

Every School Day Counts

This November, Our Lady's School will be supporting TUSLA EWS national campaign - **"Every School Day Counts"**. The campaign highlights the importance of children attending school every day.

At the moment there are over 920,000 students attending school in Ireland and almost 60,000 (over 6%) students miss school every day. The whole school community plays a crucial role in promoting school attendance to provide better educational outcomes for children and young people.

The 'Every School Day Counts' campaign will run during the month of November and it is hoped that the impact of this will permeate throughout the academic year.

How Parents Can Help

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Establish good sleeping habits – keep technology out of the bedroom so a good night's sleep can be had.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time – not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness – this should be done using the School App.
- Take truancy seriously – if your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk – Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Take family holidays outside term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework).
- Attend parent evenings and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.