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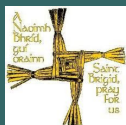
Newsletter February 2023

Do This In Memory

The next Do This in Memory Mass for children in 2nd class will be held on Sunday, 12th March at 10.30am. The DTIM Team will meet on Wednesday March 1st at 7.30pm.



St Brigid's Day

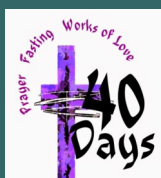


3rd-6th Class attended a special Mass celebrated by Fr Brian on St Brigid's Day.

The crosses the children made on 31st January were blessed at this Mass.

Lent 2023

3rd-6th class attended Mass on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. Susan Mulholland's Youth Choir provided the music.



Classes will attend Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the season of Lent as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

Trócaire Boxes



Each family in the school has been given a Trócaire box.

The Trócaire boxes can be returned to the church or to the school at Easter time to support Trócaire's life-changing work for some of the world's poorest people.

Message from Mrs Kirby

At this time of year we have begun to notice a long awaited stretch in the evenings. Nature is awakening after the appearance of a winter sleep. Our pupils have been enjoying lots of activities inside and outside of the classroom this month. Green Schools and STEM projects are underway with emphasis placed on respect for our environment and for each other. The proverb "A kind word is like a spring day" is particularly relevant at this time. May the advancement of the season of spring bring with it an abundance of kindness.

Le dea-ghuí,

Donna Kirby

5th Class WW1 Studies



5th Class have been studying World War I. They recently had a visit from Anita McEneaney, historian from the Louth County Museum, and mother of Bláthnaid. Anita brought with her several artefacts relating to World War I for the children to examine.

Thank you to Anita for sharing her time and her expertise with the children.

St. Brigid's Shrine

2nd and 3rd class recently visited St Brigid's Shrine in Faughart with their teachers.

They received a tour of the shrine and some information about St Brigid from local historians Dolores Whelan and Maura Lennon.



Wellbeing Corner

To celebrate World Thinking Day, Kilkenny Ladybirds, Brownies and Girl Guides and their leaders Geraldine, Jennie and Maureen gave a presentation at our school assembly this month.



Kilkerley Parents Association News

Thank you to all who attended the PA meeting held on 9th February in the school.

UNICEF Fundraiser

Thank you for your support of the Pancake Tuesday fundraiser. €251.52 was raised in total and was donated to the UNICEF aid effort following the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Table Quiz

The PA will hold the annual Table Quiz in Kennedy's Bar on the Carrick Road on **Friday 24th March**. A raffle will be held on the night, with tickets on sale from the school in the weeks before the quiz.



The star prize in the raffle will be a **framed Dundalk FC jersey, signed by all of the team**. Thank you to Andy Connolly who organised this fantastic prize. Tickets are on sale NOW from the school office, and cost €2 each or €5 for 3.

Flag Day

The annual flag day will be held on Friday 19th May this year.

Active Schools



Junior Infants—2nd Class completed a 5 week block of Fit Kids classes with Niall Teather just before the midterm break. The children really enjoyed these classes.

Thank you to Shane Lennon and team for working with 5th & 6th class at weekly football coaching. Cumann ns mBunscol competitions will be held in March for children in 5th/6th.

Uniform Reminder

A reminder that full school uniform is to be worn on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. PE uniform to be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Green Schools

We are looking forward to a visit from the Green Schools judges in March as we continue to work towards our next Green Flag. We will be showing the judges our Seal and Pup sculpture and storyboard. We will be holding our annual Spring Clean this month.

Table Quizzes

Well done to our 5th and 6th class Quiz Teams who competed at the Dundalk Credit Union Table Quiz held on 7th February.

5th Class Team: Enya Green, Bébhinn Harris, Liam Kelleher & Emily McEntegart

6th Class Team: Eleanor Byrne, Amy Griffin, DJ MacFarlane & Rebecca Trimble

Best wishes to our U11 team of **Clara Conway, Enya Green, Rebecca Mulligan** and **Éinín Stacey** who will represent our school at the Connect CU Regional Final on March 5th in Castleblayney!

Clothing Collection

Thank you for your support of our clothing collection this month.



€232 in total was raised.

Enrolment 2023

Offers of places for children starting Junior Infants in 2023/24 have been sent out. Please return acceptance forms before the closing date of 28th March.

Dundalk Rugby at

RDS

Well done to Juliette McEntegart and Bébhinn Harris from Rang a 5 who were part of the Dundalk RFC U-12 team who played at half time at the Leinster vs Dragons match in the RDS on 18th February.



Dates for your Diary

5th Class St Louis Trip:

5th Class will be heading to St Louis on **Tuesday 7th March** to view the TY Musical "Mamma Mia."

St Patrick's Day:

The school will be closed on **Friday 17th March** for St Patrick's Day.



6th Class St Vincent's Trip:

6th Class will travel to St Vincent's to view the TY Musical "Chicago—Teen Version" on **Thursday 23rd March**.

Easter Holidays:

The school will be closed from **3rd-14th April** inclusive for the Easter Holidays.

