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Service of light

A beautiful ceremony called the Service of Light took place on Thursday 6th March for 6th class pupils from the Presentation Primary School and from St. Mary's C.B.S. This saw parents of the confirmation children pass on the light of faith to their children. The boys were a credit to the school and a big thank you goes to Mr. Morris for preparing the boys for this special service.

Confirmation

The sun shone brightly on all the boys from 6th class who received the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Alphonsos in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 19th March. The boys were wonderful throughout the ceremony, we thank them and their families for the commitment they put into preparing for this important day. Thanks also to Mr. Morris and Fr. Billy Meehan for all the work that went into preparing the boys for this sacrament. Thank you to the staff who helped set up the art-work in the church.

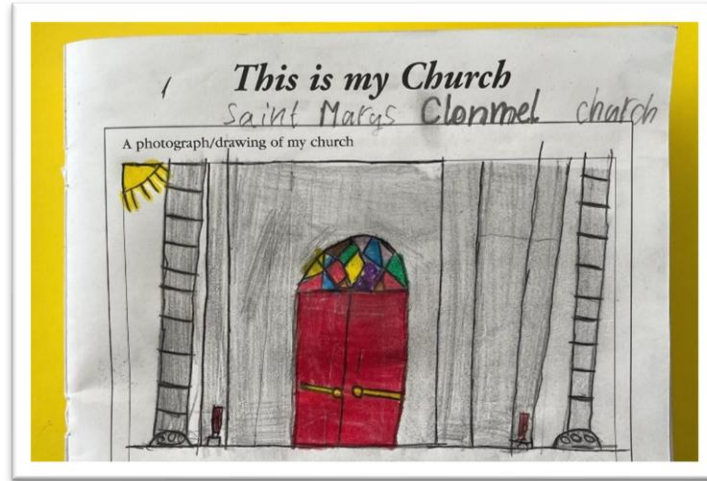
Service of Reconciliation

Our second-class boys have been very busy over recent months as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. They received first penance along with the girls from the Presentation Primary School in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 2nd April in a beautiful ceremony celebrated by Fr. Billy. The following day Ms. Powell and Mr. Ryan

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treated the boys to a trip to the shop for an ice lolly as a reward for all the hard work and effort they put into preparing for their first penance. They now look forward to Saturday 24th May when they will receive their First Holy Communion.

This beautiful picture of St. Mary's Church was drawn by Anthony Keats in Ms. Powell's 2nd Class.



St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

On Friday 14th March the boys had the option of dressing in green in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. All money collected on the day went to the Irish Cancer Society. The total raised was €322.80, thank you to all for supporting this very worthy cause.



Soccer Blitz

Well done to our 5th and 6th class boys for taking part in a county 5 aside soccer blitz on 6th March at Cahir Park FC. Both teams competed well and one team made the semi – final before losing out 1-0 to a strong Scoil Ailbhe team.



Hurling Blitz

Our 3rd and 4th class pupils participated in a hurling blitz in Clerihan on Wednesday 2nd April. The boys played very well on the day and had a lot of fun. Well done to everyone for taking part. Thanks to our teachers who accompanied the boys organised the teams.



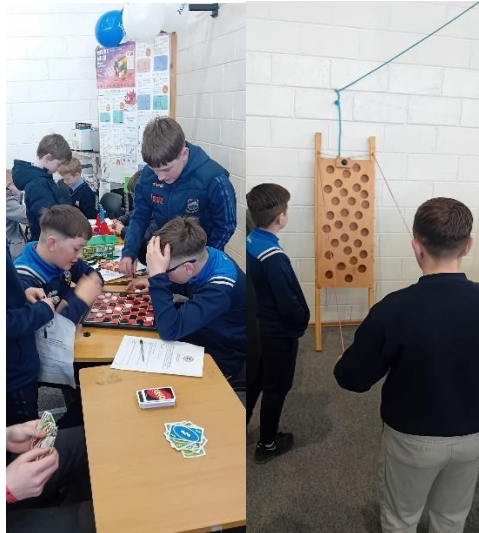
World Book Day

Here at St. Mary's, we love celebrating World Book Day. On Thursday 6th March the boys dressed up as their favourite book characters and brought their favourite book into school. A prize was awarded to one boy in each class for their effort and creativity in putting their costume together. A very popular choice of character this year was Dog Man closely followed by Harry Potter, well done to all for participating and to Ms. Powell who dressed up as Ms. Honey from Matilda and Ms. Moroney who dressed up as one of the three blind mice.



High School STEM Fair

The CBS High School students very kindly invited our 4th and 5th classes to attend a STEM demonstration day on Thursday 13th March, this was a fun and interesting morning for the boys who enjoyed learning about the amazing projects on display. Well done to the High School students involved.



Engineering Week

Third Class enjoyed a trip to the library on 4th March to celebrate Engineering Week. They listened to inspirational stories and designed their own aerodynamic rockets!



Solar Panels

In February, with funding from the SEAI, Energy Serv installed new solar PV panels on our school roof to help reduce electricity costs. Solar panels contribute to environmental sustainability by reducing carbon emissions. By

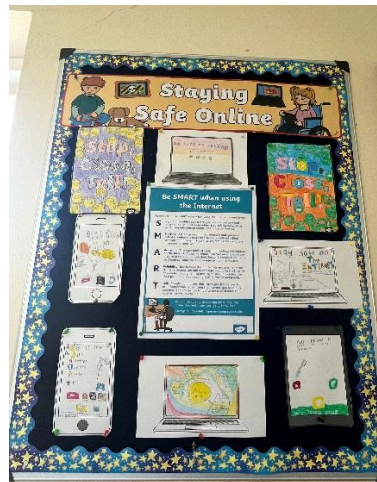
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generating clean, renewable energy, we as a school can decrease our carbon footprint and support Ireland's transition to a greener energy landscape.



Internet Safety Talk

On Tuesday 8th April, Jeremy Pagden visited and gave a very informative presentation to both parents and pupils on the risks and hazards of internet use. We extend our thanks to Jeremy for this very insightful talk.



Easter Art Work

Here are some photos of the beautiful art work on display along our corridors this term.



Weee Ireland Schools Battery Competition

A huge thank you to all the classes for collecting used batteries. We filled 12 x 5kg boxes. Recycling through WEEE Ireland helps to protect our environment and support Laura Lynn, Ireland's children's hospice. Please continue to bring in used batteries for our next collection day.



School Tours

Details of the school tours will be forwarded to parents in the weeks after Easter if they have not already been received. The school tour is a nice reward for the boys who have worked hard and behaved well during the year.

Department Funding

We are thrilled to announce that St. Mary's CBS has received approval from the Department of Education for significant improvements to our heating infrastructure to be completed over the summer holidays, ensuring a

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safer and more comfortable environment for our pupils. A heartfelt thank you to all the local representatives who supported us in this process, with special thanks to Michael Murphy TD for his invaluable support.

Cherry Blossom Pre-School

The boys and girls from Cherry Blossom pre-school really enjoyed their weekly visit to Jump World over the past 6 weeks. They also visited the library where they spent some time playing and having fun in the sensory room.

Dates to remember

- Monday 28th April School re-opens after Easter holidays
- Monday 5th May Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 6th May School Closed
- Friday 9th May School Closed In-Service Day

Please note the school traffic warden will not be on duty on Friday 2nd May and Wednesday 7th May to Friday 9th May inclusive.

School Calendar 2025/2026

The school calendar for 2025/2026 is now available on the school website, please contact the office with any queries.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Easter



