



Dear Parents/Guardians and Children,

SeeSaw is now in full swing and I have really enjoyed watching videos, looking at photos and samples of work and art from school and home. Keep up the good work children!

Congratulations to our Junior Infants for completing their first week of full days in school. I'm sure the children will be tired this weekend but they should be so proud of how well they are doing so far! Some of the children even made it to the Echo this week!

Huge thanks to Ms Glynn and her class for their very successful virtual assembly this week. There was real enthusiasm and excitement generated in the school after watching it and we look forward to next week's assembly. Well done to all of the children who received certificates. In addition to assembly, going forward Ms Lannery or myself will visit classes with small rewards for children who are working hard and showing kindness each week.

European Day of Languages – We are so lucky to have children from all over the world in St. Mary's – we enjoyed a special treat today when some of our multi lingual children made announcements on the intercom in a range of languages – Thank you to all involved!



In light of the difficulties children are being presented with the National Parents Council, through the PA, have informed us of the following support. Dr. Colman Noctor, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist, in a series of four sessions, which will be held each Wednesday in October, will provide support for parents looking at the following:

- Let's talk about connecting with your child - 7th October
- Let's talk about helping anxious children - 14th October
- Let's talk about your child's online life - 21st October
- Let's talk about building your child's social savvy - 28th October

Each of the four sessions will last for 40 minutes beginning at **8pm** and they will be interactive giving parents an opportunity to ask questions. All sessions will be online and FREE of charge. You can register to attend one or all of these sessions by clicking this link

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lets_talk_a_series_of_conversations_with_Dr_Colman_Noctor_or_by_calling_01-8874034. Booking in advance is essential, as places are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Contacting the school: The school office and email is extremely busy at the moment. **Please note that when you need to contact the school the most efficient way is through the school journal or Seesaw directly to your child's class teacher.** Class teachers cannot answer calls during the school day but you can arrange a call through Journal/Seesaw. There are some parents approaching teachers on the yards, unfortunately for the safety of all concerned these informal conversations cannot happen so please refrain from this in future. As previously mentioned there are no walk-ins to school reception.

*Please continue to be vigilant in observing possible symptoms of Covid 19 at home and refer to all of the documentation on our website if you have any concerns about your child. **There is a guide 'Should I send my child to school?', which is in line with HSE guidelines, available on the Covid tab on the school website (www.saggartns.ie).***

Kind Regards

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