



Mary Queen of Ireland Newsletter

Term 1 Newsletter 2025

3rd Active Flag

A huge well done to Mr. McDermottroe and the Active Committee for all their hard work on achieving the schools 3rd Active Flag this year. They have made sure that our school is a fun and active place to be!

Student Council 2025-2026

Congratulations to this year's Student Council, who are Abi Quinn (Chairperson), Mason Marshall, Josh Jenkinson, Lilyrose Dolan, Alisha Keogh, Caleb Loresca, Tahlia Goodrick, Mia O'Sullivan and Darragh Quinn Reilly. They do such important work in our school, including being responsible for the student articles in our newsletter and being the student's voice in our school.

Here is a photo of our Student Council Members



School Enrolments 2025-2026

Our school began accepting applications for the admission of incoming students on the 1st November 2025. Closing date for applications will be the 17th December 2025. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is the 9th January. Applicants must then confirm acceptance of their offer of admission within 2 weeks, by the 23rd January 2026.

Glanmore Lunches

The Glanmore Lunches app was updated during the midterm break, so please make sure your child's lunch preferences are updated, as we are unable to accommodate changes and swaps at school. If your child does not wish to eat the Glanmore lunches, they can bring a healthy packed lunch from home.

Parent's Association

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent's Association AGM on the 6th October. This school year on our amazing Parent's Association we have:

Sinead Kelly- Chairperson

Stephanie McGuinness- Assistant Chairperson

Navina King- Treasurer

Lisa Dufficy- Assistant Treasurer

Lorna Reilly- Secretary

Ciara Dufficy- Assistant Secretary

We thank all our parents for their continued dedication and hard work for our school.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our Bake Sale morning during Wellness Week, which raised funds for Pieta House. A huge thank you also to the PA for organising the Bake Sale and the hugely enjoyed Halloween activities for our students.

School Committees

We have a new initiative starting this year called the Gaelbhrtach, who promote the use of Irish in the school. This year's Gaelbhrtach Committee are AJ Jago, Tahlia Goodrick, Bella McAleer, Lily Mae Warren, Zac Robinson, Ashton Jago, Kayden Keogh and Alicia Hutchinson,

Our Active Committee members this year are Caleb Albie Loresca, Darragh Quinn Reilly, Josh Jenkinson, Heidi Lacey, Zexuan Wei, Jason Dufficy, Connie Rice Byrne, Tyler Meagher, Arabella Maughan, Finn Kelly, Calvin Lacey and Evie Barry Lowndes.

Our Green School Committee this year are Tighe Rafter, Dylan Lacey, Leon King, Alisha Keogh, AJ Goodrick, Daniel Cruise, Alanna Taplin, Kalvin Barbour, Aaron Dowling and Isabel King.

Christmas Festivities

Well done to all our students who designed their own Christmas cards!

Please let us know if your child will be attending the Christmas Panto on the 4th December via a note on Aladdin or your child's Homework Diary. The cost of the tour will be €10, and this has been organised and subsidised by the Parent's Association.

On December 19th, we will hold a Christmas carols and art exhibition. All welcome to attend! School will close for the Christmas Holidays at 12pm on the 19th December.

Students' News Around the School!

We recognise the importance of giving our students a voice. Our new Student Council are in charge of this part of the newsletter. This edition, they have written about news, learning and events in our school.

Maths Week

Just before the midterm break, the whole school got to participate in Maths Week. On the 23rd October, students were allowed to bring in our very own maths board games, which we designed ourselves! Parents were invited in to look at our games and we had so much fun! We already can't wait to do it again next year!

By Abi Quinn, 6th Class

Amber Flag- Wellness Week

On the 13th - 17th of October, we had Wellness Week, a week for us to look after our mental health and have fun. On Mindful Monday, everyone got mindfulness colouring sheets and it was very relaxing! We had hot chocolate and chats on Tuesday, made by the amazing Ms. O'Mahony! On Wednesday we went for a long walk. On Thankful Thursday the Amber Flag Committee gave out chocolate to the staff to show we are thankful to them. Finally on Friday, we watched a full movie and had delicious popcorn. Thanks to the Amber Flag Committee, we are feeling great!

By Lilyrose Dolan, 6th Class

Halloween

Halloween was really fun this year. We got to dress up for school in our Halloween costumes. There were some really cool and funny costumes! We also had a Bake Sale, which was organised by the Parents' Association. They were selling sweets, pastries and drinks. All parents and students were allowed to go to it and it was really fun. Our class did Halloween art and we played Bingo with our Halloween Irish words.

By Josh Jenkinson, 6th class

Green School News

We are continuing to work on our Green Schools theme 'Travel and Global Citizenship'. We are trying to ask people to use cars less, and to walk and cycle more because this is kinder to the environment. We also want people not to leave their engines running when they are parked, because this pollutes the air. We also do lots of work on recycling in the school. Every Friday, our Green Schools Committee meet up and we sort out the school bins. Every class has a compost and recycle bin. The waste is all put into coloured bins for collection so it can be recycled and re used. We try to not to use our general waste bin too much.

By Tahlia Goodrick, 6th class

Presidents of Ireland Projects

The Hawks did projects about the past Presidents of Ireland last month because there was going to soon be a new President. We worked in groups and it took us about 2 weeks to do them because we were working so hard and we found them so interesting. Some people did their projects on Michael D. Higgins, because we can't forget about him! It was very interesting to learn about him. Some groups researched other past presidents like Mary Robinson, Mary McAleese, Douglas Hyde and Eamon De Valera. Our new President is Catherine Connolly and hopefully we can do a project on her soon!

By Alisha Keogh, 6th Class

Our Trip to Skerries

For our first day of school, 5th and 6th class went on our Reconnection Day to Skerries. In the morning we had to leave straight away. When we got there, we played games such as football and tug of war outside, and there were 2 bouncy castles inside. You could do a race through one of them! We could also play with skipping ropes and hula hoops. Gardas Chris and Rebecca were there to play the activities with us. It was a very fun trip and we really enjoyed it. Thank you to James Kavanagh and Kevyn Miley for organising the trip.

By Darragh Quinn Reilly, 6th Class

Active Flag News

For 6 weeks, Sean Daly from Daly Fitness came to our school every Monday to do workout activities and games with all classes. Hannah has started gymnastics with us this month. We have also been doing GAA with Nigel every Friday. We love all of these activities! We are have just received our 3rd Active School Flag!

By Caleb Albie Loresca, 6th Class

Microsoft Ireland Workshop

On the 2nd October, 3rd to 6th class did a coding workshop with Microsoft Ireland. We had great fun and we used our school's new set of chromebooks. We also used cool mini computers to see our coding in action. It was great and we would love to do it again.

By Mason Marshall, 6th Class