

# Scoil Chaitríona News!



February/March 2024



## Important Dates

### School Closed:

+ **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Referendum  
(Voting) Day

+ **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March**

St Patrick's Day Bank  
Holiday

+ **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March -**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Holidays

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day

Quiz night in Owen  
Roes



## Dear Parents

Here's a quick look at the activities your children have been enjoying this past month, along with a preview of what's in store for the weeks ahead.

## Wellbeing Week

We've had a fantastic time during Wellbeing Week, with children, parents, and staff all getting a taste of prioritising their wellness. From yoga sessions and school outings to worry dolls, glitter jars, friendship bracelets, and even a school disco, there was something enjoyable for everyone. We've captured so many wonderful moments in photos, which you can check out [here](#).

## Fundraising

We plan to run our Easter Hamper Fundraiser once more this year. We will be sending home a draw card to each family next week. We also plan to sell draw lines in some of the shops in town over the coming weeks. All volunteers welcome.

We do our best to offer your children as many fun and educational activities as we can and endeavor to cover as much of the costs for families. We hope this fundraiser will help us to plan even more fun events for the children for the months ahead.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be hosting a fun table quiz in Owen Roes Bar at 9:30 in aid of our school.

## Closures

We would like to remind you about the upcoming closure dates for our school. On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, the school will be closed due to the Referendum Day as the school is a polling station. Additionally, on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, we will observe the St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday. Furthermore, from Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March to Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, the school will be closed for the Easter Holidays.



# Ukelele and Tin Whistle

The halls of our school are alive with music as the children in Mr. Bracken's room are enthusiastically learning the ukulele, while those in Mr. Carr's class have started tin whistle. It's wonderful to see such passion for music and the children are improving by the day.



## Child Safeguarding (Policy & Survey)

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all parents who took the time to fill in our Child Safeguarding and Bullying Survey. Your input is invaluable, and we greatly appreciate your participation. For those interested in viewing the survey results, they are available [here](#). We recently ratified our Child Safeguarding and Anti Bullying Policies at our last Board Meeting. View all policies [here](#).

## Lego Club

We're thrilled to announce the launch of a Lego Robotics Club, where children will dive into the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Initially, we will run the programme in one or two classrooms but if it proves successful we hope to setup an after-school club too.

## Credit Union and Garda Quiz

We're so proud of our quiz teams as they represented our school with excellence at both the Credit Union and Garda Quizzes. Their hard work, dedication, and quick thinking paid off, and we couldn't be happier with their performance.



## Swimming

Making waves in the pool! Swimming sessions are in full swing, and it's a joy to see the children embracing the water and making great progress. Due to the recent Storm Day closure, we'll be adding an extra session on Tuesday, 5th March.

## Attendance

Congratulations to all our children who received awards for their excellent attendance so far this year- missing less than 2 days. Well done, keep up the hard work!



# In the Spotlight...

**What is your favourite thing about school and why?**

My favourite thing about school is Art.

**If you could create a new subject to learn in school, what would it be?**

I would like to study metal work so we could make stuff.

**If you were the teacher for a day, what would you teach?**

If I was teacher I would teach the class baking

**What was the funniest thing that has ever happened to you in school?**

The funniest thing was getting hit with an apple on the head.



**What is your favourite thing about school and why?**

My favourite things are the sports, seeing my friends and doing Art..

**If you could create a new subject to learn in school, what would it be?**

I would love horse riding as a subject.

**If you were the teacher for a day, what would you teach?**

I would teach all about horses and other animals.

**What was the funniest thing that has ever happened to you in school?**

Whenever Mr Kelly tells us jokes.



**What inspired you to become a teacher?**

My primary school principal who was an amazing story teller. He used his granny as a character to teach students about history - amazing!

**If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?**

If I wasn't a teacher, I would love to have been a food critic as I have a LOVE of food - I wouldn't eat anything else!

**If you could magically transport your class to anywhere in the world, where would you take them?**

I would love to bring my class on a safari in Africa to see the animals in the wild.

**If you were a Superhero teacher, what powers would you like to have to make teaching more fun?**

My superpower would be to speak all languages so as I could communicate with and welcome any student who came into my class.



**What inspired you to become a teacher?**

I always loved helping look after the younger kids when I was at school and I think that gave me the idea that I would like to become a teacher.

**What's your most memorable moment as a teacher?**

I couldn't choose just one memorable moment because I have so many with all of the classes that I've taught. My favourite time of the year is the lead up to Christmas, it is such an exciting time and I am always so proud of my class doing their Nativity play.

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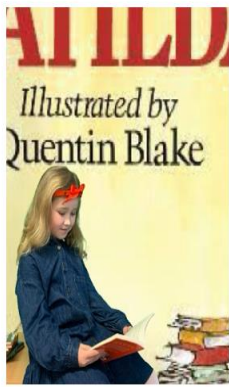
I would take them to Disney World to meet all the characters and go on the rides.

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I would have the power of time travel and teleportation so that we could visit different times and places when learning about them!



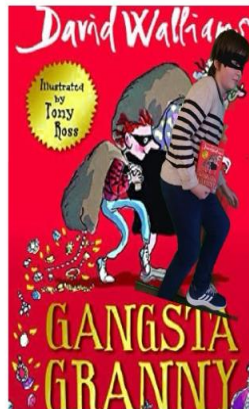
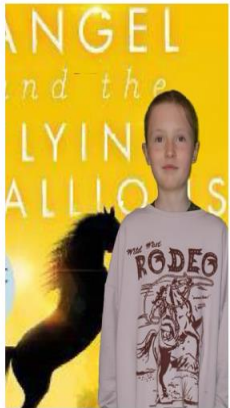




# World Book Day 2024

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

As is tradition, children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character.



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