



Scoil Naomh Chaitríona

Newsletter – March & April

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Dear Parents

March was an active and eventful month in Scoil Chaitríona. Celebrations for World Book Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge and St Patrick's Day meant we had a lovely mix of learning and fun.

We are always looking for new ways of working on our fitness. The Cycle Bus on Wednesdays has been a great addition to our week and we made the most of the sunny weather and got our steps in with a walk around town and a visit to the Mall park. Outside of school hours we had a successful fundraiser and our second class made their sacrament of First Confession.

We've plenty more to look forward to after the holidays as we enter our final term. I'd like to wish you all a safe and pleasant Easter Break.

Important Dates Coming Up

April 5th (Tues): Confessions in School

April 6th (Wed): Confirmation Class – Retreat to Lough Derg.

April 8th (Fri): Easter Holidays. (2 Weeks) Reopen on Monday 25th April

May 1st (Sun): Confirmation 11:00 am St Patrick's Church

May 14th (Sat): First Holy Communion 11:00 am St Patrick's Church



A very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays in March and April :

**Irene (8), Shay (8), Brody (9), Andrew (9), Agnieszka (9), Jodie (10), Reily (10),
Daniel (10), Daire (10), Luca (11), Anthony (12), Summer (13)**

News and Upcoming Events

Latest Guidelines on Covid-19

As cases numbers continue to rise more and more of our school community are being affected by the virus. If your child has any symptoms of Covid-19 they should stay at home regardless of antigen test results. However, there have been changes to the isolation rules. If there is a positive Covid in the household your child may still come to school provided they are symptom free and have not tested positive in an antigen test.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We loved learning some new Irish songs and playing some fun games through Seachtain na Gaeilge. We finished the week off with a whole school table quiz. Ms O'Reilly's Junior Room performed a lovely medley of songs and rhymes. Check it out on our website homepage [here](#).

Sixth Class Transfer Programme

Through the School Completion Programme we teamed up with Kilbarron NS and invited some of their 6th class pupils in to participate in a Transfer Programme called 'Mind the Gap' which helps prepare children for Secondary School. The Sixth class pupils learned about timetables, subject choice, what items they would need, what to expect and even studied a map of the school. It was also a great opportunity for children to make new friends before September. The day was topped off with pizza, hot chocolate and a table quiz. Our facilitators Mary and Aishling did an excellent job and a fun and informative day was had by all. A second day has been planned for 27th April.

Sacraments

Second Class made their sacrament of First Confession on Monday 7th March. Many thanks to Fr Cathal and Fr Vincent for all their preparations and a lovely ceremony. Our Confirmation class will be attending a retreat on Wednesday the 6th of April in Lough Derg. Bus leaving at 9.00 am sharp.

Cycle Bus

We have joined in with two other schools, Holy Family NS and Gaelscoil Eirne to form a Cycle Bus. Each Wednesday morning children will cycle a loop of the town, supervised by teachers and a Garda escort before finishing at their school. We have had a great uptake so far and hope to see numbers continue to improve.

Fundraiser

We have had two Fundraising events in the past few weeks. Our children had a Green Jersey Day and raised €170 for the Ballyshannon St Patrick's Day Parade Committee. We also had a very successful table Quiz in Owen Roes which raised €680 for the school. Many thanks for all your support and a special word of thanks to our Quiz masters Mr Kelly and Mr Gallagher for a great night's craic.

Policy Updates

Newly Ratified Policies – [Sustainability Policy](#) and [Parental Complaints Policy](#). You can view all our policies [here](#).



World Book Day

We love reading and listening to stories in Scoil Chaitríona. We made the most of World Book Day to celebrate all that is great about reading. Each class visited our library, had book themed creative homework, took part in Kahoot quizzes and tuned into some video calls with famous authors. Some children even dressed up to recreate their favourite book covers. You can view them all on our Facebook page [here](#).

