



Green Schools Update

The Green Schools Committee are currently working hard to secure our 6th Green Flag- Global Citizenship Litter and Waste. In order to raise awareness around Global Citizenship, Ronan Scully was invited in to give a presentation about the work that he does with the charity- Self Help Africa. The Green Schools Committee decided to raise money for Self Help Africa and to raise awareness in the school. The pupils had a Jersey Day where they could wear in their favourite jersey to school and donate. Over €160 was raised through the Jersey Day for Self Help Africa. The pupils decided on a jersey day as Ronan explained that Irish GAA jerseys are often donated to schools in Africa and the children love receiving them and wearing them.

Sacramental Events

Congratulations to the children in 2nd class who celebrated their First Confession recently. They will now receive their First Holy Communion on the 18th of May.

Sport

The children in 3rd-6th class have participated in a week long programme of swimming lessons in Clara Swimming Pool. The instructors complimented the excellent behaviour our pupils exhibited throughout the week.

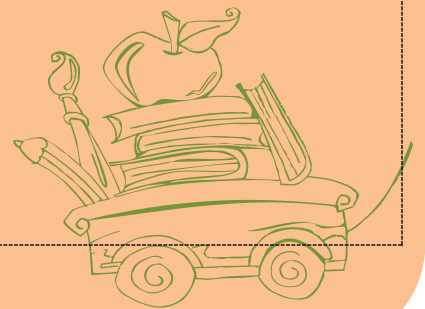
Several members of St. Brigid's GAA club have assisted us with our football coaching. We are indebted to them for their enthusiasm and dedication. All classes are currently partaking in the programme. Enda Dunne is our new GPO (Games Promotion Officer) and will be commencing coaching this week.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association held a mini fundraiser for St. Patrick's Day. In all, €187.05 was raised. Thank you to our Association for their dedication and commitment and thank you to our parents for your support. Our book fair took place recently where €930.80 was raised. Commission earned from this will go towards the purchase of class novels. Thank you to the Parents' Association for giving up their time to co-ordinate the Book Fair.

AFTER SCHOOL SERVICE

We are now offering an after-school service to the children in Junior and Senior Infants from 2-3 p.m. This was initially offered on a trial basis but due to the uptake of the service, this will continue. Thank you to Bernie Leijen for facilitating this.



Mountlucas Windfarm Walk

The Bord na Móna Windfarm Walk has been scheduled for Monday 15th & Wednesday 17th April. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we need to complete the walk over two days where the junior and senior classes will walk separately.

Sponsorship cards will be distributed amongst our families this week. We are very appreciative of any donations, yet we completely understand if you are not in a position to return your sponsorship card. This opportunity is not one we can miss as Bord na Móna generously give match funding to each of the schools involved.

Hot Lunches

The Lunch Bag will be our provider of hot lunches. We do not have our official launch date as of yet but we will let you know as soon as we do.

Vex Robotics

The Vex Robotics competition will take place on Tuesday 9th April. The following children will be representing our school: Clíodhna Troy, Rian Kennedy, Shaun Leijen, Ryan Egan, Noah Reynolds, Emma Cocoman, Michael Troy, Joe Rigney and Joseph Moore. Thank you to Mrs. Lynch for facilitating the preparation needed for the competition and best of luck to our team.

Bake Sale- Student Council

Our Student Council held a bake sale on the 20th of February. Over €550 was raised on the day, thanks to your generosity. The Student Council will now prioritise their spending for the year. Last year, pop up goals and tablets were purchased by the Student Council. Preparations are currently underway for the Talent Show which takes place on Friday.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We are currently hosting different events for Seachtain na Gaeilge such as Siopa Tuc and Tráth na gCeist. Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam mar a deirtear!



Juggling

Students in 3rd-6th class are currently availing of juggling lessons. Tuition is free for these classes. Research has proven that juggling can significantly enhance co-ordination and motor skills, while also boosting cognitive function.

ENROLMENT

Our enrolment process has taken place for this year. We now look forward to welcoming our new entrants in September. It is not too late to enrol, please contact the office on 046-9737465 if you would like our enrolment pack. We will be hosting an induction day for our incoming Junior Infants in the third term.

Agreed Report from this term's B.O.M. meetings

- Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment review conducted and ratified by the BOM. Copy available on the school website.
- Annual review of Anti-Bullying policy carried out, in accordance with the checklist set out in the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools.
- Policies reviewed + ratified: Healthy Eating Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy.
- Word of thanks proposed to the members of the GAA club for their coaching.
- Enrolments received for September 2024 formally approved.

Finally, we hope you enjoy the well-deserved break. We will return on Monday 8th April.

**Beannachtaí na Cásca
oraibh go léir.**

