

Dear Parents, and of course our lovely girls,

We hope that you have been keeping well. The school year is now coming to an end with many events and celebrations not held. The last few months have been challenging and difficult for many children and families, especially for the children continuing their school work at home. The feedback, interaction and samples of work we have received from parents and children reflect the hard work and dedication put in by yourselves and your child over the last number of months. We appreciate this very much, and thank you for your support in making sure your child has completed some of the tasks she would have done if she had been in the school setting during that period of time.

This week we will be completing our activities with a virtual school tour and virtual sports day. Here is a very useful link to access a school tour of your choice:

<https://www.into.ie/2020/03/25/virtual-tour-season/>

Our sports day ideas are below. The only requirement is to have fun. We'd love to receive some photos or videos of your sports day!!!

It is great to have received a date for the First Holy Communion – Sunday 23rd August 2020 at 12pm in St. Brendans Church, Birr. Both of us will be there on the day to help with the intimate celebration of our class and it will be very special.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a well deserved break from monitoring your child's school work over the last number of weeks. We hope that circumstances have changed by the time the new school year begins and that we can look forward to our usual school and classroom routine for the 2020/2021 school year. Wishing you all a safe and pleasant summer and we hope you get to take a break for yourselves also.

Slán go fóill, and see you in August,

Miss Ryan and Mrs. Kennedy



Mercy Primary School Sports Day 2020

We may not be able to have our traditional Mercy Primary School Sports Day this year but

we can certainly try to recreate it at home! Get your whole family involved in these fun activities and enjoy sports day together. You can use whatever you have at home to create these activities. The kids will have lots of ideas for setting up these tasks. Sports Day wouldn't be the same without music playing to energise you! Why not listen to your favourite tunes to enhance your performance and make the day even more enjoyable! Take a few pictures and email them to us-we'd love to see them.



1. **Wheelbarrow race.** You can either race against other family members or time yourself doing a lap of a room or the garden. What's the fastest time you can do?!
2. **Balance Race:** Run around the garden balancing a loo roll on your head! See who can keep it on their head the longest. Who's the loo roll champion in your house?!
3. **Egg and spoon.** See if you can balance a potato or boiled egg on a spoon while running. Race against other family members or time yourself and see how fast you can run from the starting line to the finishing line without dropping the egg/potato.



4. **Water fun!** Fill a bucket/large saucpan with water. Place an empty bucket/saucpan at the opposite end of the garden. Fill a cup from the bucket of water, run to the opposite side of the garden and drop the water into the empty bucket. See how long it takes to empty all the water from the filled bucket to the empty one!

5. **Sack Race**-use a black refuse sack, shopping bag, sleeping bag, old pillow case or duvet cover and jump from one point to another in the garden or indoors. Who gets to the finish line first?



6. **Obstacle Course**- create your own obstacle course using household items. Who's the fastest member of the family to complete the course?



7. **Hurdles**-use sweepings brushes, mops, shoes or anything you can jump over.



8. **Skipping Rope**-time yourself-how long can you skip for?
9. **Limbo**-use a sweeping brush and see how low you can go!



