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# **ST. PATRICK'S N.S. EASTER NEWSLETTER 2022**

## **Our School Garden**

Well done to 1st/2nd class who are really working really hard looking after our school garden. They have recently made and scattered wildflower seed bombs and planted many shrubs.

## **Engineers Week**

Well done to all our classes who took part in Engineer Week. 1st and 2nd class were put into design teams for engineers week and they each had a category of engineering to explore aeronautical, structural, civil, mechanical, electronic and computer engineering. Pupils in 3rd class began Engineer's week by constructing a pinwheel. They used card and a template from the Steps Engineer's Website. They attached the pinwheel to a straw using a split-pin. The second activity was a 25 minute challenge to construct a bridge using only newspaper and tape that would hold up their Busy At Maths book! This was great fun and the children showed great inventiveness and creativity during the challenge. Their 3rd activity was to test 'helicopters'. They used a template from the Discover Primary Science and Maths Awards website and made the helicopter from paper and card and compared the two.

## **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Cúpla seachtain ó shin, bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge faoi lán seoil sa scoil. I measc na n-imeachtaí éagsúla a eagraíodh chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, bhí tráth na gceist, ealaín agus ceardaíocht, filíocht, damhsa Gaelach agus amhráin as Gaeilge. Bhí spraoi agus spórt ag gach duine agus gan dabht bhí seachtain den scoth againn ar scoil. Mar a deirtear, “Beatha teanga í a labhairt” agus is fíor é sin gan dabht ar bith!

## **New School Furniture**

Our new school furniture is in place from 1st to 6th class The pupils and teachers are delighted with their new chairs and desks. Thanks to everyone who took some of our old furniture.

## Friendship Week

We ran a lovely 'Friendship Week' in early January when all our pupils took part in lots of different activities. We also ran an Anti Bullying Slogan Competition. Well done to our winners Carrie, Robyn and Chloe.

## School Tours

We are delighted that all our pupils can go on a school tour again this year. 3rd to 6th class are travelling to Ballyhass Activity Centre on May 16th. 1st/2nd are heading to Crag Caves on 14th June. Juniors/Seniors are heading to the Farm in Grenagh on 10th June. More details on these tours will follow after Easter.

## South Teams

Well done to all our pupils who trialled for South teams recently. Aoife, Róisín and Meabh were part of the Neville Cup team who lost out to the West in the final. Eoghan played for the Mackey team who lost out to a very strong East team in the semi finals. Ciara, Sarah, Jennifer and Eoghan are all part of the South football teams and their competitions take place this week. Well done all.

## Rock your Socks

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our fundraiser for Down Syndrome Limerick on World Down Syndrome Day. We raised €400 on the day. Well done everyone.

## Important Dates and Times

- [School Closes at 12.15pm on Friday 8th Easter](#)
- School reopens at 9.20am on Monday 25th April
- Holy Communion 7th May in Bruree Church at 11am
- School closed Monday May 2nd- Bank Holiday
- School closed Monday June 6th- Bank Holiday
- School will close Wed 22nd June at 12.15pm for summer holidays



## **Book Fair**

The Book Fair run by the Tara Book Company was a great success over the last week. I would like to thank all the parents who purchased books for their children. The fair was very well supported. The school will benefit greatly as we receive one free book for every two books purchased. We will be upgrading our class libraries from 3rd to 6th class during the third term.

## **Internet Safety Talk**

Thanks to all parents and staff who attended Ger Brick's internet safety talk in February. The slides can be accessed here-

<http://www.inetsafetytalk.com/parentinfo> Password: inetsafety55

## **Revised School Calendar**

As the 18th March was designated a public holiday by the Government, the school will now close for the summer holidays on June 22nd at 12.15pm.

## **Communion Class**

Well done to the 17 pupils in 2nd class who recently made their First Confession with Canon Shire. They are busy preparing for their Communion at present on 7th May.

## School Photos

County Photographs, a school photography service, will attend the school on 2nd June to take photographs of the pupils in the school. The photographers will take individual, family and class photographs on the day. There is no obligation to purchase the photographs. Parents will have an opportunity to view proofs before deciding on what photographs they would like. I will send more details from County Photographs after the Easter Holidays.

## ETwinning

Children in 3rd class have been involved in two eTwinning projects this year, one of which is called "European Friends". Before Christmas, they made a short video using Adobe Spark to send Christmas greetings and today, March 29th, they had a Zoom call with one of the classes involved. This was a great opportunity for the children as they got to ask questions about the other children's school day, mask wearing, lunches, school uniform etc and they also had to answer similar questions that the Italian children asked them. They tried a tiny bit of Italian "What is your name?" - "come si chiama?" and they got the Italian children to learn a little bit of Irish "Dia duit!". To finish off, the Italian class sang a traditional Italian song while they showed a Youtube videos of images from Italy.



## Happy Easter

On behalf of the BOM and all our school staff I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very Happy Easter holidays. Thanks again for all your support this term. We have enjoyed a very busy Term 2 in the school and we are looking forward to final term when we return. Our school teams will be back in action again and we are all really looking forward to heading on school tours again after a two year break due to Covid 19.





# Photo Gallery









