted. **Watch this space.....**

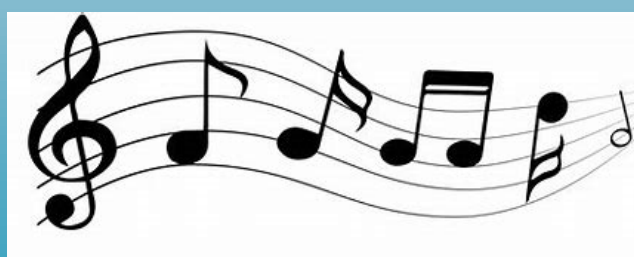


St Mary's Choir

Our 5th Class Choir sang so beautifully in a recent St. Patrick's Day Concert. The girls sang '*Dreams*' by the Cranberries and it sounded just fantastic. Well done girls !!



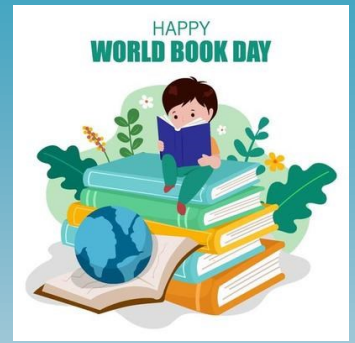
The girls at choir practice before their big night....



Spring Art in St Mary's



World Book Day



Well done to all those who dressed up and participated in our **World Book Day** celebrations. The costumes were brilliant. More photos can be seen on our Facebook page.



The Library Committee are a very committed bunch of pupils who have taken on lots of responsibility to promote the use of the library and the upkeep of the library space. They did an exceptional job of promoting World Book Day on the 1st March.



Parent's Association



Thanks to our wonderful Parents Association who continue to support the school community through their various fundraising efforts.....



We are delighted to announce our Parents Association's upcoming fundraiser-Music Bingo, taking place in Cobh GAA Hall on Saturday 22nd April.

Doors/registration @7pm

Bingo will begin @7.30 sharp !

Internet Safety



The teaching of safe use of the internet is of utmost importance to us in St. Mary's NS Cobh and we teach this skill throughout the school year.

On Feb7th all of the pupils in St. Mary's celebrated **Internet Safety Day** by engaging in the many lessons, games and activities provided on webwise.ie

Our Sixth Classes collaborated to write and perform a song for Safer Internet Day 2023.

www.webwise.ie is a brilliant website for parents/carers with lots of the most up-to-date advice about how to support your child with everything from TikTok to Instagram and Snapchat.



Celebrating Spring in St Marys

St. Brigid's Day.....the beginning of Spring.....



International Womens Day



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St. Valetine's Day.....



Pancake Day.....



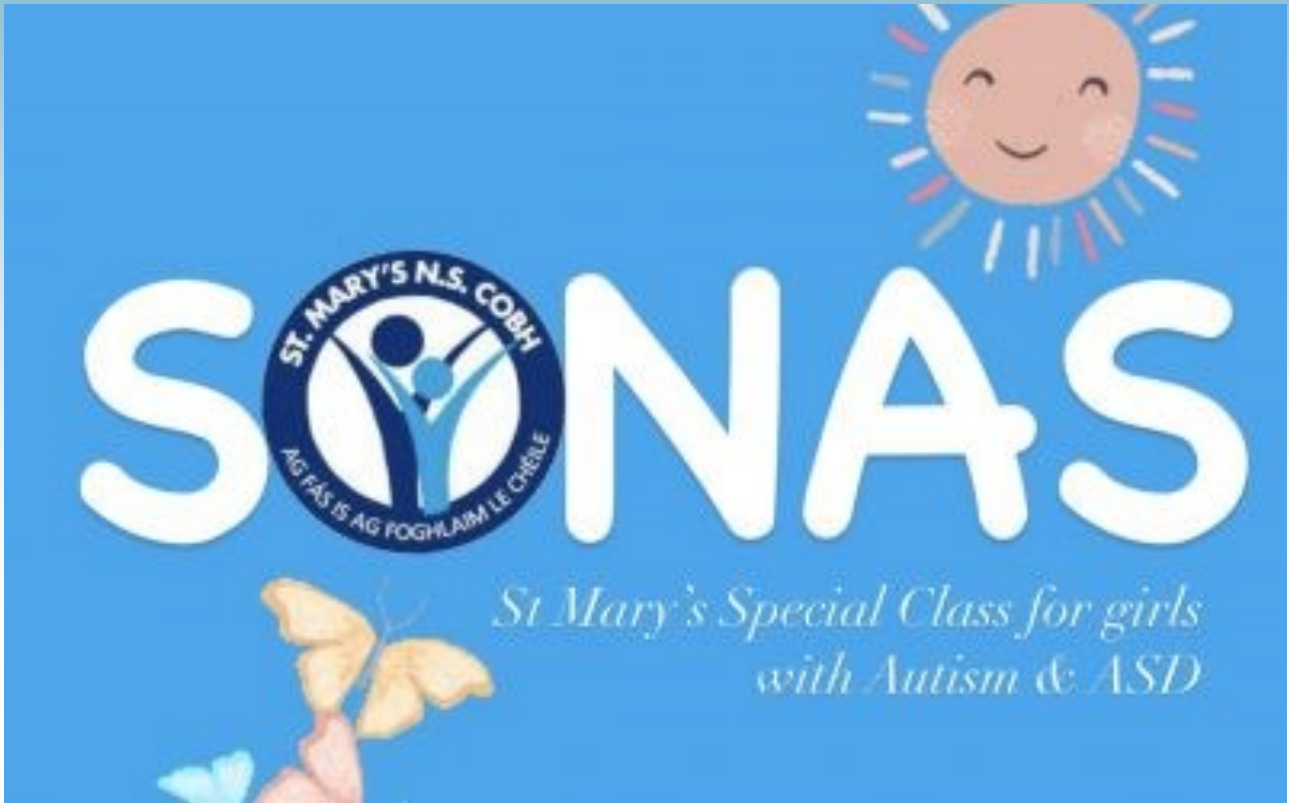
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Some of our amazing Springtime art displays.....



SONAS



St Mary's are delighted to announce that we will be opening our Special Class for girls with Autism/ASD named “**Sonas**” from September 2023.

Sonas is the Irish word for “Happiness”, a feeling which we hope will be experienced by our pupils as they learn, grow and achieve to their full potential in an environment which best meets their needs.

This is a very positive step for our school and community, and we are looking forward to it !

For more information, please contact the school office by phone or by email.

Aistear and CAPER

CAPER continues from Juniors to Second class and children are really enjoying it.

CAPER stands for **C**hildren **A**nd **P**arents **E**njoying **R**eadng.

It is an early intervention reading strategy implemented from Junior Infants to the end of Second class.

The aims of the caper programme are

1. To promote the reading levels of children in the Junior classes
2. To increase awareness of the value of parents contribution to the learning process
3. To strengthen links between home and school
4. To foster positive attitudes to reading



Syrian Fundraiser



St Mary's National School Cobh is at St Mary's National School, Cobh.

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Thank you to everyone who contributed baked goods and those who donated to such a worthy cause! 🍪 🍰 🥞 @cobhnews @cobhedition #cakesale



A massive

€1,800.00

*was raised from
yesterday's cake sale.*

A record amount.

Huge thanks to everyone!

ST MARY'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, COBH



A Word From the Principal



Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another exciting and busy term. The school year is really flying by.

A massive thank you to all our dedicated and committed teaching and SNA staff. A special mention must go to our secretary Brenda, caretaker Brendan and members of our cleaning staff Ber, Pauline and Leah. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has helped out and supported us. Most importantly we thank our amazing pupils. It is a pleasure to work with you all each day. We look forward to an exciting final term.

We have many activities planned for our last term. We will have our school tours to look forward to and we hope for good weather so that we can get outside and enjoy our outdoor classroom and garden.

On behalf of the Board of Management and all the staff at St. Mary's, we would like to wish our school community a very happy Easter.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday April 17th.

Warmest regards ,

Noelle Lane

**Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter
from the staff and children at St. Mary's
N.S.**



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