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School Newsletter



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Happy Easter!



Book Launch



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16ú –23ú Márta:	<i>Seachtain na Gaeilge.</i>
Friday March 23rd:	Launch of 3rd class book <i>Dreams & Imagination</i> .
Friday March 23rd:	Easter holidays at 12 noon.
Monday April 9th:	School reopens after Easter break.
Monday April 16th:	5th class trip to Causey Farm.
Wed April 18th:	Spelling Bee Final in the Red Cow Inn.
Wed April 18th:	First Penance in St. Matthew's Church.
Thursday April 26th:	Confirmation in St. Matthew's Church.
30th April–4th May:	Wellness Week.
Thursday 3rd May:	School closed for half day at 12 noon for child protection training for staff.



Places for Junior Infants / Early Start 2018

Junior Infant places are filling up quickly. If you know anyone with a child who will be four before September, tell them to apply as soon as possible in order to ensure a place. All application forms are available from the secretaries' office.

There is one place available for the afternoon session for Early Start. Thanks to everybody, who recently attended our open afternoon. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to visit the school and partake in a variety of activities. A special thanks to the pupils from fourth, fifth and sixth class, who acted as tour guides, sang in the choir and helped demonstrate science experiments.



Attendance & Punctuality

It is essential that your child attends school each day if he / she is to reach their full potential. Our school is in the fortunate position of having a School Completion Project (SCP) in operation. Each morning a member of the SCP team checks attendance in each class and rings the homes of all children, who are absent on that day. This is standard practice. If for some reason your child is sick, **please send in a written note to explain the absence** on his / her return to school. If your child misses 20 days of school, the school is obliged to report him / her to the Education Welfare Service. Please ensure your child comes to school on time every day. Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.



Easter Raffle

The Easter raffle took place on Friday 23rd March. An impressive €895 was raised for the school. Thank you for your continued support in our fundraising endeavours. Thanks to everyone who supported our recent fundraiser held on 16th March in aid of Kitale and IPADS. **€250** was raised.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the pupils who participated in the school's final of the Spelling Bee on 13th April. Pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th class participated. Thanks to Mr. Cormac O' Connor, who compered the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to **Tia Byrne**, Room 29, who was the overall winner. She represented the school with style in the Leinster Final in the Red Cow Inn on the 18th April.

Wellness Week

The school will host its first ever *Wellness Week* from 30th April—4th May. During this week we will be focusing on promoting wellbeing and positivity. The children will be encouraged to show gratitude and take part in activities to promote positivity and mindfulness. Homework will focus on this theme too for the week.

A special **FREE** talk for parents will take place on Tuesday 1st May at 9am in Room 6. Helpful tips will be given for looking after one's own mental wellbeing and supporting your child's wellbeing.

Good News



Congratulations to Ms. Caroline Gallagher and her husband Greg on the recent birth of their daughter Niamh. We welcome Ms. Michelle Winters to the staff. She will teach 2nd class.

Parents' Corner



Parents' Association

If you are interested in getting involved in our school's Parents' Association please contact Maeve McAdam, HSCL coordinator, in the school office or text her on 086-0288928. The committee meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Parents' Room at 9am.

Botvins Lifeskills

Congratulations to the pupils from Ms. Conaty's 4th class who recently completed a module of the Botvins Life-skills programme. Pictured presenting them with their certs is Ms. Dymphna Byrne, SCP coordinator, who delivered the programme. The programme helps equip the pupils with decision-making skills and helps build resilience.





March Assembly



Congratulations to the pupils of the month for March and to those children who received a special award for being Gaeilgeoir na Míosa. Táimid bródúil astu!



Well done to the children who won trophies for their dancing, boxing, football, athletic and major-ette skills!



Scríobh Leabhar Winners

Well done to Blake Ward, Hollie Jade Lynam, Ruby O' Reilly, Lilly Whelan, Ella Rose Buckley, Amelia Cunningham, Kayla McNamara, Alex Delaney, Sarah Barrett & Aaliyah Cooke.



Dreams & Imagination

Congratulations to the talented authors of third class who recently published a book of short stories entitled *Dreams & Imagination*. Ms. Crowley attended the book launch and was delighted to



see the girls as she was so instrumental in helping them to get the stories written and published. There is a limited number of books remaining. They cost €10 and are available to purchase from the school office.

February Pupils of the Month

Congratulations to the pupils of the month for February, who received their prizes before Easter. Well done to

these pupils, who give a great example to their classmates. We are very proud of them!

A special award was given to one child from each class for being a super friend! These children are always kind and caring friends.



Headlice

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly for headlice and treat any infection immediately. Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.