



Scoil Chaitriona FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

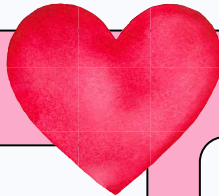


Dear Parents and Guardians,

February has been a busy and joyful month here at school. We marked Wellbeing Week with a range of positive activities that encouraged kindness, resilience and looking after ourselves and one another. The children also enjoyed creating beautiful St. Brigid's Day crosses and learning about the traditions associated with the day. Pancake Tuesday was a particular highlight, with every child receiving a delicious pancake to celebrate. After all the hard work, the midterm break was certainly well deserved.

Upcoming Events/ Dates

- 3rd March Tuesday: Teachers Curriculum Training- No school
- 5th March Thursday World Book Day- Dress up!
- 5th March: School Quiz in Owen Roe's @ 9:15p.m.
- 16th & 17th March, Monday, no school, annual holiday & St. Patricks Day.
- 21st March: Confirmation for 6th class
- 25th March: Cultural Day
- 26th March: Draw for Easter fundraiser.
- 27th March: Close @ 12p.m. for Easter Holidays. Reopen 13th April.
- 2 weeks of swimming lessons left 2nd & 9th of March.



Parents Association

Every parent is a member of the parents association. Our committee is set up and they are starting to organise duties to help with the Easter draw. Even if you can't be part of the committee, please let Shelly Duffy know if you are able to help out with organisation.



Quiz

Our annual School Quiz will take place on Thursday, 5th March in Owen Roe's at 9:15 p.m. We warmly invite all parents to come along and support this important fundraiser for our school. Rest assured, the teachers won't be providing much competition — so there's absolutely nothing to worry about! Think of it as a great opportunity to enjoy a night out, catch up with other parents, and take a well-earned break from the bedtime routine. There will also be plenty of spot prizes up for grabs on the night. We look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance

Well done to Junior & Senior Infants who won the pizza party just before mid-term for best attendance. They beat 3rd & 4th class by 0.2%. Our next pizza party is up for grabs at Easter so please do your very best to send your child to school each day.

Easter Draw

We are delighted to announce our upcoming Easter Draw. Each family will receive a card with 15 lines to sell at €2 per line or 3 lines for €5. There are some fantastic prizes on offer, including a first prize Easter hamper worth €100, a second prize hamper worth €50, as well as lots of additional spot prizes. Funds raised will go towards purchasing new blinds for the school to complement our new windows, which are due to be installed over the summer. Lines will also be available in local shops over the coming weeks. As an added incentive, the class that returns the most completed cards will win a chocolate-making class — a lovely treat to look forward to!

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QUIZ night

RAFFLE & SPOT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS ON THE NIGHT!!

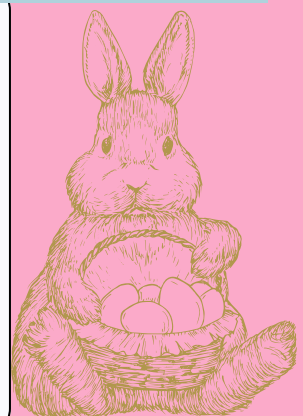
DATE: Thursday 5th March

TIME: 9:15p.m.

VENUE: Owen Roe's

COST: €20 per team

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A QUIZ EXPERT TO TAKE PART! COME ALONG FOR A FUN EVENING AND HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL. ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS PURCHASING NEW EQUIPMENT FOR OUR NEW AUTISM CLASS.



Classroom Highlights

Junior & Senior Infants

This month we made 'Love Bugs' for Valentines Day. We looked at growing and shrinking patterns in Maths and we enjoyed partaking in a variety of well-being activities such as water play, yoga, and breathing exercises. We also enjoyed some delicious pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.



1st & 2nd Class

This month we have been learning about Spring. We did some Oragami for the Chinese New Year and have been practising our mindfulness through playing with play dough. The class also won a Valentines disco. We have some great movers in the class. We enjoyed wellbeing week, we got to decorate pancakes and enjoyed a fun swim session.



3rd & 4th Class

We have been busy continuing with Ukulele and swimming lessons. We also started our exciting projects on the Normans. We enjoyed creative blow painting with straws and took part in lovely wellbeing week activities.



5th & 6th Class

We had Pilates with Sarah, blind food tasting and we helped the younger classes make loom bands during mindful week. Student council decided we should have a week of no school work or homework!



Cultural Day

Cultural Day will take place in our school on March 25th as part of our ASPIRE project, with Gaelscoil joining us for what promises to be a very special celebration. The children will enjoy a range of activities in the morning, and in the afternoon we are planning a vibrant showcase of the many cultures that make up our wonderful school community. **We are particularly inviting parents from the different countries represented in our school — including Ireland, Ukraine, India, Poland, Hungary, Bangladesh and the UK — to volunteer to help organise a stall celebrating their culture @ 1pm on the 25th. This could include traditional food, dress, music, artefacts or displays. Your involvement would give our children a meaningful opportunity to see, experience and take pride in the rich diversity within our school. Please let us know if you are available to help in any way. We would be so grateful for your support in helping us make this exciting and memorable day a true celebration of who we are together.**

