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April Newsletter

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí sár seachtain againn sa scoil le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhí caint, ceol, cluichí agus damsha i rith na seachtaine agus bhain gach duine taitneamh as. We had a wonderful week for Seachtain na Gaeilge during March with a huge amount of Irish spoken by all children across the school. We had tráth na gCeist (Quiz), cluichí boird (Board games), bingo and many more which the children really enjoyed. It culminated in Rannta le Chéile and a Céilí Mór in the hall at the end of the week. Sincere thanks to Mrs Tierney for planning and organising all of the events during the week and to Mr Murray for organising the Céili and assisting with the practice in the weeks leading up. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!!



Primary Language Curriculum In-service

On the 15th of March, the school was closed due to in-service for teachers as part of the implementation of the new Primary Language Curriculum. We have decided on a number of actions that we will take over the coming terms including additional focus on scríbhneoireacht (writing in Irish) and improving children's attitudes toward Irish by more frequent use of games like Nathair agus Dréimire (Snakes and ladders) and bingo to allow children to see Irish as fun as well as a normal means of communication. On your behalf, we would strongly encourage you to speak positively in terms of Irish and encourage your children to speak words that they know and are learning during their school week. Irish is mandatory right up to their Leaving Certificate so therefore it is important that your children possess a positive approach towards learning the language.

Stay Safe and online safety training

Many thanks to everyone who attended the stay safe training during the week. We received some really important information and advice. Thanks to the Parents' Association for sponsoring the event.

St Patrick's Day Shamrock

€390 was raised from the sale of Shamrock in the school over the last few weeks. All of the money raised will go towards the cost of extending our Maths equipment bank in the school.



Milford Hospice Fundraiser

It has been with great sadness that we have lost a number of people from our extended school community in the recent past. Some of these have been cared for by the dedicated staff of Milford Hospice. Arising from this we decided to designate last week's colours' day fundraiser towards their fund. We thank everyone who contributed to the E355 that was raised on the day.

FAI Soccer

Sixth Class went to Seancoill all-weather pitch on March 11th to participate in the SPAR FAI Primary School 5s Programme which involved 37,000 school - children nationwide. Three teams from 6th class participated and acquitted themselves proudly on the day. Unfortunately no team progressed to the next phase of the competition but each team got to play 3 group matches. Almost every boy in the class got to play and the few that didn't were very able assistants to Mr Shanagher and Miss Martin on the day. It was a great day out for all involved.

Attendance

5th class have the highest attendance for the month of March at 95%. 2nd and 3rd class have the highest attendance for the year to date at 95.4%. Well done boys! **Now that we are coming into the good weather, it is really important that attendance is maintained for the full duration of the year.** Children learn important lessons when they return to school from weekends away etc. on time and ready for school.

World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday the 7th of March. The pupils enjoyed taking part in a wide range of activities. We had shared reading lessons between all the classes and two very exciting table quizzes in the senior classes. There was also some fantastic colouring in the junior classes. All pupils received a book token. Fostering a love of reading is a gift for life. Thanks to the whole school community for participating so enthusiastically during World Book Day.

Confirmation

We will be celebrating the Confirmation this Saturday at 10.30am in St Patrick's Parish Church with Bishop Leahy celebrating the mass. We would all like to wish the boys and their teacher every good wish in their final preparations.

Hurling & Basketball

Well done to our hurlers and basketballers who are competing well in their respective leagues at the moment. Our basketball team have 2 wins with our hurlers playing well but just not getting the victories. Peter Nash completed 6 weeks hurling coaching with our 3rd to 6th classes which they all benefitted from.

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Sincerely,

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