



## Easter Newsletter 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a busy term it has been! In January the Junior Infants moved from the prefabs into their newly refurbished new classrooms! We are so excited and happy to have everyone in their new classrooms and say goodbye to all the prefabs! We are also very excited to have use of our new GP hall! The last of the ground works is being completed so hopefully by the Summer all of the building work will be finished! Thank you to all the staff, children and you the parents for your cooperation, work and support with this move and with the new drop off and collection arrangements. It was a huge undertaking but went very smoothly with everyone's support.

We also celebrated World 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 a variety of fun activities!

We also would like to congratulate Ms.Emma Gleeson and Ms. Linda O'Driscoll on their recent engagements and we would like to wish Mr & Mrs Griffey the very best for their upcoming wedding celebrations. Love certainly is in the air in St.Conleth's infant School!

**A reminder that school finishes at 11.50am for Junior Infants and 11.55am for Senior Infants and 1<sup>st</sup> classes this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and we reopen on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

Wishing you and your families a very happy Easter.

Kind regards,

Anne-Marie O'Connor

### **School Tour dates**

Please take note of the school tour dates for each of our class groups for later this year.

More details to follow!

Junior Infants: Thursday May 23rd

Senior Infants: Thursday May 30th

First classes: Thursday June 6th





# HAPPY EASTER



## Junior Infants

It's been an exciting start to the year for our Junior Infants, the highlight so far has been our big move into brand new, spacious, and bright classrooms. The children have been thrilled to explore their new learning environment. It is a wonderful space that we are so delighted to have.

We have been busy celebrating Irish traditions such as St. Brigid, St. Valentine, and St. Patrick. The children crafted beautiful St. Brigid's crosses, made St. Valentine's cards, and celebrated St. Patrick's Day with songs and activities. The children are very excited to celebrate Easter soon too!

The Junior Infants have been learning all about the farm this term. We have made our own butter from scratch, milked Betsy the 'cow' and are patiently waiting for our chicks to hatch! We definitely have a few potential farmers on our hands!

World Book Week was a huge success as our Junior Infants participated in lots of literacy activities and read lots of stories. We had a great day dressing up as our favourite characters too!

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a fantastic opportunity for our Junior Infants to celebrate the Irish language and culture. Through songs, games, and interactive activities, the children immersed themselves in Gaeilge. The children really loved dressing up for Lá Glas and Irish dancing in our School Céilí.

Beannachtaí na Cásca ort!

## Senior Infants

The boys and girls in senior infants have been very busy this term. We were delighted to have the opening of our brand new hall and library which we have been putting to great use.

We celebrated world book day and dressed up as our favourite book characters. The senior infant teachers joined in the fun and dressed up as the smartest giant in town!

We also celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge and the children performed their new dances that they learned for a céilí mór in the new hall. They also dressed in green for Lá Glás. We were treated to some lovely Irish traditional music performed by the very talented Ms. Dempsey and Mrs. Carroll.

We had a few new arrivals to the school this term too. The children were delighted to watch chicks hatching out of their eggs after learning all about the life cycle of chicks in class.

Happy Easter from all in Senior Infants 😊





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## First Class

The boys and girls in First Class have had a very busy term and have been working very hard. The children really enjoyed all the lovely activities for World Book Week. We had great fun dressing as our favourite characters from books and poems. The First-Class children were very lucky to participate in paired reading with some pupils from St. Conleth's and Mary's and junior infants.

There was great craic agus ceol for Seachtain na Gaeilge with Ceilí dancing, comórtas ealaín and lá glas. The boys and girls enjoyed learning and practicing all their Gaeilge throughout the week. They were also very lucky to listen to fantastic traditional Irish music from some of the very talented teachers. Bhí an- spraí againn! We were all very excited to have assembly's back indoors again with the opening of our new hall.

The children were also lucky to welcome our chicks back to the school and experience the life cycle of a chick. All the children had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a collaborative mural with thanks to Blast Arts. This artwork will be turned into a beautiful mural for our new school.

The boys and girls in room 27 were very busy painting pots and planting flowers in memory of those they love. Well, done children.

Well, done to all the boys and girls for all of their hard work.

## 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 a sponsored 'Hooley in the Halla' on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Sponsorship cards will be sent out to parents after the Easter holidays. All support would be greatly appreciated. Our next PA meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

## Shine Through Supports

We were delighted to welcome Anna Mc Grath and her colleague Susanne Martin (from Shine through Supports, Kildare) to the school to deliver a workshop to staff on emotional regulation. Anna has been a teacher here for the last 24 years. We are looking forward to welcoming Anna & Susanne back to deliver a workshop to our parents on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. This parental support talk will take place in the school from 7.30pm - 8.30pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. All are welcome to attend. Further details attached.

## World book week 2024

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 Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>, the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book or nursery rhyme characters. We had an assembly that morning in our new hall with some beautiful singing and poetry and a fun costume parade!





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## 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.

## Chicks

We were delighted to welcome our incubator with chicks to the school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. There was great excitement amongst all classes during their daily visits to see the chicks. We have to say they are very cute and fluffy!

## Seachtain na Gaeilge.

There was great craic agus ceol for Seachtain na Gaeilge with Ceilí dancing, comórtas ealaín and lá glas. Bhí an- spraoí againn.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March the children enjoyed a beautiful traditional music performance from Ms Dempsey and Ms Carroll on the fiddle. It was great to see happy smiles all round. Huge thanks to our very talented musicians for this lovely experience for us all to enjoy. 😊

The children were delighted to take part in a Ceilí in our new hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of March. On Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 sang Peigin Litir Mor. Míle buíochas to Mrs Mc Paul for organising a fantastic Seachtain Na Gaeilge.

## Art Project

Many thanks to Peter Martin (artist) who worked with the staff and children during our percent for Art project. During this project the children were supplied with posca markers in a variety of colours and some card.

The children and staff were asked to create a piece of artwork on the card related to flowers, fauna, animals, nature etc in relation to the curragh or the general surrounding area. Peter will now put together all the children's Artwork, which we will display in our school. This will be wonderful keepsake for our school. Many thanks to Peter and Ms Fenlon who instructed the children and worked with the staff. The children had a ball.

## Curriculum training

- Please note that the school will close early on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of April to facilitate staff curriculum training. Junior Infants will go home at 11.50 and Senior Infants and First classes will finish at 11.55 on this day.
- Please note that the school will be closed on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June for Primary Maths Curriculum training.

**School closes for Easter Holidays on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.50 for Junior Infants, 11.55 for Senior Infants and our First Classes. School re-opens on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Easter to all our school community.**