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Easter 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we approach the end of our second term of our school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the support and help you have offered the school over the past few months. Below are some news items over the past half term. As always, please follow us on Facebook/Instagram to stay up-to-date with school news and activities.

The Big Sing: Our school choir attended the National Stadium last night in Dublin for the primary school music event, The Big Sing. Many different schools assembled for a choral performance of a variety of songs that were rehearsed by the boys over the past couple of months. It was a magnificent occasion and one that will live long in the memory. Well done to all of the boys for their dedication to their practice. They were fantastic! Thanks to all of the parents for supporting them and finally, sincere thanks to Ms Beary for organising and leading the choir through the hours of practice that were required.

Outside the National Stadium

Confirmation: Congratulations to the boys who received their Confirmation last month. We had a really lovely occasion in St Patrick's Church. Canon Shire was the celebrant and paid tribute to the boys' excellent presentation on the day and preparation in the lead up to the ceremony. Thanks to Ms Ní Cheallaigh and all of the parents and guardians for preparing the boys so well for the day.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Bhí sár seachtain againn sa scoil le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhí caint, ceol agus cluichí 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. It culminated in Rannta le Chéile and a Céili in the hall at the end of the week. Sincere thanks to Mrs Tierney for planning and organising all of the events. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!!

5th class performing for Seachtain na Gaeilge

Creative Cluster: Our development of music continues in the school. Each week we have tin whistle practice for, first, second and third classes and ukulele practice for fourth, fifth and sixth classes. We saw some excellent performances during seachtain na Gaeilge from classes and look forward to listening to the boys as they improve each week.

Green Schools': Our Green Schools' committee led an action week recently, The Big Travel Challenge, where boys from juniors, seniors, first and second classes were encouraged to scoot, walk and cycle to school and were provided with scooter safety lessons by Limerick Council's travel advisor, Ellen O'Sullivan. It was amazing to see so many boys participate and have so much fun on their scooters. This is all part of our Travel flag application which we hope to achieve in the next school year. Many thanks to Ms Hogan for leading the programme.

Scooting to school with Ms Hogan

Fifth class have been working really hard writing and producing music for a new school anthem. They are keeping the project very quiet ahead of the launch later next term. The project has been led by Fiona Linnane, who is a singer songwriter and this has been supported by Blast: Arts Education funding from the Department of Education.

Prayer Service at St Patrick's Well: Last month we held a prayer service at St Patrick's Well on the 16th March. The service was led by Canon Shire. The boys sang traditional hymns including Hail Glorious St Patrick and Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig. Many thanks to Ms Beary for preparing the singing and to Mr Shanagher's 3rd class boys who played a few tunes on the tin whistle.

Sport: Our 3rd and 4th class boys played in the annual indoor hurling blitz earlier this month, held in Parteen GAA hall. We played 4 different games and challenged well in all. Our mini-7s hurlers played a blitz in UL on Thursday morning. Patrickswell and St Nessans were the opposition, losing narrowly to St Nessan's and beating Patrickswell in the second game. They didn't qualify but performed very well in both games. The weather has stalled our training the last two weeks but we will be back in action every Wednesday after the Easter holidays. Information on how to join some local sports teams can be found on our website or by clicking here.

Mini 7s hurling team

Active School: Our Active Schools' committee are extremely busy at the moment. Regularly, boys from sixth class have been acting as playground leaders, organising break-time games for our junior classes. They recently received numerous table tennis packs and these have created great excitement in the school. After Easter, they will be launching the "Run Around Ireland Challenge" in conjunction with Active Schools Week. Many thanks to Ms Ní Cheallaigh for coordinating.

An Choill Bheag: Boys from 4th class have been working with Niamh Ní Dhúill of An Taisce's Woodland Programme. Yesterday they planted over two hundred trees, which will in time become an outdoor classroom, small forest area. Having extracted trees from the Frank Hogan boundary in the autumn, we hope to have replaced all those and more in the coming weeks. Well done 4th class, what you are doing now, will be your lasting legacy!

Parents Association: Our Parents's Association organised a successful bake sale in the school in early March. €279 was raised and will go towards the purchase of additional ipads in the school. All the pupils in the school were delighted with their Easter treat and congratulations to the winners of the class draw for an Easter egg.

Child Safeguarding: As you are aware, we reviewed our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment at the end of the last term. Please be aware that as teachers and mandated persons, we have a statutory obligation to report concerns that we may have or are highlighted to us of a child protection and welfare nature to TUSLA. While it is our responsibility to report, TUSLA have the role of investigating these concerns. For more information for parents and guardians on child protection matters, please click here.

School Closure: Please be aware that we will close on April 27th for a school in-service day for the implementation of the Primary Language Curriculum. Note, that we are closed on the 28th also, for an ordinary school closure.

Wishing you all a happy Easter.

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Anthony Liddane

Principal