



1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

### **March/April 2024 Newsletter**

I hope you are all well. It is hard to believe we are in the final term of school for this year! We have been busy on our return to school after the Easter break. In March, we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge with lots of fun activities. Each class performed a song. We also had a very enjoyable Bake sale. There was lots of lovely treats! Thank you to everyone! Also – some other good news. We have been awarded our newest Green Flag for biodiversity!!

### **Updates/Dates for your diary for May:**

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – School closed (May Bank Holiday)
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – children finish at 12:30pm to facilitate staff training
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – assembly with Luke Hawkins
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Assembly at 9am watch the pupils doing their dance performance
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – PTA movie night in the school at 6pm
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Irish workshops for the children

### **Junior and Senior Infants - (Ms. Delaney's class):**

We have had a busy few weeks. We did a jewellery making workshop which was super fun! We made submarines, hot air balloons and rockets in art. We are hoping the eggs in our incubator will hatch. We have been practicing writing. We have been focusing on transport in Aistear. We learnt about Amelia Earhart and Neil Armstrong. We have been learning some new dance routines with Shauna! We really have enjoyed our music lessons with Carrie. We are going to make little rafts with magnets. We learned some Irish songs for Seachtain na Gaeilge and really enjoyed the activities. We are really excited for everything coming up in Term 3!

### **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class - (Mrs. Hickey's class):**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class really enjoyed their trip to the Lidl Farm for the Farm to Fork experience. They learned about sowing crops and they saw lots of different types of fruits and vegetables that had been planted and were growing inside polytunnels. They even learned about pollination. They were so lucky to get a train ride through the distribution centre which was the highlight of the trip for many. The kids have been working hard on poetry over the past 3 weeks. They have written acrostic poems with a partner and some of them even wrote a poem about an animal of their choice. They have enjoyed working with clay in art to create their initials and they also made a pinch pot. They are now working on still-life drawing. They did a still-life drawing of different types of fruit last week which turned out really well. We are all looking forward to the May.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class - (Ms. Forrest's class):**

We had an Easter egg hunt around the yard for Easter. We visited the Lidl farm. We saw how food was grown. We got a tour of the warehouse on the train. We began dance with Shauna after Easter. We learned about debating and time in Maths. We did a project on Japan and completed some lovely artwork displaying the Japanese culture.

### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class - (Ms. Gillespie's class):**

We went to Lidl Farm and learned about farming. We did a project on WWII and it is the biggest project we do in the year. We also visited the canal in Naas. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class walked down to see the canal for a project we are going to do on the history of the canal. We saw ducks, pigeons, birds and a beautiful swan. We did art on the canal too which was really cool.

We have a really kind dance teacher and she teaches us dance every Tuesday. We don't have many lessons left - we are almost done dancing. In Art we also drew our version of Mona Lisa and did some art inspired by Picasso. In Maths, we have been doing averages and have moved on to making pie charts. We also did some fun Maths where we had to make shapes and we used counters and bears to solve problems. We are still doing 15 minutes of games every day and we have done rounders and football rounders.

### **Ms. Allen's Class:**

April was full of excitement in our classroom. It was lovely to see all the children's amazing personalities and interests come to life, while they develop in all areas of their learning. The junior children really enjoyed our Circle time songs each morning, allowing them the opportunity to develop their creativity through dance, music, and arts. The older students were exploring the topic of mountains in Geography and Egyptians in History.

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

Best wishes,

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