



# Mary Queen of Ireland Newsletter

## January and February 2023

### Swimming

The children will be brought for swimming lessons every Tuesday for an 8 week block, which began on 31<sup>st</sup> January, in the ALSAA Swimming Pool Dublin Airport. Children should bring their swimming costumes, towel, armbands, goggles, swim cap, and a plastic bag for wet clothes. If you have arranged with another parent to assist your child with changing please let us know in writing via your child's homework diary. If your child can not attend their swimming lesson on a particular day please let us know via a note in your child's homework journal.

### Credit Union Quiz

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class have been preparing for this year's Credit Union Quiz, which will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in the Fingallian GAA Centre. We wish the best of luck to our students who are involved!

### Healthy Lunches

A reminder that children are permitted to bring additional lunch from home, provided it is healthy and follows our healthy eating policy, which can be found on our school website. Crunch corners and Dairylea Lunchables containing oreos are not allowed. Plain water and milk are the only drinks permitted in our school. These drinks help to keep our teeth healthy.

### Green School News

3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class students will be carrying out a Beach Clean on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Portmarnock beach. The classes have been investigating the importance of keeping our beaches clean to avoid waste getting into the marine environment.

### No Uniform Days

The next no uniform days will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Children should bring in €2 or €5 for a family on no uniform days if they choose to participate.

### Parent's Association

New faces are always welcome on the Parent's Association. Lotto ticket sellers are urgently needed so please let us know if you can help out at all. You can contact the PA at [parentsassociation@maryqueenofireland.com](mailto:parentsassociation@maryqueenofireland.com).

### Christmas Carols 2022

We would like to thank all parents and members of the community who supported our carol singing and raffle in Rivermeade in December, which was organized by our wonderful Parent's Association. A big well done to all students who participated for their amazing singing!

We are also extremely proud of all our students who performed Christmas carols at Dublin Airport and our local Nursing Home in December. Thank you to Mrs. O'Donoghue for her hard work to prepare our choir.

Here is a photo of our Choir performing at the airport!



### ESB Science Blast

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class students will participate in this year's ESB Science Blast 2023! The classes will present a display on a science question that they have investigated to show their findings to other schools. There will also be shows, experiments and other activities on the day.

### Absences and Early Leaving

We completely understand that there may be more absences this time of year due to colds, flu and other viruses. If your child is absent for any reason, they must bring in a note of absence from their parent or guardian for our records.

If your child needs to leave school early, they must bring in a note in their homework journal in the morning from their parent or guardian to let us know. We thank you for your cooperation on these matters.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March this year. On this day, we invite our students to dress up as their favourite character from a book, and to bring in their favourite book from home. We encourage the children to make their costumes using materials they already have at home. There will be prizes for the most creative outfits. We will also be holding a 'Design a Book Cover' art competition. Later in March, we will hold a Book Fair, so look out for more information on this!

### Australia Day

All of our classes have been learning about Australia this month to celebrate Australia Day, which was on the 26<sup>th</sup> January! There have been some amazing projects and lessons in every class. A special thank you to Tahlia Goodrick in 3<sup>rd</sup> class for telling us about her own experiences of living in Australia!

Here is Tahlia with some of our Australia Project Displays



### Active School News

Our students have participated in a very enjoyable soccer workshop run by the FAI, where they have learned skills such as travelling with the ball, kicking, and team playing. Our students will take part in Basketball sessions from the 20<sup>th</sup> February, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class will take part in athletics in Newbridge House.

**Here are some of our students enjoying their soccer practice**



### Flower Tots

ECCE places available for children born before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. Breakfast Club available from 8.30am, €3 per day. Afterschool available daily from 1.40pm, €5 per day. Please contact Sandra for details on 086 448 1324.

### School Assembly

A big well done to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class for their wonderful performance at our December Assembly, which was enjoyed by all! We would also like to thank Caitlín O'Sullivan in 5<sup>th</sup> class, who did a reading about Advent for us.

### School Closures

Please note our school will be closed for St. Bridget's Day on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> February. We will be closed from the 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February for Midterm break, with school reopening on the 20<sup>th</sup> February.