



# Scoil Chaitríona

## MAY NEWSLETTER



### Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been such a busy, joyful, and memorable time in school recently, and it is hard to believe that we are already coming to the end of the year — where has the time gone? The children have enjoyed so many wonderful experiences together, from our beach day and ice-cream van treats to celebrating the Sacraments and making special memories with their classmates and teachers. There has been a fantastic atmosphere throughout the school, filled with fun, laughter, and celebration. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, kindness, and goodwill throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated by all of us here in school.

### Upcoming Events/ Dates

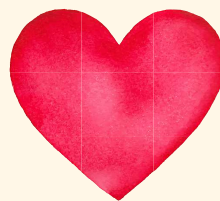
- 1<sup>st</sup> June: Bank Holiday– No school
- 10<sup>th</sup> June: Junior & Senior Infants Tour
- 11<sup>th</sup> June: 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> School Tour
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Active week.
- 16<sup>th</sup> June: Lá Spóirt (Sports Day)  
Gaelscoil na gCeithre Maistrí
- 19<sup>th</sup> June: 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation @  
11:30
- 25<sup>th</sup> June: Last day of school, Infants –  
5<sup>th</sup>, finish @ 12pm.

### Attendance

We are delighted with how well attendance has been across the school this year and would love to keep that positive momentum going for the final few weeks as we finish the year strong together. Every school day is important, with lots of fun activities, trips, and special events still to come before the summer holidays. To help encourage great attendance right to the end, we will be having one final pizza party for the class with the best attendance over the remaining weeks of term! A huge well done to all our pupils and families for the fantastic effort made so far this year. As always, we ask that children attend school every day unless they are unwell. Let's all work together to finish the year on a high!

### Parents Association

A huge thank you to our Parents' Association for their generous contribution towards the cost of the beautiful 6<sup>th</sup> Class hoodies this year. I had ordered the hoodies over Easter and had hoped they would arrive much sooner than they did, but they were certainly worth the wait. The children were delighted with them, and they really are a lovely keepsake for their final term in primary school. Going forward, we hope that every 6<sup>th</sup> Class group will have these hoodies to wear and enjoy during their last term with us. The cost of the hoodies was shared between the school, parents, and the Parents' Association, with each contributing €10 towards the overall cost. We are very grateful for the continued support and generosity of our Parents' Association in helping to make special memories for our pupils.



### Memories

We were incredibly proud of the children when we stopped to pay our respects at Patricia's grave last week. They conducted themselves with such kindness, respect, and maturity throughout the visit and were a true credit to themselves, their families, and our school community. We continue to miss Patricia greatly and think of her often, while also recognising how important it is to celebrate and enjoy life, cherish happy memories, and look after one another each day.



# Classroom Highlights

## Junior & Senior Infants

Junior & Senior Infants welcomed the new children starting in September recently. They took part in a workshop with Clara Bear where they got to design their own pencil case and of course had a treat of an ice-cream.



## 1st & 2nd Class

2nd class made their communion on April 24<sup>th</sup>. They represented the school so well. The children in this room have been learning about Under the Sea and have taken part in a Rince class.



## 3rd & 4th Class

History is truly alive in Mr. Bracken's class as the children created their very own company, Blue Door Discoveries. They recently completed a walking tour of Ballyshannon, where they researched, typed, and recorded themselves presenting information about 13 different stops and places of interest in our own locality. From recording and art to digital and communication skills, this project showcased learning at its very best. The children should be extremely proud of the creativity, teamwork, and effort that went into such an impressive piece of work



## 5th & 6th Class

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class have taken part in a Chess league for the past few weeks thanks to Mr Kelly. Margaret has them spoilt with baking classes & 6<sup>th</sup> class look fantastic in their school hoodies



Without doubt, the highlight of this month was our fantastic day at the beach in Rossnowlagh — and what a day we got for it! By pure chance, the weather was absolutely beautiful and it made for a truly memorable day for everyone involved. The children had an amazing time and, as always, were so well behaved throughout the trip and a real credit to our school. We were delighted to have Core Kids with us on the day, leading the children through a range of fun activities including beach Olympics, volleyball, races, art, and sandcastle building. There was such a wonderful atmosphere of fun, teamwork, and enjoyment all day long. We are also looking forward to taking part in our final event through the Aspire Programme on June 16<sup>th</sup>, when we will travel to the Gaelscoil for a sports day event with our friends there.

