



Mary Queen of Ireland Newsletter

January and February 2025

World Book Day

We will celebrate **World Book Day** on the 7th 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. We will have extra buddy reading, Drop Everything and Read time and lots more, so children may also bring in their favourite book from home.

We will also be holding a **Book Fair**, run by our 5th and 6th class students, starting on the 14th March. More information to follow on this.

ESB Science Blast

Our 3rd to 6th class students participated in this year's ESB Science Blast on the 3rd March. The classes presented a project on a science question that they have investigated to show their findings to other schools. 3rd and 4th class investigated the effects of music on the growth of plants. 5th and 6th class experimented with making water filters to remove pollution from water using natural materials. There were also exhibitions to explore, and they got to watch a Live science show with Mark the Science Guy. It was a great day!

Here are some of our students being interviewed at Science Blast!



Parent's Association

We would like to thank the Parent's Association for organising a cupcake decorating workshop for Valentine's Day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

No Uniform Days

The next no uniform days will take place on Friday 7th March for World Book Day, and Friday 4th April. Children should bring in €2 or €5 for a family on no uniform days if they choose to participate.

Healthy Lunches

A reminder that children are permitted to bring additional lunch from home, provided it is healthy and follows our healthy eating policy. Plain water and milk are the only drinks permitted in our school. These drinks help to keep our teeth healthy. The healthy eating policy also applies on school outings and activities outside of school such as swimming.

Seachtain na Gaeilge & The Sheila Whelan Céilí

Seachtain na Gaeilge will take place from the 10th - 14th March, when we will celebrate our Irish language and culture. Practice is underway for our annual Sheila Whelan Céilí! We look forward to seeing you there on the 13th March at 11am. Children can wear their green clothes to school on this day.

Sacraments

We wish the best of luck to our 6th class students, who will make their Confirmation on Thursday the 6th March, and to our 2nd class students who will make their First Confession on the 12th March.

School Closures

Please note our school will be closed on the 17th and 18th March for St. Patrick's Day. We close for Easter Holidays on the 11th April at 12pm.

Students' News Around the School!

Our Student Council are in charge of this part of the newsletter. This month, they have helped some students from The Parrots to write some articles for our newsletter.

Credit Union Quiz 2025

A huge well done to our 5th and 6th Class students, who participated in the Credit Union Quiz 2025. It took place in Fingallians GAA Club on the 5th February. On Team A we had Abi Quinn, Caleb Loresca, Josh Jenkinson and Ollie Sherlock. Team B were Robbie Doyle, Lexi Treacy, Tighe Rafter and Kevin Bruton. Our subs were Mason Marshall and Mia O'Sullivan. Both teams did very well but unfortunately we didn't win. We had our photos taken and we were definitely the funniest photo! We enjoyed taking part.

By Caleb Loresca and Josh Jenkinson

Here are our teams having a great time at the Credit Union Quiz!



Ukulele Lessons

The Parrots and The Peacocks classes have been doing ukulele lessons every Tuesday, and they're really fun. We even get to sing songs like 'The Pancake Song'. The songs are really good. Sometimes we get to sit next to our friends, and we play a game called 'Pass the Beat'. It is super fun for everyone!

By Jacob McGuinness Maundsley

Our New Classrooms

The Penguins and Hawks are enjoying our new classrooms. We do lots of fun things there. We love to play with our friends, do playdough, art, play with batteries and lego. We can connect our favourite music to the speakers in the sensory room. We do our learning, like English. We like to go outside and play football too. Then we go home.

By Jason Dufficy and Adam Foster

Active School News

Swimming

All of the classes started swimming lessons in January. Every Tuesday all of the classes head to the pool on a bus. During swimming, all of the students experience something new every lesson. Swimming is good for our bodies and it is part of the PE curriculum. MQI students have very much enjoyed the swimming lessons and are already excited for next year!

By Isabel King

Hurling

All classes had hurling lessons with Gordon from the Wild Geese GAA Club. Gordon taught us how to hit the ball, catch the ball and pass the ball. We had amazing matches and fair teams. We really enjoyed the lessons but they have now ended but we hope to do more next year.

Soon, we will be doing Gymnastics lessons. We are so excited! We hope to learn lots of tricks in gymnastics.

By Zac Robinson

Football

Our football team took part in the FAI tournament on the 24th February. We left at 9am and had time to warm up before the games. We played some really great games and it was neck and neck many times between us and the other teams, and we scored some great goals. All teams played very well and we had a great time. We also had a GAA match on the 27th February against St. Margaret's, they played so well but we ended up winning!

By Max Lenehan, Robbie Doyle and Mason Marshall.

CJ Fallon

On Wednesday, two people from CJ Fallon came to our school to help us make our own class book! We put lots of effort into thinking of our setting, characters and plot for our stories. It was so much fun making ideas for our book and we hope we get to see them soon. We are so proud of our books.

By Sadhbh Rafter