

Newsletter –16th April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,



External coaching update: We were delighted to receive confirmation this week that external coaches can return to our school. The children in Senior Infants and 4th class all had a fantastic time on Thursday doing Rugby with Glenn from Leinster Rugby. The children in 1st class are looking forward to starting their GAA coaching this afternoon with Sean. All of this coaching is taking place outdoors and with the children's safety in mind. We will continue to invite coaches into our school for the remainder of the school year to ensure that lots of children in St Mary's can experience new sports this year.



It was lovely to hear the news of the birth of three baby girls over past few weeks – Baby Anna, Baby Elliana and Baby Isabella.

Congratulations to Ms Jordan, Ms Sciascia and Ms Hamilton!

Congratulations are also due to Ms Comerford (previously Ms Mc Swenny) who has recently celebrated her wedding.

Over the Easter holidays **new playground markings** were organised by our staff fundraising committee, the children were really excited to begin using the games and trails marked out all around the play spaces. These are also used as to support lessons and sensory breaks throughout the school day.



Booklists and a school calendar for next year will be sent out in the coming weeks. The booklists have also been sent to some websites/bookshops to help parents source the books. The annual payments will be collected through Aladdin and may be paid in instalments over the coming months, hopefully this will ease the financial burden on families.

Dogs – It has come to our attention that there are a number of dogs being brought onto the school premises in the morning and afternoons. Please ensure your dog is on a lead/in your arms while on school premises and they should not pass the green gate – some children can become quite upset around dogs and there have been some incidents reported to the school also. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you to all for supporting our Easter Raffle & to the PA for organising – a sum of €1434.20 was raised which will be used to purchase PE equipment and child friendly books to support topics in our Social Personal and Health Education. Congratulations to Cillian Reilly who won our first prize hamper on the day!



Well done to two of our pupils who have won prizes in South Dublin County Council Anti-Racism Competition - Keerthana Kaarthik and Yashitha Kaarthik. These are photos of their lovely work, what talented children!



Reminder: School will close for one week (3rd-7th May inclusively), reopening on Monday 10th May as per our school calendar.

Contacting the school: 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 . There is no access to our school reception, all communication with the school should continue through Seesaw, email and if needed phone calls. Parents arriving at reception will be asked to leave. All of these measures are to ensure the highest level of safety for your children and school staff, with everyone working together we hope to avoid any further school closures. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Le gach dea ghúí,

**Ms Olwill
Principal**

**Ms Lannery
Deputy Principal**