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ST. PATRICK'S N.S. EASTER NEWSLETTER 2026

Our School Garden

Both the Gardening Club and children throughout the school have been very busy in the garden since the start of spring. They have been re-potting flowers and other plants as well as helping with the preparation of the raised beds for the different classes to start their seasonal planting of potatoes, onions and tomatoes.

Enrolment

We are looking forward to welcoming our new pupils for 2026/2027 to the school on 27th May for an open morning.

We still have spaces available for the school year ahead and we would be delighted to welcome new families to the school. If you know of any families with children due to start school next year, we would sincerely appreciate you spreading the word about St. Patrick's NS.

Chess Competition

16 pupils from 5th and 6th class had an amazing day recently in Bruff NS at a Féile Fichille chess competition. Our teams did really well finishing 1st and 2nd in the overall standings. It was a super achievement from all the pupils involved. Thanks to Mrs Lyons for organising our participation and our chess club in the school.

As a result, both our teams move forward now to the Comortas Fichille which takes place in Corpus Christí Primary School on Wednesday 15th April. We wish them the best of luck .

Robotics

Well done to Gearóid, Mohamed and Jamie and from 5th class who took part in the Analogue Devices robotics competition recently. The boys did very well in all the challenges and really enjoyed the day. Well done boys.

Swimming

Our 3rd class have just completed their six swimming lessons in the Woodlands Hotel Leisure Centre this week. Well done to all the boys and girls who attended. They made great progress over the 6 weeks.

Engineers Week 2026

4th class were very lucky to have a visit from engineers from Analog Devices and Dell during Engineer's week. (Thanks to Juliet Browne and to Claire O'Keeffe). The children learned about the work that the companies do, using engineering to find solutions to many everyday problems. They were then very lucky to try some engineering projects for themselves - they made a sundial and a catapult.

South Teams

Well done to Tiernan McCarthy who were part of this year's victorious South Primary Schools Mackey Cup panel. Tiernan played a starring role on the day.

Well done also to Rachel Deane, Emmy O'Shea, Grace Frawley and Hannah McCoy who were part of the Eithne Neville panel. The girls won through to the final where they were very unlucky to lose out to the East in very tough playing conditions. Rachel has also been selected to play with the Primary Game team before one of Limerick Senior Footballers championship game v Cork in April. Well done Rachel.

Green Schools

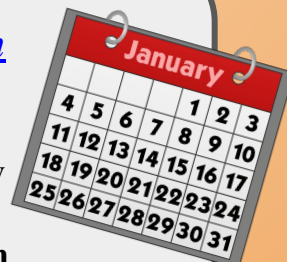
Our Team Limerick Clean Up 2026 took place on March 26th. Thank you to all the classes for keeping our school clean. The community event will take place on Good Friday, April 3rd.

The Green Schools committee were happy to tell all our pupils about our new drinking water fountain that has been installed at the end of our school corridor.

The committee are continuing to work on our application for our second Green Flag based on the theme of 'Water.'

Important Dates and Times

- [School Closes at 12.00pm/12.15pm on Friday March 27th](#)
- School reopens at 9.20am on Monday 13th April.
- Holy Communion 25th April in Bruree Church at 11am
- School closed Monday May 4th/Tuesday 5th May- Bank Holiday
- School closed Monday June 1st Bank Holiday
- 6th Class Graduation Mass June 17th at 10am in Bruree Church
- School will close Tues 23rd June at 12.15pm for summer holidays





Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026



Seachtain na Gaeilge a bhí ann cúpla seachtain ó shin. Le linn na seachtaine, eagraíodh neart imeachtaí éagsúla chun an Ghaeilge agus an cultúr Ghaelach a chéiliúradh i measc phobal na scoile.

Ar an gcéad dul síos, gach lá bhí "Obair mhaidine" ar siúl sna ranganna. Pléadh cúrsaí ar nós an dáta, freagraíodh ceisteanna simplí agus baineadh sult as rudaí spraiúla cosúil le rabhlóga.

Bhain na daltaí taitneamh as an obair mhaidine gach lá agus tús iontach don lá ab ea é gan dabht chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn. "Tús maith leath na hoibre" mar a deirtear.

Ar an Déardaoin, d'eagraigh rang a sé siopa don scoil. Bhí ticéad ag gach dalta agus bhí seans acu rudaí a cheannach agus a bheith ag labhairt as Gaeilge. Smaoineamh iontach ab ea é!

I measc na n-imeachtaí difriúla eile a bhí faoi lán seoil le linn na seachtaine, bhí tionól álainn againn. D'fhoghlaim gach rang an t-amhrán Báidín Fheilimí agus bhí an t-amhrán iontach le cloisteáil tríd na scoile. Anuas ar sin, bhí "Lá Glas" againn agus bhí na múinteoirí agus na daltaí go léir gléasta suas. Tugadh bronntanais bheaga cosúil le greamáin do na daltaí óga chun suim sa Ghaeilge a spreagadh. Bhí seans ag na ranganna cluichí a imirt as Gaeilge, dánta a fhoghlaim, ceol éagsúla a fhoghlaim ar an bhfeadóg stáin agus Balla Luimnigh a fhoghlaim. Seachtain an-ghnóthach a bhí againn gan aon agó!

Seachtain den chéad scoth a bhí againn lán le spraoi agus le céiliúradh ar ár dteanga agus ár gcultúr álainn. Mar a deir an seanfhocal "Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam" agus is fíor é sin gan dabht ar bith.

**Siopa gnóthach ag
rang a sé do
Seachtain Na Gaeilge**



**SEACHTAIN
NA GAEILGE**

School Self Evaluation

As parents are aware, our school is working on our School Improvement Plans. In numeracy, we are continuing to work on the money and time strand units. Our pupils are progressing very well in these areas. For wellbeing, we are continuing to have our monthly assemblies as well as focussing on pupil voice.

Moving forward into the next cycle of SSE, we are now looking at the area of spelling and spelling instruction in the school. We have surveyed our teachers, parents and pupils in Term 1 and had an advisory visit from Oide recently in relation to this school improvement plan.



Vex Robotics

6th Class went to the Vex Robotics competition on the 29th of January in Dell Technology Limerick. We spent many weeks building our robot for the competition. We named him 'Huey.' We had our own table and decorated it with all the posters that we made. We had an opportunity to practise before the competition started at 10am. There were 32 schools there in total. We had six challenges to complete against other schools. We competed in individual driving skills challenges, coding worked with another school before competing again. We really enjoyed the day. Thanks to parents, Claire O'Keeffe and Seamus Sheehan for their help in securing a place for us at this event. We really enjoyed the day.

Best of Luck

Best of luck to our 6th class teacher David Reidy and Fionn O'Brien, past pupil, who are members of Limerick Senior Hurling panel as they prepare for the league final and Munster Championship in the coming weeks. Best of luck also to Eoghan Murnane, past pupil, who captains the Limerick minor footballers this year. A great honour for Eoghan.

GAA in St. Patrick's NS

Lorraine Grady, our GAA Coach, has been attending the school since January and takes all our classes out each Friday. She has just finished a block of Gaelic football with our pupils in 1st to 3rd class. We will concentrate on hurling and camogie after the Easter holidays. She will continue to focus on Gaelic football and fundamental movement skills with our pupils in infants.

Our boys from 4th class and girls from 5th class recently competed in an indoor hurling and camogie blitz in Martinstown. The pupils played very well in all their games against strong opposition. Well done to all who took part.

We are looking forward to taking part in the INTO Mini 7s and South Premier Division competitions after Easter.



FAI 5-a-side soccer

Our 6th class pupils took part in the FAI soccer blitz in Seanchóill, Parteen in early March. We had a great day at the competition with our boys and girls teams performing very well. We were very unlucky not to qualify through to the next round but our pupils really enjoyed the day and gave it their all. Well done to all.

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council are delighted to report that the Valentine-themed bake sale, which was held on Friday 13th February, was a resounding success. Many thanks to the sixth class pupils who helped on the day and to everyone who supported it. We have purchased an outdoor table tennis table with the proceeds and we will organise a table tennis tournament for the higher classes after the Easter break. We also purchased a cornhole game and some skip ball ropes for playtimes. Míle buíochas le gach duine.

Communion Class

Well done to the pupils in 2nd class who recently made their First Confession with Fr. Gibson. Preparations are beginning for their Communion at the moment which takes place on April 25th in Bruree Church.

Credit Union Quiz

The Credit Union Quiz took place on 13th February in Coláiste Iosaef in Kilmallock and we had a number of teams entered. All our teams did very well with one team (Cathal Sheehan, Alfie Hanrahan, Olann Duprey and Neil O'Connor) winning their age group after a tiebreaker round and qualifying for the chapter stage of the quiz. Again they performed very well at this stage finishing 4th. Well done to all our pupils who took part in the quiz this year and thank you to all the parents who attended on both evenings.

Parent's Association

Quiz Night

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported our very successful Quiz night on the 23rd February in the local hall. We raised €1000 with the proceeds going towards the cost of new sports equipment in the school. We would like to thank all our pupils, parents and community members who came along to support on the night. It was a great fun filled night.

Upcoming Events

Our Parents Association has organised bag packing in Dunnes Stores this Saturday in Charleville. Parents can sign up to help out at the following link-

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=g63aHu-yPUIB8SxIaC9A7K5DMsXEZvpBu7upmye6cm5UM1hRV1hWMkJFMTIZWDVWWE dQTENCMVdDUi4u&route=shorturl>





World Book Day

We really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day again this year with many different activities taking place in all our classes. We are working hard to promote a love of reading in the school using initiatives such as DEAR- Drop Everything and Read- and Buddy Reading Programmes. We have recently invested again in more decodable readers for our junior end of the school. We also encourage our pupils to join our local library in Kilmallock which is a fantastic service.

School Tours

Our pupils will be heading on some very exciting tours this year.

1. Jnrs/Snrs- Free Range Kids
Tuesday 26th May
2. 1st/2nd Class- Mary Immaculate College
Adventure Tours - Monday,
11 th June.
3. 3rd to 6th Class- Ballyhass
Lakes Adventure Centre- 4th
June

We will also have a mobile pet farm visiting us later this school year on 3rd June.

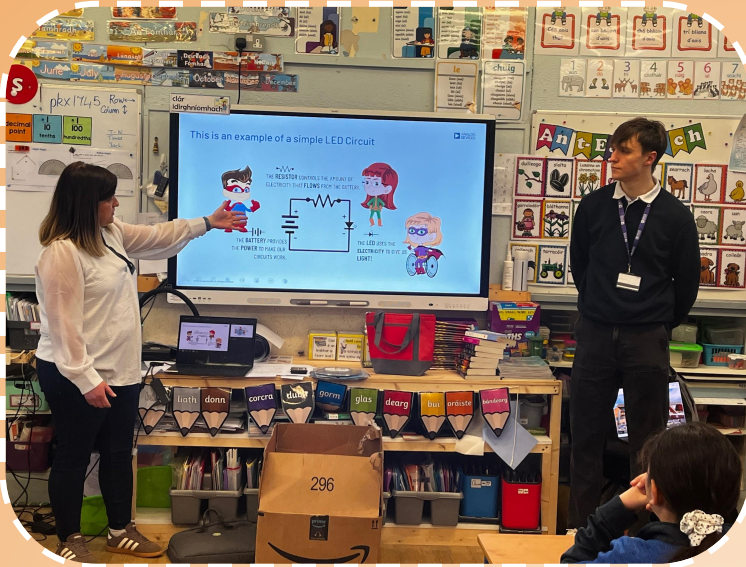
We are really looking forward to these great days.

Happy Easter

Happy Easter to everyone in our school community. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support during Term 2. We are already looking forward to an exciting last term when we hope to get lots of time playing on the fantastic new community Astroturf behind the school.



Photo Gallery





Well done to our boys' team who took part in the 5 a side hurling today





