



****Seachtain na Gaeilge****



Bhí craic agus ceoil againn i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge with the pupils speaking and performing trí mheáin Gaeilge! Activities included our **Lá Glas**, where everybody wore green, whole school céili performance and our 'Tráth na gCeist'. Please continue to encourage the pupils in speaking our national language and engage with them as much as possible. Photographed below are our seisear buaiteoirí from Seachtain na Gaeilge activities. Maith sibh go léir.. 🙌
Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam.



Gymnastics

All classes had great fun participating in our gymnastics lessons which were ran by Tommy Mahony of Gymstars. The pupils really enjoyed the sessions and learned of the importance of developing strength and flexibility through gymnastics. A míle buíochas to the boxing club for allowing us the use of their excellent facilities!



Reminders:

Easter Holidays: 22nd March school closed @ 12pm re-opens on 8th April 2024

May Bank Holiday: School closed on Friday 3rd & Mon 6th May

May Mid Term: School closed from Monday 27th May and re-opens on Tuesday 4th June

Summer Holidays: School closes Friday 28th June @ 12pm

****Upcoming events****

First Communion: 11th May at 11am

Children in the older classes will be invited to participate in choir practice in preparation for the first Holy Communion ceremony

Rounders will take place after the Easter holidays. Many thanks to Ms. K. Doyle for coordinating.

The FAI 5-aside blitz for both the boys and girls will take place in Ferns Utd. Soccer grounds on Thursday 11th April. Both teams are to be there @ 9:30 at the latest for registration. More information to follow.

****Fundraising****

The school will hold a Sponsored Walk fundraiser in June. Sponsorship cards will be sent out with the pupils in May. We would ask that everybody gets behind this initiative in order to raise some funds for our school.

Final Reminder

Our closing date for enrolments has passed so a reminder to anyone looking to enrol pupils for this coming September to please contact Ann in the office and request an enrolment form as soon as possible.



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Green Schools

We recently held a poster competition to find our new 'Green Code'. Thank you for all the entries and well done to the winner, Callum O' Toole on his entry 'Slam Dunk the Junk!'

For World Wildlife Day, we visited a local stream and looked for wildlife and signs of Spring.

Parents' Association

The PA have kindly offered to purchase half zip tops from Bodibro for our 6th class pupils. The Split the Pot fundraiser continues to be a great success. Please support at every opportunity. The continued support of the PA is greatly appreciated.

First Confession

Well done to 2nd class on making their First Confession on 12th March. Thank you to Ms. L. Sinnott on having them so well prepared.

Parental Involvement

We are preparing a list of parent volunteers who would be willing to come into the school from time to time to help out with different activities and initiatives. If this is something you might be interested in, please send an email to the class teacher.

Hurling 365

Hurling 365 will return on Wednesday 10th April (weather permitting) for all pupils. Start time is 8 a.m. Please contact our coordinator Keira Kinahan Murphy on 087-3819879 for if you would like to get involved.

Fundamental movement sessions

Thank you to Caroline Murphy who has been in the school the last number of weeks. The pupils have really enjoyed and benefited from these sessions. These will continue every Wednesday up until the end of May

Special class

The school will be opening it's doors to six new pupils this September as we eagerly await the opening of our new special class. We look forward to welcoming our new pupils into the special class.

Attendance

Please continue to support your child's attendance in school as this is essential for both their academic and social development

Tin whistle

Thanks to all the pupils who brought in tin whistles. Lessons for pupils in 3rd -6th classes will be held once a month after Easter, with Catherine Roche of Comhaltas, in association with Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.

Freshtoday

Thank you to Kiara from 'Fresh Today' who completed an exercise and nutrition workshop with 3rd - 6th class pupils. Please keep an eye out for new Spring/ Summer menu options online that will be available in term 3.

Lots of Socks Day

Children wore odd socks to school on Thursday 21st March in recognition of 'World Down Syndrome Day'. Many thanks for donations received.

PM readers:

Children often bring home PM readers for homework. Unfortunately, we are missing quite a number of these. **If you have any PM readers at home, please send them into school.**

Seomra Fiadh

Our new outdoor classroom, 'Seomra Fiadh', proved the perfect setting for buddy reading during 'Friendship Week'. This was the first time we took advantage of this facility and we look forward to using it for many months and years to come.

Breakfast Club & After School

We're delighted to announce that there will be a breakfast club and after schools club facility available from this coming September. Please contact Tara Finn on 087 996 3113 if interested in registering for the breakfast club, and contact Elaine Leacy on 085 273 7203 if you are interested in registering for the after school club.

Website

Please keep an eye out for the launch of our new website. The final preparations are being completed and will be unveiled in the coming weeks!

Active school

The Active Committee have been busy throughout March promoting the 'Run around Europe Challenge' Each class is busy running around the courts outside. We are recording the number of laps that each class completes. We are calculating how far we have ran in kilometres and then seeing how far we have travelled across Europe. Athens in Greece is 2,856km away. Will we make it? We will inform you all next month.

The Active Committee

Mini 7s & Rackard League

Both our boys and girls were out in Mini 7s and Rackard League action recently. The girls played two games in their Mini 7s competition, winning the first match and unfortunately losing narrowly in the second game meaning they didn't qualify for the next stage. The boys won both games and qualified for the next round which will be held after Easter. Both teams are still in Rackard League action in the group stages at the moment, having played two games so far with a win and a loss each. They still have it all to play for in their third and final group game after Easter. The girls play against Ballyroe buck and the boys play away to St. Josephs Gorey. All support would be welcome. Well done to all for their hard work and efforts so far. Maith sibh!

