

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter April 2022

Ceremony of Light

6th Class children celebrated the Ceremony of Light on Tuesday 5th April in a beautiful ceremony in the church. Thank you to Fr Brian and Mrs Murphy for preparing the boys and girls so well. Congratulations to the children and their families.



Sacraments

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 6th May, and First Holy Communion on 21st May. Thank you to Fr Brian and all of the teachers who are working hard to prepare the children for the sacraments. We wish the children and their families well.



Dates for your Diary

May Bank

Holiday: School will be closed on Monday May 2nd **AND** Tuesday May 3rd.



June Bank Holiday: School will be closed on Friday 3rd and Monday 6th June.

Summer Holidays: School closes at 12 noon on Tuesday 28th June for summer holidays. We will reopen on Tuesday 30th August.

Message from Mrs Kirby

Our final term is always busy with lots of activities happening both in and out of school. We wish our PA every success with their flag day. They are a valuable financial sponsor of many activities that our children engage in and enjoy here in Scoil Mhurie gan Smál.

May is traditionally the month of Our Lady. The children acknowledge the role Mary plays in Jesus' life with a May altar.

Wishing you all a blessed month of May.

Le dea-ghuí,

Donna Kirby

PA Flag Day

The PA Flag Day will take place on Thursday 5th May. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to collect. If you have any availability on that day please let us know. Thank you for your support.



Staff Changes

In mid-May Ms Aisling Fahy (SET) will begin maternity leave, and Ms Áine O'Hanrahan will return as our 3rd class teacher.

We thank Ms Cora Ryan for all of her work with 3rd class this year, and wish her the very best in her future career.



School Tours

School tours this year have been arranged as follows:

- Junior & Senior Infants: Slieve Gullion (16th June)
- 1st & 2nd Class: Slieve Gullion (16th June)
- 3rd, 4th & 5th Class: Crystal Maze (12th May)
- 6th Class: Carlingford Adventure Centre (10th June)



School Traffic Safety

With the school bus and some parents continuing to use the community centre car park in the mornings and afternoons, there are spaces left in the church car park at home-time. Please avail of these spaces. The road in front of the church can be a dangerous place for children accessing cars, oftentimes visibility is poor for passing lorries, tractors and other road users.

Active Schools

1st and 2nd class are currently enjoying football training with Craig Lynch from Louth GAA.

Tennis coaching with Gary Rodriguez from Dundalk Tennis Club continues for Junior and Senior Infants, and 5th and 6th Class.



Swimming 3rd-6th Class

Swimming lessons commence in May for 3rd-6th classes and will run for 6 weeks. Many thanks to our hardworking PA who substantially subsidise the cost of swimming lessons, making it more affordable for our families.



Junior Entrepreneur Programme

After the Easter holidays 5th Class received their order for their school crested bobble hats. They are currently preparing for their sales and distribution day which they plan on holding next week. They are looking forward to counting their profit and planning their school fun day which all of the children in our school will get to enjoy!



Green Schools

This month we will hold our annual Spring Clean with An Taisce. Each class will visit an area around the school, church grounds and community centre to pick up litter. We are very proud of our beautiful local area.

Our Green Schools Committee will also be sending home a marine litter/plastics survey to each family, in preparation for our Go Plastic Free campaign!



Grandparents Day

We celebrated Grandparents Day with grandparents of children in 2nd class on 26th April. It was lovely to celebrate grandparents and their contribution to our school community in person once again. Fr Gerry led us in a prayer service with music by 2nd class and their teacher Mr Loughran.



STEM Award

Our school has submitted its application for the Science Foundation Ireland STEM award. This award is something the school works towards yearly and displays lots of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths work that all of the classes carry out throughout the year. If you would like to have a look at some of this work you can find it on our school website. We look forward to getting some feedback from the foundation in the coming months.



6th Class Raffle

The children in 6th class recently organised an Easter raffle in aid of Ukraine. The money raised was sent to the Red Cross Ukraine fund. Thank you to class teacher Mrs Murphy and to the 6th class pupils for all of their hard work.



Cumann na mBunscol Skills Challenge

Congratulations and best wishes to **Tom O'Connor** and **Kate Holland** who represented our school in the skills challenge held in Darver on Thursday April 28th.



Cúl Camp Bags

A total of 60 bags were filled with donations from our school community for the Ukraine Schoolbag Appeal. Louth County Council came during the Easter holidays to collect the bags. They will be distributed to Ukrainian children who are currently enrolling in Irish primary schools. A big thank you to Annemarie McElroy for helping to pack the bags!

