



Easter Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a busy term it has been! In January we moved from the existing school building into the prefabs. Thank you to all the staff, children and you the parents for your cooperation, work and support with this move. It was a huge undertaking but went very smoothly with everyone's support. We are now fully settled in our lovely new prefabs and school life continues as normal and to a continued high standard for the children. Our new library was delivered during the midterm break and this is a wonderful space for our children to visit and enjoy books. The Seomra Draíochta was revamped also with some new toys, activities and play areas. This is all thanks to you the parents and our families for your wonderful support with the Witch Walk last October.

We also celebrated Book Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge among all the other activities that you will read about here! It has been a busy productive term with lots of learning through lots of fun activities!

We also would like to congratulate Ms Cathlene Byrne and her husband Matthew on the birth of their baby boy Eli in January and Ms Laura Nea and Mr. Kevin Griffey on the birth of their baby boy Conor in January also. Huge congratulations to Ms. Nea and Mr.Griffey on the their recent wedding.

A reminder that school finishes this Friday 31st March at 11.50 for our Junior Infants, 11.55 for Senior Infants and 12pm for our First Classes. We reopen on Monday 17th April.

Wishing you and your families a very happy Easter.

Kind regards,

Anne-Marie O'Connor

Green School Committee

Everyone has been working hard to save energy since we moved out to our new classrooms. We have made a huge effort to keep our doors closed, lights and Interactive white boards off when we leave the room.

Our focus for next month is 'Recycling'. The children will be reminded what goes into the recycling bins and the importance of reusing our toys, games, water bottles and reducing our waste. We will be collecting any old batteries to recycle, if you come across any over the holidays, the children can bring them in to us after the Easter break. We also hope you will enjoy hearing some of our school song 'We've got the future of the planet in our hands'





HAPPY Easter



Junior Infants

The children in Junior Infants have been very busy this term. In January we moved from our old classrooms to our new prefabs. The children have settled in very well and we are all enjoying our new classrooms.

The boys and girls had a great time for World Book day and we all dressed up as our favourite book characters. All the grown-ups in Junior Infants dressed as farmers as we had been reading Farmer Duck.

We also had great fun for Seachtain na Gaeilge. The children learned two dances, the Dreoilín and Skip to my Lou and we performed these at a céilí. We also learned some simple Irish songs and poems which we performed at a special Seachtain na Gaeilge assembly. All the classes did lots of Seachtain na Gaeilge art and we had a lá glas where everyone wore something green.

The children have been working really hard in school this term and have started handwriting. They are learning all about the correct posture and pencil control. We have also started blending our sounds to read words.

We have been very lucky that we can enjoy two lovely new spaces in the school this term. We got a new library which the boys and girls have been relaxing in. We have also had great fun playing in a revamped and updated Seomra Draíochta.

Some of our Junior Infants were lucky enough to be invited to the HFSS this week to meet their brand new chicks. The TY students did an excellent job explaining how the chicks hatched, what they are and drank and where they slept. Then the ladies helped the children to pet and hold the chicks. The children came up with amazing names for the new chicks. Thanks to Ms Dowling and the TY students for such a lovely experience.

Happy Easter from all the Junior Infant team.

Senior Infants

The boys and girls in Senior Infants have been very busy this term. We started the term by moving into our new classrooms as we wait for our new school building to be ready. We have been doing lots of reading and writing, learning lots of new material and have had lots of fun playing and learning together. We have been learning all about spring and have been enjoying looking out for the signs of spring.

The children really enjoyed all the activities for world book week. We had great fun dressing as our favourite characters from books and poems. We also enjoyed reading lots of new books in our new library. The children also engaged in activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge such as Lá Glás and they enjoyed some Irish dancing for the Céilí mór. The boys and girls enjoyed learning and practicing all of their Gaeilge throughout the week. They were also very lucky to listen to fantastic traditional Irish music from some of the very talented teachers.

We learned a new dance and performed it for Mr Griffey and Ms. Nea at their wedding assembly. We wish them both all the best in their married life.

Well done to all the children on working so hard. Have a lovely Easter break! Happy Easter from the Senior Infant Team.





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First Class

Yet another busy term in First Class. We had many celebrations between World Book Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge and even a wedding assembly. The First Class children were very lucky to participate in paired reading with some pupils from St. Conleth's and Mary's. We dressed up as our favourite book characters for World Book Day and got to sing 'When I Grow Up' from Roald Dahl's *Matilda*. Book Week saw the opening of our new library. The children are very excited to have a space to enjoy their favourite books. There was great craic agus ceol for Seachtain na Gaeilge with Ceilí dancing, comórtas ealaín and lá glas. We were even treated to some lovely jigs and reels from Ms. Dempsey, our resident musician. Bhí an- spraoí againn! The First class children had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a felting project under the creative eye of textile artist Liadain Butler. We created four beautiful tapestries depicting the changing seasons. It's great to see our First Classes out enjoying the brighter days playing hockey, tennis and playground games. We are looking forward to even brighter summer days! Happy Easter from all in First Class.

Parents Association

We are very grateful to our schools Parents Association for all the work they do for our school. Our Parents Association are organising another clothes collection in May/June and a Summer Raffle in May. Dates to be confirmed. Our next PA meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th April at 8pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

World book week 2023

In the first week of March we celebrated World book week to promote a love of reading. The children participated in lots of different activities throughout the week including, designing their own bookmark, writing about their favourite book and book week themed lessons. On Thursday March 2nd, the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book or nursery rhyme characters. We had an assembly that morning with some beautiful singing and poetry, a dance off, and a fun costume parade!

Paired reading

First class were very lucky to have the Senior pupils from St. Conleth's and Marys come over and read with them. They really enjoyed this experience and it was very beneficial for all.



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Library

There was great excitement to see the new library opened, this is a wonderful space where children can go with their teacher to read and relax.

Seomra Draóichta

With thanks to the parents who supported our 'Witch walk,' the Seomra Draóichta has been re-imagined and restocked with new and exciting toys, activities and furniture. The children are absolutely delighted with this space where they can play in different areas such as, the role-play area, small world and construction. They are very much enjoying engaging in STEM activities and learning how to be future engineers and architects, whilst designing and building with blocks. The children especially enjoy the creative area/imagination station where they can let their imaginations run wild. Of course they also love role-playing and we have lots of budding vets and farmers in our midst! We are very lucky to have such an invaluable resource in the school. Thank-you to the staff involved in giving the room a new lease of life!

Seachtain na Gaeilge.

On Wednesday March 15th we celebrated Lá Fhéile Pádraig by having a Lá glás in school. The children donned their éadaí glás and thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they danced to 'An Dreoilín' and enjoyed a beautiful traditional music performance from Ms Dempsey on the fiddle. It was great to see happy smiles all round 😊

Art Project

Many thanks to Liadain Butler who worked with the staff and children during our Three Week Blast Project. During this project we completed wet felted wallhangings based on the 4 seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Students got to choose the wool fibres and the design they wanted to create and these were put together to make a collaborative wallhanging. Students loved the process of wetting down the fibres and rolling the wallhangings to create their own unique piece of fabric. Many thanks to Liadain who instructed the children and worked with the staff. The children had a ball and enjoyed every moment. We now have a fabulous felt display of the four seasons which can be used in our own school and in our new school. A wonderful keepsake of all our first class students.

Primary Language Curriculum training

Please note that the school will be closed on the **28th April** for Primary Language Curriculum training.

School closes for Easter Holidays on Friday 31st March at 11.50 for Junior Infants, 11.55 for Senior Infants and 12 noon for our First Classes. School re-opens on Monday April 17th

Happy Easter to all our school community.