



February Newsletter

Hello everyone!

We hope you all enjoyed the Midterm Break. It is hard to believe we are at the end of February. The year is flying by. We want to acknowledge the ongoing hard work of all pupils and staff. We look forward to Seachtain na Gaeilge!

Dates for your diary in March:

- 5th March – World Book Dress up Day
- 16th and 17th March – School will be closed
- 13th March – Lá glas (Children are invited to wear green on this day as part of Seachtain Na Gaeilge/St. Patrick's day celebrations)
- 27th March – last day of school before the Easter break

Go Phone Free!

We'd like to sincerely thank the Parent Teacher Association for their strong support of the GO Phone Free initiative. This initiative encourages families to hold off on giving primary school children smartphones, helping to limit early exposure to social media and online risks. Young children can be especially vulnerable to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and the effects of too much screen time. By working together as a school community, we can ease the pressure on families and better protect our children. The PTA's involvement shows a genuine commitment to keeping our children safe online.



Junior and Senior Infants:

We have been learning lots of new things this month! We learned about doctors and pretended to be doctors and nurses during playtime. We have learned some great dances and even performed them in assembly. We made hearts out of clay and painted them. We also had some heart shaped pancakes. We are so excited to have chicks in the incubator. We hope to have some chicks during the first week of March. We are learning all about the life cycle of a chick. We also planted lots of seeds and bulbs. We are learning the skill of "having patience" with both the chicks and the planting. We hope you all have a wonderful month.



1st and 2nd class:

First and second class have been working really hard this month and have learned so much! In PE, they learned two dances: an Irish folk dance called the Shoe Maker Dance and a dance to An Dreoilín. In preparation for Seachtain na Gaeilge, the children created colourful posters to promote our language and have also learned a poem called 'Mo Bhricfeasta'. In English, they explored procedural writing and even got to put their skills into practice by making Rice Krispie buns in the classroom! They have been developing their sentence writing, using nouns, adjectives, and verbs to make their sentences more interesting. Finally, they learned about España, Christopher Columbus, and Pablo Picasso, and the children experimented with Cubism in art. We are looking forward to lots more fun and learning in March!



3rd and 4th class

We have been busy this month in 3rd and 4th class. We were learning about co-ordinates in Maths and made our own Pirate Maps! In art we made 3D hot chocolate cups. We do 15 minutes of a game every day which we always love. Our favourite at the minute is dodgeball. We did a final experiment in electricity where we got a buzzer to work and 2 light bulbs to light up at the same time. We also made a motor spin. 4th class have been learning about decimals in Maths this week and 3rd class are doing lots of practice of their multiplication tables.



5th and 6th class:

We had a busy month in our classroom. We did Drama about WWI and WWII. We were working on time, fractions and percentages and many other topics in Maths.

We did some art based on the Titanic. We worked hard in English and Irish. We are really enjoying bench ball and dodgeball in PE. We created some lovely posters ahead of Seachtain na Gaeilge to promote this celebration in the school. We hope you have a good month. We look forward to the rest of Term 2.



Ms McGuckin's class:

We have had a great time in February and have been very busy! We did Valentines Day art by sponging hearts and we made Rick Krispie buns. We were looking at eggs and learning how to crack them into a bowl. For pancake Tuesday we listened to a song about how to make pancakes and added toppings to our own pancakes. We have also been learning about washing our hands properly and how to set the table.



As always, our door is always open and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My admin day is on a Thursday and I am available to meet or call parents during this day or before or after school on other days. My direct contact is louise.m.gillespie@gmail.com

Please note that policies and minutes from Board of Management meetings can be found on our school website.

Kind regards,
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