



4th February 2015

School Calendar 2015



Tuesday 3rd – Thursday 5th February (inclusive)	Junior Infants, Senior Infants & 3 rd Class Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday 5th February	PA Event – John Lonergan Talk 7.30pm (see over → for more info)
Tuesday 10th February	Pancake Day! (more info to follow)
Friday 13th February	School Closes for Mid-Term Break (usual home times apply)
Monday 23rd February	School Re-opens after Mid-Term Break
Friday 27th February	3 rd Class host Assembly – 9am, School Hall
Monday 9th March (all week)	Seachtain na Gaeilge
Friday 13th March	School Closes for St. Patrick's Day Break (usual home times apply)
Wednesday 18th March	School Re-opens after St. Patrick's Day Break
Friday 27th March	School Closes for Easter Holidays (usual home times apply)
Monday 13th April	School Re-opens after Easter Holidays
Friday 24th April	International Day
Friday 1st May	1 st Class host Assembly – 9am, School Hall
Monday 4th May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Monday 11th – Friday 15th May (inclusive)	6 th Class Gaeltacht Trip
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May (all week)	Active Week
Friday 22nd May	Senior Infants host Assembly – 9am, School Hall
Friday 29th May	Annual Sports Day (weather permitting)
Monday 1st June	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Friday 19th June	Junior Infants host Assembly – 9am, School Hall
Thursday 25th June	6 th Class Graduation Ceremony – 9am, School Hall
Friday 26th June	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 12pm

Teaching Practice

This year, we will be welcoming a number of student teachers from The Church of Ireland College of Education for their Teaching Practice. Please note that the children will at all times remain under the supervision of the class teacher.

Junior Infants – Jennifer Scannell (4th – 25th March)
 Senior Infants – Caroline Daly (4th – 25th March)
 1st Class – Erica Porter (23rd February – 20th March)
 2nd Class – Gena McKay (4th -25th March)
 4th Class – Samantha Ansell (4th – 25th March)

A student teacher from America will also be joining the school for a number of weeks.

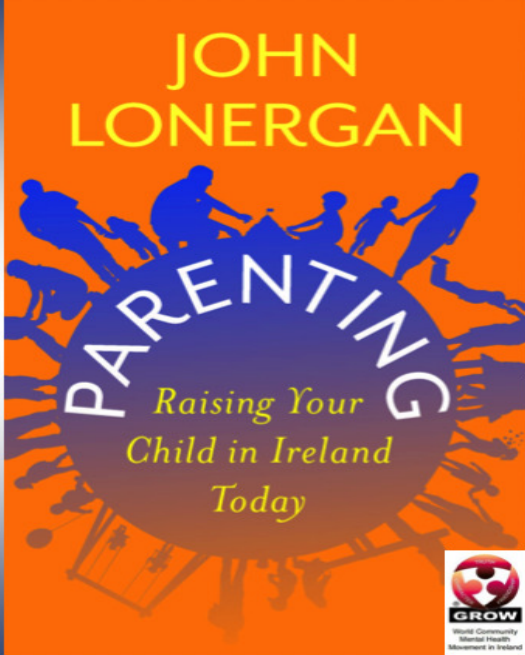
Credit Union School Quiz

A huge well done to all the boys and girls who took part in the Credit Union School Quiz last Friday night! All of our school's teams did excellently on the night and answered a huge number of various questions correctly. We would like to say a particular well done to our Under 11's team, Lochlan Cran, Francis Manzocchi, Hilary Brett and Aoife Cosgrave who have made it through to the next level! This team answered the highest number of questions correctly in the Under 11's category and lost out by just one question to an Under 13's team to have won overall. We would like to wish them good luck for the next level!

Thank you to Anne Deacon and Carmel O'Connor who over the past number of weeks have prepared the children for the competition!

P.T.O. →





St Matthew's Parents' Association are delighted to invite **John Loneragan**, former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, to our School to present a talk on **Parenting - The Challenges and the Rewards**

Thursday February 5th 2015, 1930hrs

In lieu of a fee the PA will be making a donation to **'GROW'**

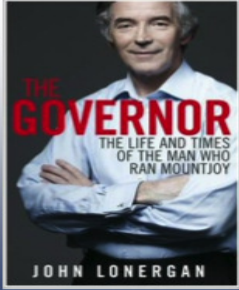
John entered the prison service in 1968 and in the years that followed, as he saw human nature at its worst - and often, unexpectedly, at its best. He developed a deep understanding both of human nature and of Irish society.

For parents he presents a talk called "Parenting - the challenges and the rewards"

This talk lasts about one hour and is a reflective and awareness raising look at parenting

GROW is a Mental Health Organisation which helps people who have suffered, or are suffering, from mental health problems. Members are helped to recover from all forms of mental breakdown, or indeed, to prevent such happening.

www.grow.ie



To register your attendance at this event, please follow this link

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/parenting-talk-by-john-loneragan-tickets-15407190321>



Seachtain na Gaeilge 27th February – 6th March

We are hoping to plan our biggest and best Seachtain na Gaeilge yet! Can you help? We are looking for prizes and parents who have a grá for the language who could help in some of our activities. Please let us know if you can help, thank you.



Our New School Website www.stmatts.ie

Great news! Our new website www.stmatts.ie is now live! Thank you to Mark & Simon Stewart from Cloud Nine Consulting. We love our new modern, interactive website, we hope you will too!

