



Easter Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a busy term it has been! We celebrated World Book Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, watched our chicks hatching, prepared special assemblies for different occasions and lots of 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 are very proud of our wonderful pupils and how they always engage so well in all of the school's activities. Thank you to all the staff too for their hard work and care in all that they do here in St. Conleth's Infant School.

We also would like to wish Ms. Emma Gleeson every good wish for her upcoming wedding. I would also like to thank our wonderful Parents Association and to you the extended parent body for supporting our 'Hooley in the Halla'. It was a huge success and the children really enjoyed the dance-athon! Every euro raised will benefit all the children in the school and your support is much appreciated.

I hope the sun continues to shine and that you all have a very happy Easter.

A reminder that school finishes at 11.50am for Junior Infants and 11.55am for Senior Infants and 1st classes this Friday 11th of April and we reopen on Monday 28th of April.

Kind regards,

Anne-Marie O'Connor

School Tour dates

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

More details to follow!

Junior Infants: Friday May 23rd

Senior Infants: Thursday May 29th

First classes: Thursday 15th May





Happy Easter



Junior Infants

Junior Infants' Busy Term!

Junior Infants have had a fantastic term filled with fun and learning. One of the highlights was exploring life on the farm. The children had a great time learning about different farm animals and even got to try "milking" a cow using a model. They also made their own butter by shaking cream in jars and loved tasting it on crackers—what a delicious science experiment!

World Book Day was a magical occasion in Junior Infants. The children arrived at school dressed as their favourite book characters, bringing their beloved stories to life. Throughout the day, they enjoyed listening to and reading lots of books, sharing their love of stories with friends. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading grow even more!

During Seachtain na Gaeilge, the Junior Infants embraced Irish culture with great excitement. They took part in a lively céilí, where they danced traditional Irish jigs and reels with big smiles on their faces. The children also learned new Irish words and songs, making it a joyful celebration of our language and heritage.

This month, our Junior Infants have also been busy learning all about Spring and the new life it brings! They explored the changes in nature, from blooming flowers to baby animals, and discovered the beauty of the season. A highlight of our learning was watching four eggs hatch into adorable little chicks in our school! It was an exciting and unforgettable experience that brought our lessons about new life to life.

Senior Infants

Senior Infants have had a wonderfully busy and enjoyable second term. We had World Book Week where we celebrated all things books, we took part in book scavenger hunts, had a book swap and we had great fun dressing up as our favourite characters.

Our school was very lucky to receive little chicks, it was fascinating being able to connect our learning to the real process. The Children were very busy during Seachtain na Gaeilge engaging in many activities. We learned many phrases, songs and dances which we performed at both our céilí and our Lá Glas. We also learned a lot of new skills throughout our rugby lessons from Newbridge RFC.

The children were also treated to a wonderful workshop from Bricks 4 Kids where they linked their love for Lego to STEM education. We have been blessed with some lovely weather this term and we have taken every opportunity to bring our learning outdoors. As well as that, the children have been learning a lot about Easter and creating some beautiful artwork.

To finish off our busy term we had our fabulous fundraiser 'Hooley in the Halla' where we had a great time showing off our wonderful dance moves.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Easter.





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First Class

The boys and girls in first class have been very busy this term. We celebrated world book week and enjoyed lots of activities. The children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters. The First-class children were also lucky to participate in paired reading with some pupils from St. Conleth and Mary's.

We also celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge. The children enjoyed exploring the Irish language through games, poems, songs and dances. The children performed new dances for the Ceilí and enjoyed dressing in their Irish colours for lá Glás. We were treated to some lovely Irish traditional music performed by the very talented Ms. Dempsey while some children showed off their Irish dancing.

The children really enjoyed our lego workshop with Bricks for Kids. They got very creative building planes, helicopters and swings.

The children were also lucky to welcome our chicks back to the school and experience the life cycle of a chick.

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

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. They organised a very successful bag collection where the money raised was put towards 'Bricks 4 kids' for every class in the school.

Our Parents Association also organised a sponsored 'Hooley in the Halla' on Thursday 10th of April . Huge thanks to all our school community for sponsoring this fundraiser. Our next PA meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th April at 7.30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Bricks 4 kids

Huge thanks to our Parents' Association for funding Brick 4 kids for all classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed the STEM workshops where they had the opportunity to explore lots of engineering and maths skills using Lego bricks and Technic. We have lots of future engineers and scientists here in St. Conleth's Infant School.





Schools Completion

Many thanks to our school's completion for organising and facilitating several events and activities for the children to look forward to.

30th April: Trip to the Riverbank for all Junior Infant classes.

14th May: The planetarium for all first classes.

20th May: The Big Dig for all Senior Infant classes.

New Books

We are excited to announce that our school has recently invested in a wonderful selection of new library books and readers to support our students' literacy development. These new resources are designed to inspire a love of reading, while also helping our young learners improve their reading skills.

World book week 2025

A huge thank you to all of you for your fantastic support during our World Book Day celebrations! It was wonderful to see so many of our children engaged and excited about books and reading. A special thank you goes to our Parents' Association for their hard work in facilitating the Book Swap. Your efforts made the day extra special, allowing our students to share their love of books and discover new stories to enjoy.

On Friday March 7th, the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book or nursery rhyme characters. We had an assembly that morning with some beautiful singing, poetry and a fun costume parade!

Many thanks to Ms Byrne for organising a fantastic week.



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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Chicks

We were delighted to welcome our incubator with chicks to the school on Monday 3rd March. There was great excitement amongst all classes during their daily visits to see the chicks. We have to say they were very cute and fluffy!

Seachtain na Gaeilge.

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

The children enjoyed a beautiful traditional music performance from Ms Dempsey on the fiddle. It was great to see happy smiles all round. The children were delighted to take part in a Ceilí with their class groups.

On Friday March 14th 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.



Blue Flag Week

This year will be our fourth year to take part in the Blue Star Programme. The children will learn all about the European Union. We also use this opportunity to learn all about the different countries and cultures represented in our school.

On Friday 9th May we will celebrate Europe Day. We will celebrate this by inviting all pupils and staff to wear their international colours/clothes to school. Last year was a huge success and we are looking forward to learning all about the different countries and cultures in our school community.

Bí Cineálta

We have been working hard this term on updating our Anti-bullying policy and practices in line with the new Bí Cineálta guidelines. The staff had a workshop to look at the new definitions and practices which will be adapted from September 2025. As part of this process, we would like to hear from parents on their understanding and opinions of bullying behaviour within our school. Each child has been given a survey to bring home, and we would appreciate it if you could fill it out and return it to us by Friday, April 11th.

Wedding Bells

Best wishes to Ms Emma Gleeson and Ronan Kavanagh on their upcoming wedding.

We would like to wish them the very best from all of us in St. Conleth's Infant School.



School closes for Easter Holidays on Friday 11th April at 11.50 for Junior Infants, 11.55 for Senior Infants and our First Classes. School re-opens on Monday April 28th

Happy Easter to all our school community.

