

St Mary's Nursery School



Newsletter

"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn." –
O Fred Donaldson

Friday 14th March is our GREEN DAY – children are welcome to wear the colour green to school!! We will be connecting with our friends from Seaview via the internet to sing some songs together!

School Holidays

The school shall be closed on:

Monday 16th March to Wednesday 18th March inclusive

Staff Development Training will take place on

Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th (Tuesday 17th is a school holiday)

EASTER HOLIDAYS – Children finish school at 11.30 am on Thursday 2nd April

School will be closed Friday 3rd April and reopen on Monday 13th April.



Photographer

The photographer shall be visiting us on Monday 9th March to take individual pictures! Please ensure your child is wearing their uniform. Thank you.



World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 5th March. To celebrate this day, which encourages the children to love language, stories and reading, we will be participating in lots of story-tel sessions, listening to reciting poems and rhymes and listening to beautiful stories together.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**



In the spirit of the day, children are welcome to come to school dressed in their pyjamas, ready for a bedtime

story. This will hopefully alleviate the pressure to buy a costume and will ensure that the children are still afforded an opportunity to dress up to celebrate the day. If you have a costume at home related to a character in a book, children are welcome to wear that to school if they prefer. Children who do not wish to wear their pyjamas or a costume to school are welcome to attend in their uniform as normal.

Lovely story sacks will be available to the children throughout the day and a £1 book token will be emailed to you!



Believe it or not, socks get people talking!

On 21 March, choose some socks that are going to get noticed!

They might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy!

The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks you can tell them, "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome".

Rock your socks for World Down Syndrome Day 21st March!

Celebrate on Friday 20th March by wearing your funkiest socks to symbolise the uniqueness of every chromosome!

Activities



We are delighted to be having four fabulous sessions with Drama Time! The classes are jam packed with a variety of fun activities. These sessions will be held on Wednesday 25th February, 4th, 11th and 25th March.

To consolidate our theme of People Who Help Us, we will have a visit on Tuesday 3rd March from the Neighbourhood Police!

Trócaire/Special School in India/Schools Funds

To foster an awareness of people less fortunate than ourselves, children will take part in a sponsored sing-along. This will take place on Wednesday 25th March at 1.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Sponsor forms will be placed in the pigeon holes.

All sponsor money should be returned by Friday 27th March.

Thank you.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

These meetings will take place week beginning Monday 23rd March 2026. Individual dates and times to follow.

Time to Talk Programme

The children continue to follow this programme to develop their oral and social interaction skills. The programme will be delivered in small groups of eight or nine children and is very worthwhile and enjoyed by the children!

Maths for the month

This month's colour is green. The shape we shall be encouraging the children to recognise is the square ■. Encourage your child to look out for shades of green and squares in their environment. We will be developing their pattern making skills through beads, mosaics, pegs, threading etc.

Topics for the month

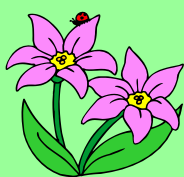


This month the topics are Spring and Growth! Children will observe the signs of Spring in their environment and have a Spring Walk in their environment.



Curriculum Matters

We will be planting seeds and discussing growth and new life. We will be developing their awareness of life cycles and developing their



language alongside this - big, small, baby, adult, the names of animals, parts of plants etc. To heighten your children's observational skills, signs of spring and growth around them should be discussed. They will also be enjoying lots of stories, rhymes and songs about spring.



Hairdressing Corner

If you have any broken light hair dryers, tongs, straighteners, shavers, rollers, shower heads, they would be greatly appreciated for our growth theme at the hairdressers.



Old Irish Dancing Costumes

If anyone is wanting to donate any old Irish Dancing Costumes they no longer want we would be delighted to use them.



Talking Tip

Help your child develop good language and communication skills with this tip:

Listen carefully and give your child time to finish talking.

Encourage them to take turns to speak.



You can help your child at home by ...

- 1) Allowing them to help clear and wipe the table after eating.
- 2) Allowing them to help with laundry tasks - matching socks, filling and emptying the washing machine.