



Junior Entrepreneur Programme



Our Junior Entrepreneurs in 5th Class held their sales day for their product 'Party in a Programme Pot' on 7th March. The children worked in five teams for this event— Finance, Sales, Marketing, Production and Storytelling. This product was in great demand and was a huge success for our young entrepreneurs! Profits will be used to fund a Fun Day for the whole school to enjoy later in the year.

Waltons Schools Music Competition



Well done to our fabulous choir and ensemble who have submitted a wonderful performance to the Waltons Schools Music Competition 2019 this month.

Ms Conlon put in a huge amount of work with the children for this competition and we are very proud of our entry.

KiVa Anti-Bullying Initiative



® We are delighted to announce that our school, in partnership with the Genesis programme, has secured a license for the implementation of the innovative **KiVa** antibullying programme. KiVa was developed at the University of Turku in Finland and is a highly sought after initiative.

The KiVa programme has been evaluated in numerous studies and has been proved to be highly effective. Because bullying is a group phenomenon, the main aim of the program is to prevent bullying *before* it happens by influencing the group norms and building capacity in all the children to behave in constructive ways, to take responsibility for not encouraging bullying, and to support their vulnerable peers. In addition to being preventive, KiVa is also *interventive* with clear guidelines to tackle bullying when it does take place.

All staff members will be receiving intensive KiVa training. Parents will be required to attend an information evening in September. It is essential that all families support this initiative.

Care Programme

Theme: My Wellbeing



Education about mental health and wellbeing is an integral part of our school curriculum. Our whole-school approach to providing a safe and supportive environment for building life skills and resilience is reinforced with this month's Care Programme theme of "My Wellbeing".

Credit Union Table Quiz

The Credit Union Quiz Chapter Finals were held in Castleblayney on Sunday 3rd March. Congratulations to our U-13 Quiz Team who gave a fantastic performance to take 3rd place overall.



Mrs Donnelly worked with the children to prepare them. The team members were: **Odhrán Fee, Cathal Maguire, Oran McMahon and Andrew Rosbotham**

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí spraoi agus craic ar fud na scoile le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge, 4ú-8ú Márta! We celebrated with some cluichí as Gaeilge, a Céilí Mór in the Community Centre and a Tráth na gCeist le ranganna 1-6 with some Easter Eggs as prizes!



Cumann na mBunscol



Our girls and boys football teams recently competed in a Cumann na mBunscol blitz held in Dromiskin.

Our girls team won both matches to progress to the next round, and our boys won one out of two. Maith sibh! Thanks to Ms Fahy, Mr Loughran and Tommy for your work with our footballers. Good luck to our girls in the next round!

All Shook Up—Musical Trip

Ms Conlon and 5th Class recently attended the Transition Year student production of the musical 'All Shook Up' in St Louis Secondary School Dundalk.



Basement Gallery Workshop



Ms Condon and the children in 4th Class attended an exhibition, 'Concerning the Other' in the Basement Gallery in An Táin Arts Centre on 15th March. The children also took part in a workshop facilitated by the artist Clare Halpin while attending the exhibition.

Cake Sale

Thank you for your support of our Cake Sale hosted by Ms Fahy and the children in 6th Class on Friday 15th March.



A fantastic total of €837 was raised, and the children have chosen to donate it to Barnardos charity to support vulnerable children and families. Well done everyone.

Webwise



The Webwise website has eight interactive lessons available about the responsible use of the Internet and Internet safety, aimed at 7-10 year olds and their parents. Interactive lessons can be found at <https://www.webwise.ie/html-heroes/>

Topics covered in the lessons are;

- Welcome to the Internet
- Searching the Internet
- What can I trust online?
- Webwise Quiz
- My Information Online
- Respectful Communication Online
- Anonymous Online
- Chatwise Assessment

World Book Day



We celebrated World Book Day 2019 with a dress-up day on Friday 8th March, where the children came to school dressed as their favourite character from a book and enjoyed some fun reading

activities.

Junior and Senior Infants also celebrated with a lovely Bedtime Story evening event on Wednesday 6th March.

Global #ClimateStrike

4th Class joined pupils from schools in Louth who took part in the #SchoolStrike4ClimateChangeIreland protest on Friday 15th March at the Square. The children stood in solidarity with young people from across the globe to call for immediate Government action to combat global warming.



First Penance

Ms Mulholland's 2nd class children celebrated their First Penance on the 21st March in a lovely ceremony with Fr. Gerry. Thank you Fr Gerry, Ms Mulholland and Ms Sarah for your work with the children.



Operation Páistí

The Gardaí have launched Operation Páistí, a campaign aimed at raising awareness around child car seat safety.

The campaign poster is below:

No Child Car Seat - No Excuse

Children are one of the most vulnerable people in our society, and no parent or guardian would knowingly put a child's life in danger. However, an astonishing number of parents allow their children to travel in vehicles without being properly restrained, placing their lives and safety at risk.

150cm
OFFICIAL HEIGHT

36kg
OFFICIAL WEIGHT

KNOW THE NEW LAW on child car seats

New EU child safety protection laws have come into force making it compulsory for all children to travel in the correct child seat, booster seat or booster cushion.

Where safety belts have been fitted they must be worn. Children under 3 years of age must not travel in a car or goods vehicle (other than a taxi) unless restrained in the correct child seat.

Children aged 3 years or over who are under 150cm in height and weighing less than 36 kilograms (i.e. generally children up to 11/12 years old) must use the correct child seat, booster seat or booster cushion when travelling in cars or goods vehicles.

Rearward-facing child car seats must NEVER be used in the front passenger seat of cars with an active airbag.

Child car seats must be in accordance with EU or United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) standards. Drivers have a legal responsibility to ensure passengers aged under 17 use the correct seat, booster seat, booster cushion or seatbelt.

Types of child car seats

A properly fitted child restraint system keeps the child in their seat which means that your child is much less likely to be killed or injured in a crash.

Child restraints are categorised according to the weight of the children they are suitable for. These weight categories correspond broadly to different age groups, but it is the weight of the child that is most important when deciding what type of child restraint to use. These categories are often called 'groups' by manufacturers and retailers. There are four main child car seat groups—groups 0, 1, 2, and 3. However, some child restraint systems are convertible and can be adapted as the child grows.

GROUP	TYPE OF RESTRAINT	WEIGHT RANGE
Group 0	Rearward-facing baby seat	Birth - 10kg (22lbs)
Group 0+	Rearward-facing baby seat	Birth (13kg) (29lbs)
Group 1	Rearward or forward facing child seat	9-18kg (20-40lbs)
Group 1, 2, 3	High back booster seat with removable harness	9-36kg (20-79lbs)
Group 2	High back booster seat without harness	15-25kg (33-55lbs)
Group 2, 3	High back booster seat without harness	15-36kg (33-79lbs)
Group 3	Booster cushion	22-36kg (48-79lbs)

In Ireland as many as 4 out of 5 child car seats are **INCORRECTLY FITTED** which can lead to serious injury or death in a collision.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!!
It is dangerous to hold a child on your lap.

In a crash the child could be catapulted across your body and the car interior. Even if you use a seat belt the child would be thrown from your arms. It is also dangerous to put the seat belt around you and your child (or around your child). The safest way for your child to travel is in a child seat suitable for their weight and height.