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ST. PATRICK'S N.S. EASTER NEWSLETTER 2024

Our School Garden

A new Gardening Club has been established in our school. The team will work alongside Frances and learn all about crop rotation, seasonal vegetables, when to harvest and the benefits of having a biodiverse, natural area to attract pollinators.

Hot School Meals Programme

The Hot School Meals Programme will begin on 8th April. You will have received your activation code and you should have set up your log in at this stage. Orders must be made on the Thursday of the previous week and must be made in full for the following week. The scheme comes at no cost to parents. If you are having any difficulty with accessing the ordering portal please contact info@gourmetkids.ie

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Le déanaí, bhíomar ag céiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge sa scoil. Rinneamar neart imeachtaí éagsúla chun an Ghaeilge agus an chultúr Ghaelach a chur chun cinn, mar shampla tráth na gceist, ealaín, amhráin agus filíocht. Anuas ar sin, tugadh bronntanais do roinnt de na daltaí óga chun iad a spreagadh an Ghaeilge a úsáid ar scoil agus chun tábhacht an Ghaeilge a mhúineadh dóibh. “Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí” mar a deirtear.

Seachtain iontach a bhí againn ag baint sult as 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!

Incidental Inspection

Sandra Ní Chíosóig, our district inspector visited our school on Thursday 14th March for an incidental inspection. She was very impressed by the teaching and learning she observed in the school. Well done to all our pupils and staff.

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 2024

The pupils had a great week during Engineer's Week 2024, participating in workshops, learning about different types of engineers and what their jobs entail as well as having the opportunity to become "engineers" themselves.

South Teams

Well done to Paudie Herlihy and Michael O'Donnell who were part of the victorious South Mackey Cup team. Paudie captained the team which was a huge personal honour. Well done to both boys who are real stars for the future.

Emma O'Regan, Caitlin Liston, Suzanne Frawley and Anais O'Brien were all part of the South Eithne Neville team who helped the South Division complete a famous double. Well done to all the girls involved.

Green Schools

The Green School Committee are delighted with the winning poster and slogan created by Caitlin Liston which is now displayed throughout the school. The Committee are now designing a board game with a recycling and environmental theme for use at each class level.

Our Team Limerick Clean Up 2024 took place on March 20th. Thank you to all the classes for keeping our school clean. The community event will take place on Good Friday, March 29th.

Important Dates and Times

- [School Closes at 12.15pm on Friday 22nd March](#)
- School reopens at 9.20am on Monday 8th April
- Holy Communion 27th April in Bruree Church at 11am
- School closed Monday May 6th- Bank Holiday
- School closed Monday June 3rd Bank Holiday
- **School closed Friday June 7th- Local/European Elections**
- School will close Fri 21st June at 12.15pm for summer holidays



School Self Evaluation

As parents are aware, our school is working on two 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 have reformed our Pupil Council and we also hold monthly assemblies in the school. During these assemblies, pupils from each classroom present one piece of work that they are really proud of from the month. We have really enjoyed the opportunity to acknowledge all the great work going on in all our classrooms.



Individual Achievements

Best of luck to **Grace Power** who represents the school in the National Schools Swimming Gala in the Aquatics Centre this weekend. Grace swims in the 50m freestyle. Grace is also a member of the Irish Pony Club training squad at the moment. Well done Grace.

Michael Junior O'Donnell won the Munster Boys Boxing Title in the U33Kg category recently and qualified for the National Championships. Well done Michael and best of luck in the finals.

Tara Frawley won the 10-11 Munster Championship in Irish Dancing at the INEC in Killarney recently. She will be competing in the World Championships in Glasgow this Sunday. Well done Tara and the best of luck in the finals.

We have a number of **boys from 6th class** heading to Wales this weekend to play rugby for Bruff RFC. Enjoy the weekend boys.

Finally, best of luck to **Mr. Reidy** in the Allianz National League semi final this Saturday v Kilkenny.

GAA in Bruree NS

Daragh Bridgeman, our GAA Coach, has been attending the school since January and takes all our classes out each Friday. He has just finished a block of Gaelic football with our pupils in 1st to 6th class. We will concentrate on hurling and camogie after the Easter holidays. He will continue to focus on Gaelic football and fundamental movement skills with our pupils in infants.

Our boys from 3rd/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.

We also competed in the mini 7s hurling and camogie blitzes recently. Both teams qualified through to the finals before losing out to some very strong teams. Well done to all the pupils who took part.

FAI 5-a-side soccer

Our 6th class pupils took part in the FAI soccer blitz in Seanchaill, Parteen in early March. All our teams played extremely well with our boys team winning through to the second round. They competed against some very strong teams on Wednesday performing very well.

Literacy Groups

Pupils in Junior and Senior infants have been working very hard in recent weeks in their Literacy Groups. Our Juniors have been making great progress on their decodable readers while our Seniors have really flourished this term.

Communion Class

Well done to the 23 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 27th.

Pupil Council Bake Sale

Our Pupil Council ran a very successful Bake Sale in the school last Friday. Over €1600 was raised for outdoor toys and games. Thank you to everyone who supported the sale. Thanks also to our Pupil Council and Mrs. Irwin for running it.



World Book Day

All our pupils enjoyed taking part in World Book Day recently in the school. This year we had an interactive quiz where our staff showed their favourite book. We also had a design a bookmark competition as well as spending time discussing our favourite books and authors. We love to encourage our pupils to read for enjoyment as much as possible on a daily basis.

School Tours

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

Jnrs/Snrs- Free Range Kids
27th May

1st/2nd Class- Just 4 Kids
Mary Immaculate College
10th June

3rd-6th- Ballyhass Lakes-
5th June

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.

Policy Reviews

The school has recently reviewed its Critical Incident Policy, Anti- Bullying Policy and Parental Complaints Procedures. These policies are all available to view on the school website at <https://www.brureens.ie/policies-forms/> Notification of our review of our Anti Bullying Policy is also available to view on the website [here](#).



Photo Gallery





