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March Newsletter

Seactain Na Gaeilge

Next week is 'Seachtain na Gaeilge'. The children will be participating in a few different activities throughout the week culminating in our céilí on Thursday. **The children can wear something green to school on Thursday 12th March for 'Lá Glas'** (No Uniform Day). Please do not go out and buy anything new. We hope the children have an enjoyable week and have an opportunity to use their 'cúpla focail'. Thank you to Ms. Gately for co-ordinating the weeks activities.

Day/ time	Classes	Activity	Location
All week 10:30	6 th class	Nuacht on the intercom	Office
9 th Monday	Infants to sixth and class teachers	Illustrate a Seanfhocail competition	All classrooms
10 th Tuesday	6 th class and Junior Infants 5 th class and Senior Infants	Interviews. 6 th and 5 th class interview students from infant classes, write up their report and read it back to them in Irish.	Infant classrooms
11 th Wednesday 11:10	Junior Infants- 6 th class	Ceolchoirm- All classes to perform a song as Gaeilge or a poem.	Halla
12 th Thursday (Lá Glas – children dress up in Green – no uniform day)	All classes	Céilí St. Patrick's Day prayer service	Halla
13 th Run for Ruairí (Children wear their tracksuit to school) School closes at 11.45 for Junior and Senior Infants and 12 noon for all other classes. This is to facilitate Staff training on the New Primary Languages Curriculum	All classes	Run	Yard – weather permitting

Roar for Ruairi

On Friday 13th March (half day) the children will do a 'run' for Ruairi. There will be no raffle on the day. All donations received will go towards the 'Roar for Ruairi' fundraising drive to support the McDonnell family. Ruairi is a little boy in our community who really needs our support at this time. The children can wear their tracksuit to school this day.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. The children will receive a token for €1.50 which they can use towards the purchase of a book.

St. Patricks Day Prayer Service

Ms. Carberry and the 4th class girls in room 11 are preparing to lead us in a prayer service to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Thursday 12th March. We look forward to celebrating with them.

Football

Senior girls football training will take place on Wednesdays at lunch time. Games will begin in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to the new football season ahead. We are very lucky to have been donated 500 Euro from the Credit Union for a new football Kit which the senior girls will debut this season.

Camogie

Our senior camogie team began training on Monday. Unfortunately, weather conditions meant they had to train indoors. We hope to begin training outside on the pitch next week. Our matches will commence after the Easter break.

Basketball

Well done to the 6th class girls who have trained every week since September. 6th class had their last training session on 25th February. We plan to hold an internal blitz for 6th class later in the year, during Active Schools Week.

Training for 5th class will be on every Tuesday at lunchtime, beginning on the 3rd March. The 5th class girls should remember to wear their tracksuit and runners on Tuesdays.

Gymnastics

The 1st and 3rd class students will begin their block of gymnastics with Katerina on 18th March. An epayment link will be sent for this closer to the time.

Green Schools

Mrs. Ruth Johnston and Mrs. McKenna, our Green schools co-ordinators have organized workshops for 3rd and 5th classes this month. These will be held on 5th and 12th March. 5th classes will attend workshops on Climate change. 3rd class will be learning about what they see on their journey to and from school. These link in with our current green flag which is based on travel.

Swimming

The 2nd class children in Ms. Moore's class and the 3rd class children in Mrs. Brown's class are due to start swimming this Thursday 5th March.

Please note that all children are required to go swimming as it is part of the curriculum. Children not attending a block of swimming lessons must have a medical cert to say they cannot attend.

Faith Friends and Retreat

The 6th class girls are busy preparing for their Confirmation. The Faith Friends programme is run in our school from 7-8pm Friday's finishing on the 20th March. This programme is under the direction of Trish O'Neill and the Parish team.

Rainbows

A second term of Rainbows will begin on Thursday 2nd April from 2.45 -3.45pm for 9 weeks. An Aladdin notice was sent to parents on the 2nd March with the Expression of Interest form attached. Please return the completed form in a sealed envelope to the white post box outside the school office by Thursday March 5th.

Drama

A limited number of places are available in 'Act Up' with Miss McKinley for children from 2nd to 4th class and we'd love you to join us. Email actupwithmissmckinley@gmail.com for details.

Clever Clogs - Boardgame Club.

Places available on Thursdays, 2:40-3:40pm. For more information, please email cleverclogsclub100@gmail.com

Easter Camp

Easter Camp forms have been given out to girls in Junior Infants to 2nd class. Please return forms to Room 16 if you would like your daughter to attend.

Confirmation

Fr. Paul will officiate over the Confirmation Ceremonies which take place on Friday 27th March.

11 O'clock – Ms. Johnston's class (Scoil Bhríde) and Mr. O'Neill's class (Scoil Phádraig)

2 O'clock – Mr. Mc Connell's class (Scoil Bhríde) and Mrs. Tully's and Ms. Bergin's class (Scoil Phádraig)

The 5th class students will be singing in the choir for the Confirmation masses.

Ms. Sheehan's class will sing at the first mass at 11.00am.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson's class will sing at the 2pm mass. Please note this ceremony will not be over till about 3.30 pm. The children will need to be collected from the church at this time. Further details will be provided closer to the time.

Confirmation Photographs

The Confirmation Photo's will be taken on Tuesday the 31st March.

All children in 6th class have their photograph taken as this is used in the end of year Graduation Booklet.

'Write a Book' Project

A number of classes have been working hard over the past few weeks writing their books for the 'Write a Book' project. This is a project run by Kildare Education Centre and is co-ordinated by Mrs. Claire Johnson in our school.

Spelling Bee

Hana Louisa Erhabor in 5th class will represent our school at the Eason's Spelling Bee in St. Brigid's Primary School in Kildare town on Tuesday 10th March. Well done Hana. Wishing you the very best of luck.

Sponsored Walk

The Parents Association Annual Sponsored Walk will take place on Sunday 26th April. This is always a lovely day out. Keep the date in your diary.

Coronoavirus

Last Friday, the 28th February, I spoke to all classes about the importance of washing their hands correctly. We discussed washing our hands for 20 seconds or the length it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice.

The Junior classes were shown a you tube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBD1njKp7Cw> to a song which shows them how to wash their hands correctly. Posters are on display in all bathrooms showing the children how to wash their hands.

The children can bring in hand sanitiser if they wish but we have been advised that soap and water is sufficient by the HSE.

The children were advised to bring in a packet of tissues and to keep them on their desk. All tissues once used must be put in the bin.

To keep up to date with developments please visit the HSE Website <https://www.hse.ie/eng/>
All notifications we receive from the HSE or the Department of Education in relation to this will be sent home via Aladdin.

****REMINDER****

School Closure for Primary Languages Curriculum Training

The school is closing for a half day on Friday 13th March to facilitate training on the New Primary Languages Curriculum. The Junior and Senior Infants will finish at 11.45 that day to ease traffic congestion. All other classes finish at 12 noon. Children should wear their **tracksuit** to school (Run for Roar for Ruairí)

The school is closed on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March (Bank Holiday)
The school will re-open to students on Wednesday 18th March.

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