

Dear Parents,



Autism Acceptance and Awareness Day – Today we celebrate the children in our school community with Autism. All classes have been learning about Autism and sharing their experiences of Autism. As many of the children and parents have never had the opportunity to visit our Lighthouse, the children and staff in the Lighthouse have made a video to give an insight for everyone, linked here <https://youtu.be/AtHxtuyNmL0> .



The school is decorated in all the colours of the rainbow to represent the individuality of all children in our school and all children are wearing colours of their choice. We are fundraising for communication boards for our yards and a sensory room for our Lighthouse. **Donations can be made at the gates this afternoon or through Aladdin payments.** Thank you to our staff and PA for planning this day, it is one of the highlights of our year here in St Mary's.





The PA Easter Raffle will take place next Friday; children can buy tickets from their class teacher from Monday –Thursday next week. Tickets will cost €1 per strip and there are prizes for all classes in the school.

Madhatter's Day will be held on Thursday. Children can make and wear an Easter Bonnet on the day, we will have a parade around the school/grounds to showcase all the creativity and there will be prizes for the best creation in each class.

School will close next Friday for our Easter Holidays. Junior and Senior Infants will finish at 11:45, 1st-6th will finish at 12 noon and the Lighthouse classes will finish at 11:30.

Well done to our football and soccer teams this week; they continue to represent our school so well and the skills are developing each week.



Kind regards,

Suzanne Olwill
Principal

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Acting Deputy Principal