

Scoil Chaitriona News!



Easter 2024



Important Dates

- + **Friday 3rd May**
School Closure
- + **Sunday 5th May**
Confirmation
11am
- + **Saturday 18th May**
First Communion
11am
- + **Friday 31st May**
School Closure



Dear Parents

As another productive and fun-filled term comes to a close, it's hard to believe we're already entering our final term. Below, you'll find some news for the weeks ahead and a recap of the exciting activities we've been engaged in recently.

Dates for your Diary

April and May, as usual, will be busy months. Second Class and Sixth Class children will be celebrating the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Also bear in mind some upcoming closures. We are closed Friday 3rd May of the May Bank Holiday weekend and also on Friday 31st May when the Rory Gallagher Festival is in town. See a list of these dates to the left.

Fundraising

Our Easter Fundraiser was a great success. Between the Hamper Draw and our Table Quiz we raised close to €3000.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible school community and also to the wider community for the overwhelming generosity and support shown.

Thank you, to the local businesses who sponsored prizes, our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and of course, our amazing children who make it all worthwhile!

A very special word of thanks to Marie Gallagher and Paula Murray for their unwavering dedication and hard work, which has been instrumental in our success year after year.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners and thank you again to everyone who participated! Full list of winners can be found [here](#).

Board Meeting

At our last meeting, the board of management reviewed our Health and Safety Policy and ratified a new Administration of Medicines Policy. All school policies can be viewed [here](#).



Seachtain na Gaeilge

We had lots of fun celebrating the Irish language during Seachtain na Gaeilge. We rounded the week off with a Lá Glas. The morning kicked off with a Scavenger Hunt around the school grounds, followed by a Céilí in the school hall and a fun Kahoot Quiz on our iPads to finish the day off. See more [here](#).

Easter Activities / Draughts League

Last week, in the lead-up to the Easter break, our school was abuzz with exciting activities. The Senior classes had a chance to showcase their strategic skills engaged in Mr. Kelly's Draughts League.

The Confirmation class embarked on a retreat to Lough Derg on the Thursday and Friday was packed with Easter cheer. From Easter Scavenger hunts to a mysterious visit from the Easter bunny, there was no shortage of excitement.

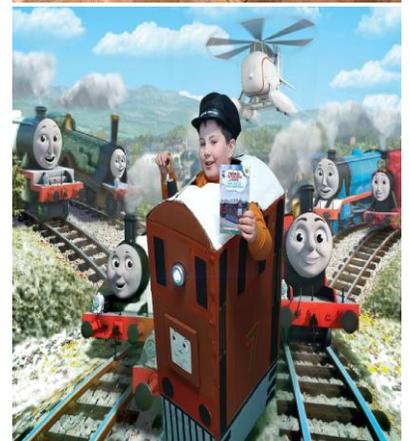
As is tradition in Scoil C, to bid farewell to the term, the day was rounded up with a whole school quiz that brought together children of all ages for some teamwork, friendly competition and a fun way of recalling what they have learned in the weeks gone by.

World Book Day

What a fantastic World Book Day we had this year at Scoil C! The boys and girls outdid themselves once again with their incredible efforts in dressing up as their favorite book characters. From classic heroes to modern-day adventurers they truly brought their favorite stories to life! Thank you to all the parents for helping make this day so special. Check out their costumes [here](#).

Best of Luck to Ms. Monaghan

A very exciting April in store for our beloved Ms. Monaghan when she will be tying the knot with Callam. The whole Scoil Chaitríona family extends our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple as they start a beautiful new chapter together.



In the Spotlight...

What inspired you to become an SNA?

I always had summer jobs babysitting and loved the children I worked with, knew I wanted a career in that field. Then did two years studying National Nursery Examination degree and it brought me to where I am today.



If you weren't an SNA, what career/job would you have?

I always wanted to be a hairdresser

If you could magically transport your students to any place in the world for a school trip, where would you take them and why?

Orlando of course, every child's dream holiday,

If you were a superhero, what powers or abilities would you have to make learning even more fun? The power of learning tables that they just have to read them once and they magically can say them when asked 😊

If you could have any fictional or historical character as a student in your class, who would it be and why?

I would love to have Roald Dahl in my class. I would imagine he would have been great fun, he had such a great imagination and probably would come up with good pranks to play on others, yet he seems like a kind person who also had moral values. In the Twits he spreads the message that if we stick around negative, nasty people, you will become a negative person. We can overcome our differences by being kind to one another and in Matilda he shows that life is not fair but justice will prevail. Bullying is not OK and resilience and standing up for what is right - for yourself and others - will have extraordinary results. Reading is cool and intelligence is a superpower. "Somewhere inside of us all is the power to change the world."



If you weren't a teacher, what career/job would you have?

If I wasn't a teacher I would probably like to work as a wedding and party planner! I love planning and organising and who doesn't love a good party!

If you could magically transport your students to any place in the world for a school trip, where would you take them and why?

If I could do a magical trip it would have to be to go on a cruise ship with an onboard waterpark to Disney world USA! When we get there we would have all the parks to ourselves so there would be no queues! We could meet our fairytale characters and enjoy the rollercoasters of Universal studios! There's something there for everyone!

If you were a superhero teacher, what powers or abilities would you have to make learning even more fun?

The superpower I would have would be to be able to travel back and forward in time so we could experience what life was like in the past, relive our favourite memories as well as travelling to the future and find a technology alternative or a medical treatment for fatal disease!

What is your favourite thing about school and why?

My favourite thing about school is the library because I love reading.

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

It would be gymnastics because it is fun and healthy.

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

I would love to teach an Acrobatics class.

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

My friends and I made a funny song.

