



**Have you checked out our website www.stmatts.ie?!
It is full of school information, pupil news & photos!**

International Day

International Day will take place on Friday 24th April.

Each class will be learning about a country in the lead up to this day. We are hosting a short assembly and parade on the day at 9 am, which parents are welcome to attend. Children are encouraged to dress up in clothes relating to their country and bring along a small donation of €2 for GOAL. Children will be engaging in various other activities throughout the day and we will also be welcoming Louise from GOAL to talk to the children.



CoderDojo Saturday 18th April @ 2pm in Star of the Sea

Tickets are available for this Saturday's CoderDojo at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/d4coderdojostarofthesea-tickets-16563103689>

- Don't forget your laptop with scratch downloaded: <http://scratch.mit.edu/>
- Please bring snacks and drinks for your kids- **no nuts or nut based products please**
- Each attendee must have an assigned guardian who remains at the event due to child protection laws
 - Parents and kids- Be cool! No complaining, no messing, help out if you can...

Cycling Safely Workshops for 5th & 6th Class

We have organised a set of Cycling Safely workshops for our 5th & 6th class pupils, which will be run by Eoin Ryan from Doctorbike. The course will consist of 6 lessons focusing on the principles of cycling safety, traffic awareness and increasing the child's awareness of cycling skills with a view to becoming a more responsible road user. The training will prove invaluable to the children, as it is important to learn how to use a bike safely and how to recognise danger on the road.

The total cost for the 6 x 1 hour lessons is €20. The course will be partially funded by Dublin City Council leaving a cost to parents of €10 per child. Children are welcome to use their own bike and safety helmet for each session, however, bicycles and helmets will be provided if necessary. If your child opts to use their own bike it is essential that it is in full working order and must have two working brakes.

Below, please find the workshop dates along with a permission slip which must be returned to school with payment of €10 before the lessons commence.

Workshop dates:

Indoor Session: Friday 1st May
Outdoor Sessions: Friday 8th, 22nd May
 Friday 5th, 12th, 19th June



✂-----Please complete & return to the School Office-----

Pupil's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

- Will your child has his/her own bike and cycling safety equipment? Yes No
- I attach payment of €10 Yes
- I hereby give consent for my son/daughter to participate in the Cycling Safely workshops during school hours.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

16th April 2015



Food Dudes



St. Matthew's have been chosen to participate in the Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme, a programme available nationally to Primary Schools in Ireland. The programme aims to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables. Health experts recommend that children (and adults) eat at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables every day. There are two levels of participation in the programme within the school - Junior classes and Senior classes. Senior pupils (3rd to 6th Class) will participate in 4 tasting days whereas Junior pupils will participate in 16 days of the programme. If you have a look in your child's schoolbag there is a two sided A4 page with all the details!

Many thanks, looking forward to the programme, *Casey McConnell (5th Class teacher)*

School Calendar 2015



Friday 24 th April	International Day
Monday 27 th April – Friday 1 st May (all week)	IT Week
Friday 1 st May	1 st Class host Assembly – 9am, School Hall
Friday 1 st May	Cycling Safely Workshops Begin for 5 th & 6 th Class
Monday 4 th May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May (inclusive)	6 th Class Gaeltacht Trip
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd May (all week)	Active Week
Friday 22 nd May	Senior Infants host Assembly – 9am, School Hall

School Tour information to follow shortly!

PA News

Firstly the Committee would like to say a huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who supported our recent table quiz/ Auction/ Raffle & Race night, the feedback was fantastic it was great to catch up with the other parents have a bit of fun and we managed to raise over €2700!!

A special mention should go to the organiser Bronwyn Thomson who did a fantastic job to Venetia Quick & Toni Farrell who assisted her in the run up and on the night, and to Slattery's for hosting the night and their help with organising the questions etc... and of course a huge thank you to all our sponsors who donated prizes.

Thank you to Olga Lackey who organised the Topsy Turvy Bop Hop, to Martin Thomas for spinning some tunes at it & to those committee members that came along to chaperone on the day, this was a really fun event for the children and was thoroughly enjoyed by all ages ☺

This week we are running a recycling drive where we will accept your unwanted items and turn them into money for the school... more details attached.

Upcoming events for your diary

- International Day – 24th April - giving the children an insight into other countries & cultures, we hope to have a guest speaker from Goal in the day to talk to the children
- Summer Fair – 13th June – fun in the sunshine (hopefully) a day not to be missed!!

For all the up to date news join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmatts4pa/>



St. Matthew's National School Recycling Drive

1. Clothing Recycling Drive

During the Week of Monday 20th April to Thursday 23rd April please drop off all items into the School Hall during this week.

Please donate all your clean unwanted **clothes, bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys.**

Wearable clothes will be recycled and re-used and other torn etc items will be recycled for items, such as, industrial wipes or soundproofing.

Laptops (must be intact with lead) are accepted but please keep these separate.

Books, Magazines or Diaries are accepted (but no school books or copy books)

No Household Bric A Brac, Duvets or Pillows

Please try to fill as many bags as you can, don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a clear out as well. You can donate items in any kind of bag. The school will receive €5.50 for every 10kg (approx.1 full black refuse sack).



2. Mobile Phone Recycling

If you have mobile phones lying around the house or stuffed in the back of a drawer in the office now is the time to dig them out and donate them to the school.

We are happy to receive any make and model of mobile phone regardless of condition. Don't forget to remove the SIM card from the phone and drop it in without the charger to the school office.

Thank you for taking the time and effort to support our recycling drive.

Any questions please contact Richard Zipser on the PA on ph. 087 2758434