



Mary Queen of Ireland Newsletter

September and October 2023

A New Term!

Our first term has gotten off to a wonderful start.

We would like to say a special welcome to our new Junior Infants and new students, who have all settled in so well after their first month at school.

Here is a photo of our new Junior Infants!



Parent Teacher Meetings

This year, we hope to hold our parent teacher meetings in November. You will receive a date and time prior to this. Please confirm your attendance in your child's homework diary when you receive your time and date.

Lunches

We will continue to provide hot lunches at school for children in 1st to 6th class.. Any child who doesn't wish to avail of the hot lunches at school must bring in their own healthy lunch from home.

Junior and Senior Infants will be provided with cold lunches. (sandwiches, rolls etc.) **The only drinks permitted at school are plain water or plain milk. This is important to take care of your child's teeth.**

Maths Week 2023

This year, Maths Week took place from the 16th - 20th October. During this week we did lots of maths games, puzzles and hunts at school.

School Drop Offs

We would ask that children wait in their class groups outside the school gates in the mornings while they wait for the gates to open. Children may enter between 9am and 9.10am. Please remember, as always, to drive carefully near the school, particularly during busy drop off and pick up times. There is no parking on the yellow lines outside of the school. Cones are placed out every morning by our PA to ensure student safety. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Contacting Our Staff

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded and used Aladdin Connect so far this year. This will be used from now on to communicate with parents, and for parents to contact class teachers about student absences, early collections etc. The school app is no longer being used. If your child is absent or leaving early, please let their class teacher know the reason using Aladdin Connect. If you are having trouble downloading or setting up Aladdin Connect, please drop into the school and we will do our best to help you.

School Enrolments 2024-2025

Our school began accepting applications for the admission of incoming students on the 9th October 2023. Closing date for applications will be the 9th February 2024. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is 1st March 2024. Applicants must then confirm acceptance of their offer of admission within 2 weeks.

School Assembly

We held a lovely school assembly on Wednesday 11th October, where we officially welcomed our new students and junior infants! We spoke about the importance of kindness, and about the importance of safety on Halloween. We also had some wonderful song and rhyme performances from our classes, so a big well done to them.

Active Flag News

This year, our Active Flag Committee are Mr. McDermottroe, Lexi Treacy, Harry McGuinness, Caleb Loresca, Alisha Keogh, Kevin Bruton, Kaylum Taplin, Summer Hyland, Max Sullivan, Khaleesi McAleer, Tyler Meagher, and Kabhier Mengis. They will be working towards our school's 3rd active flag, which we hope to achieve by the end of this year. They are currently working on organising some fun Halloween themed activities for our students. We would ask that any student who participates in any active hobbies or clubs outside of school to let Mr. McDermottroe know so that we can acknowledge and celebrate these at school.

Green School News

Our Green School Committee this year are Mrs. Kinane, Caitlín O'Sullivan, Max Warren, Robbie Doyle, Abi Quinn, Josh Jenkinson, Tighe Rafter, Roza Pawlikowska, April Curran, Logan Barry and Sam Dunne.

They will be working on achieving the Marine Environment and Global Citizenship flag this year. They will be spreading awareness about the importance of keeping our oceans plastic free this year, as well as recycling and energy saving in our school. This week was **Climate Action Week**. The Green School Committee organised a litter picking day this week for our students. Our students also made a climate action pledge to work on this year.

Parent's Association

This school year on our amazing Parent's Association we have:

James Curran- Chairperson

Elizabeth Curran- Vice Chairperson

Navina King- Treasurer

Ciara Dufficy- Vice Treasurer

Aoibheann O'Hara- Secretary

Robyn Warren- Vice Secretary

Susan Walsh- PA Member

Elisha Dunne- PA Member

A big welcome to the newest members of PA and we thank all our parents for their continued dedication and hard work for our school.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our Coffee morning during Wellness Week, which raised funds for Pieta House, and also to those who participated in our Halloween Swap Shop last week. Our PA are planning some fun halloween activities for our students, including halloween games and candied apple treats!

Wellness Week

Our Amber Flag team have already been very busy this term. This year, our Amber Flag Committee are Ms. O'Mahony, AnnaMai Marshall, Ali Foley, Erin Cruise, Lexi Keogh, Cian Foster, Beau Reilly Ennis and Phoenix Walsh. They organised a wonderful wellness week for our school from the 2nd to the 6th October. During this week, we organised buddies with the junior and senior classes, did extra mindfulness breaks and colouring, practiced gratitude and we had a pyjama day! We would also like to thank our Parent's Association for hosting a lovely coffee morning for the community during Wellness Week as a fundraiser for Pieta House.

Fire Safety Visit

A big thank you to fireman David Reilly, who visited our school on the 19th October to talk to all classes. He outlined the dangers around bonfires and fireworks, and told us how to stay safe at Halloween.

Here is Darragh with his dad David the Fireman!



Board of Management News

Our current Board of Management will leave office on November 30th 2023. We are seeking parent's representatives for our new Board of Management.

If you are interested please contact a.odonnell@maryqueenofireland.com.

Halloween and Midterm 2023

We invite the children to dress up in their Halloween costumes on Friday the 27th October.

The school will be closed for midterm from the 30th - 3rd October.

Flower Tots

Afterschool available daily Monday to Friday from 1.40-2.40pm. €5 per day. Please contact Sandra on 086 448 1324.