



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Winners of €15 Smyths vouchers for outstanding work on Seesaw this week

Ethan Kane – 4th Cass

Dextor Abbey – 1st Class



Thank you to Ms Greaney's class for presenting the assembly this week and to our brilliant drummer, Evan, for the performance.

Grandparents Day

Today is Grandparents Day in St. Mary's and over the course of the week the children have been celebrating their grandparents. While we cannot celebrate in the usual way we have put together this short video in recognition of the fantastic grandparents that form a very important part of our school community <https://youtu.be/WSMXs8Qgl-A> .

*This year marks the fourth year that St. Mary's has held a Talent Show in memory of Michaela Gonda, a former student who sadly passed away in May 2017. **The Michaela Gonda Talent Show** is very special to all of the staff at St. Mary's and it was important to us that we continue it this year regardless of the pandemic. We are aware that we have some very talented students and the Michaela Gonda Talent Show is a great way for the children to show their talents. We had so many entries this year and it was very hard for the class teachers to only choose two acts to move to the final stage. Having the freedom to record your video at home has meant that we were able to see acts that may not have been possible to perform on the stage. It allowed you to 'think outside the box' and show us your interests. Each of you who submitted an entry should be very proud. You were all brilliant. Well done to the 51 acts who made it to the final stage of the competition. There were a variety of talents displayed - playing the piano, magic tricks, dancing, singing, sketching, etc.*

Congratulations to Aoife Varghese (1st), Gabi Chimelo (2nd) and Evan Prendergast and Luka Rumsaite (joint 3rd).

Remember to keep practising all your talents and to enter the competition next year.

Active Schools Week is next week and we are hoping that the children will use the opportunity to increase their daily exercise through the challenges planned by our school's Active Committee. Each parent will be sent the overview of challenges today with the week's plans. The wellbeing benefits of regular exercise is very well researched and linked to positive changes in physical and mental health. I would really encourage families to try, as best as you can, to embrace the activities of Active School's Week.

Sacraments – We have had communication from the parish office to let us know that there has been a letter from Archbishop's House to refrain from setting dates for Communion and Confirmations at the moment. I know this is really unsettling for children as there is so much uncertainty surrounding their special days however it remains very dependent on the progression of the virus. Hopefully the situation will be clearer towards the end of this term, I will communicate any updates as soon as I have any additional information.

Mast Update From Parents Association Committee - In relation to South Dublin County Council and St. Mary's GAA planning application for a mobile phone mast, the permission for the mast in the adjacent St. Mary's GAA Pitch has been approved by SDCC, the Parents Association Committee would like to keep you updated on this matter and advise that the Parents Association Committee have lodged a separate objection to this mast with An Bord Pheanala . To review

details on this matter on SDCC website the reference number is SD20A/0221. Any queries for An Bord Pheanala office Reference Number is 309234.

Parent teacher meetings – Please check Aladdin and book a slot for parent teacher meetings if you have not already done so.

Contacting the school: As the school building is closed for the next while the phones in the school will not be answered. You should contact your child's teacher via Seesaw app directly. If you need to contact the office the email is stmaryssaggart2@gmail.com or my own email is principal@saggartns.ie .

Kind regards

Ms Olwill
Principal

Ms Lannery
Deputy Principal