



Scoil Chaitríona

MARCH NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been an incredibly busy and joyful time here in March, with so many special moments and activities taking place. From the children celebrating their Confession and Confirmation, to wrapping up swimming lessons, there has been plenty to be proud of. We've also enjoyed planting trees, World Book Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, taking part in Easter hunts, and even treating ourselves to some well-earned ice-cream while making the most of the long-awaited sunshine. We also marked Intercultural Day and held a fun and successful Easter raffle. After such a full and exciting few weeks, we are all well and truly ready for a restful and happy Easter break.

Upcoming Events/ Dates

- 27th March: Close for Easter Holidays @ 12 p.m.
- 13th April Reopen after Easter Holidays
- 14th April: Psychologist in school
- 15th April Public Health Nurse in to check Infants eyes & ears.
- 25th April: Holy Communion
- May 26th: No school Curriculum Inservice Day

Attendance

Well done to 3rd & 4th class who won the pizza party for the third time for best attendance. We will be running an extra special attendance initiative after Easter for 2 weeks. Any child who attends the full 10 days wins a prize! Please see your child's attendance sheet sent home today to know where your child is at. We had been doing great but it is starting to fall across the school so I would ask us all to try our best to send your child to school everyday, unless of course they are sick. There is a mistake in that sheet, it should be 126 days = full attendance. I calculated it too soon!!

Parents Association

Our Parents' Association has once again done a tremendous job supporting our school through their outstanding fundraising efforts. The recent Easter raffle was a fantastic success, raising an incredible €2,710, along with a further €921 from the quiz night, bringing the total raised to an amazing €3,631.

A huge thank you to all the parents, past and present, who gave their time so generously to sell lines and collect raffle prizes. We are also very grateful to the local shops and businesses who donated prizes so generously. And of course, a sincere thank you to you, our parent community, for your continued support and generosity – without it, none of this would be possible. The funds raised have already contributed towards providing Easter eggs for all the children as part of today's Easter hunt, adding to the joy and excitement of the day.



Growing Memories

This month, we were delighted to plant five apple trees on our school grounds, with each class taking ownership of their very own tree. Our students council also planted a special tree in memory of Patricia and Nuala. As the trees grow and begin to bear fruit, we look forward to baking apple tarts together, taking time to remember two precious ladies who were taken far too soon.





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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.

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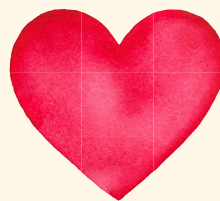
- 1st June: Bank Holiday– No school
- 10th June: Junior & Senior Infants Tour
- 11th June: 1st – 6th School Tour
- 15th – 18th Active week.
- 16th June: Lá Spóirt (Sports Day)
Gaelscoil na gCeithre Maistrí
- 19th June: 6th Class Graduation @
11:30
- 25th June: Last day of school, Infants –
5th, finish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

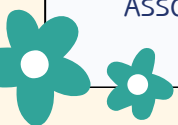
Parents Association

A huge thank you to our Parents' Association for their generous contribution towards the cost of the beautiful 6th 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 6th 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 24th. 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

5th & 6th class have taken part in a Chess league for the past few weeks thanks to Mr Kelly. Margaret has them spoilt with baking classes & 6th 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 16th, when we will travel to the Gaelscoil for a sports day event with our friends there.



Classroom Highlights

Junior & Senior Infants

Junior & Senior Infants did a wonderful job with their singing for Intercultural day. They got treated to an ice-cream from Pearse O' Neills for their effort. We enjoyed a lovely Spring walk in the fine weather!



1st & 2nd Class

This month we have been preparing for our First Confession. We got to enjoy a lovely hot chocolate and treat in Slevins afterwards. We are very excited about our Communion next month.



3rd & 4th Class

We completed our Norman projects and this saw Universal Design learning at its best. Children learning and representing their work in a way that suits them best! Mrs Coen was very impressed! We also enjoyed some D.E.A.R time outside after a trip to the library.



5th & 6th Class

6th class children made their Confirmation this month and did themselves proud. We also learned how to jive as part of our Aspire workshops.



Without doubt, the highlight of the month was our Intercultural Day — what an incredible day we had! We were delighted to celebrate it alongside our friends from the Gaelscoil, enjoying a day full of joy, learning and connection through a range of activities including art, dance, sport and folklore. The children were outstanding, confidently singing songs and showcasing dances, and the atmosphere in the hall when everyone came together was truly special. A simple but powerful message we shared with the children was that the things that make you different are the very things that make you special, and this was evident throughout the day. And as for the food — what a treat! We were spoiled with a wonderful array of dishes from around the world. None of this would have been possible without you, our parents, whose generosity, effort and pride in sharing your cultures made the day so memorable. It is a day that will stand out in the minds of our children for years to come.

