

# NEWSLETTER



**ST. MARY'S N.S.**

**OCTOBER 2017**

## **NEW PUPILS / STAFF**

We welcomed many new pupils to St. Mary's N.S. this September. The new pupils who joined us in Junior Infants this year are Aoife Cuniffe, Conal Kelly, Daniel Hoffman Torunski, Darragh Cuniffe, Filip Wierzbicki, Harry Flanagan, Jamie Cheetham, Jarlath Cunningham, Jude Lane, Kacper Chmiel, Kellie Madden-Bilbow, Laoise Walsh, Mia Kelly, Nollaig Kelly, Oisín Regan, Rory Cunningham, Saoirse White, and Thomas Hughes.

Also Igor Labuz has joined us in 6<sup>th</sup> Class, Katie Moran joined 4<sup>th</sup> Class and Josef Kotlar joined Senior Infants. We also welcomed our new teacher Mr. Diarmuid Sutton who has joined our staff this year to replace Mr. Murray who is on a Teacher Exchange in Dublin. We hope Mr. Sutton enjoys his time teaching here in Mountbellew N.S.

## **BOOK RENTAL SCHEME**

Our Book Rental Scheme reduces the cost on families of buying school books. Parents are asked to ensure that their child takes great care of any book rental books which the pupils take home. Many thanks to the Parents Association who gave us money this September to buy new books for our Book Rental Scheme.

## **GAA MINI-SEVENS**

Mini-Sevens competitions for boys and girls have been taking place last week and this week. Well done to all the boys who took part in the Gaelic Football blitz in Mountbellew last Thursday and the girls who took part on Monday this week. The Camogie blitz will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and the Hurling competition is on this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA / INTERNET SAFETY**

Parents are asked to be vigilant regarding your child's use of the internet and mobile phones. Our school continues to educate the pupils on the appropriate and safe use of the Internet. The primary responsibility for this rests with parents/guardians. Pupils do not have access to social media during school time.

Reminder – Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones, cameras or any recording equipment in school or on school trips. If a pupil is found with a phone etc in school it will be taken off them and kept in the office until the parent collects it.

## **ERASMUS+ PROJECT**

Over the next 2 years our school will be involved in an Erasmus+ Project with some other schools from around Europe. The Project will involve both pupils and teachers undertaking various activities relating to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths and Mental Health. Teachers will also undertake various Professional Development Workshops relating to these subject areas. The other schools involved in the project are in Dublin, France, Cyprus, Poland and Italy. The pupils will benefit greatly through project work on the STEAMM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths & Mental Health). The pupils will also get to know pupils from other European partner countries and make new friends as they share work with each other. More details about the project will be sent home to parents in the next week or so.

## **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming Lessons have already begun for this year. Pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Class are going for swimming lessons in Roscommon every Tuesday for 7 weeks. It's a great opportunity for all pupils to learn to swim in Primary School and have fun with their friends at the same time. Other classes from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> will be brought swimming later in the school year.

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

As a parent/guardian, you are all members of the Parents Association. We are very lucky to have a great parent body that supports our school. Thanks to all the parents who helped out over the last year and especially our Parents Association Committee who give so much of their time to attend meetings and school activities.

## **FR O'CONNOR (RIP)**

We are all deeply shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Fr. O'Connor last week. We are so grateful for the huge contribution he made to our school for the last 18 years. We will really miss his regular visits to the school and his great sense of humour. We are very thankful for all the First Communions, Confirmations and school events that he was involved in, as well as his great contribution to all our school Boards of Management since 1998. We will miss him greatly. May he rest in peace.

*Le sach dea-ghní,  
Michael Kelly*





