

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter January 2022

Enrolment 2022

As per our enrolment policy, we will be sending offers of places for Junior Infants 2022 shortly.

Do This In Memory

The Do This In Memory

programme for

children in 2nd

class continues,

with a special Mass to be

celebrated by Fr Brian on Tuesday,

1st February (St Brigid's Day). The

children have completed lovely art

work in honour of St Brigid which is on display in the church.

As in December, the current high

number of Covid-19 cases mean

that this Mass will be held on a

weekday in order to reduce

numbers in attendance in the

church at Sunday Mass.

First Penance

First Penance for children in 2nd

class will take place on Tuesday

29th March at 7pm.

Clothing Collection

We are running another clothing

recycling drive in order to raise

funds for the school. As before,

you can leave bags of clean, dry,

re-wearable items of clothing,

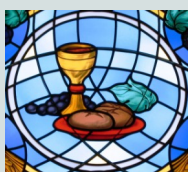
towels, and bed linen

(no pillows or duvets please) in the

Community Centre foyer before

Thursday 3rd

March, 9:30am.



Message from Mrs Kirby

Signs of spring are in the air, and the coming of St. Brigid's Day to herald the arrival of spring is very welcome, particularly this year. It signals an end to the darkness of winter and ushers in a new season of hope and growth.

St. Brigid's Day has been celebrated since the 5th century, and just like our ancestors, we look forward to new life, new growth, and longer, brighter days ahead.

Le dea-ghuí,

Donna Kirby

Catholic Schools Week

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week from January 23rd-30th. The theme this year was 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'. This theme gave us the opportunity to reflect on the things that give our lives meaning, and how Catholic schools are communities where we live life to the full.

On Friday January 28th, we held our end of month assembly. We were joined by Fr Brian to bring Catholic Schools Week to a close.

2nd and 6th class will make St Brigid crosses in the community centre in preparation for St Brigid's Day Mass which 2nd class will attend and all crosses made will be blessed on that day.

We will hold a Grandparents Day celebration in February for grandparents of children in 2nd class.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

5th class have started their Junior Entrepreneur Programme. They are currently at the initial stages learning all about what it means to be an entrepreneur and starting to brainstorm some product ideas. Over the coming month they will work in small groups to create prototypes of 3 – 4 different products. Each team will present their product to the 'Dragons' next month and one product will be chosen for the class to work on as a whole team.

The children are really excited to begin their journey to entrepreneurship!



Catholic Schools Week 2022

**Catholic Schools:
Living Life to the Full**

23 JANUARY – 30 JANUARY 2022



MONDAY

Living Life to the Full with God

TUESDAY

Living Life to the Full Together

WEDNESDAY

(Grandparents' Day)

Celebrating Being Together Again

THURSDAY

Living Life in Wonder and Awe

FRIDAY

Living Life and Facing the Future

Junior
ENTREPRENEUR
PROGRAMME

Active Schools

1st and 2nd class are currently enjoying football training with Craig Lynch from Louth GAA, with Daire Hoey now providing hurling coaching for 3rd and 4th class.

Holly and Aisling, students from DKIT will run movement classes for Infants.

Coach Gary Rodriguez plans to be back for more tennis coaching in March, this time for Junior and Senior Infants, and 5th and 6th Class.

It is hoped that school swimming lessons can resume in May this year for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes.



Green Schools

Our Green Schools committee are excited to get working once again on the theme for our 8th Green Flag - *Global Citizenship: Marine Environment*. We have lots of new projects and initiatives planned for the next few months so watch this space!



On Monday we launch our Green Code Competition! This is a chance for families to get together and think up a catchy slogan that the school will adopt over the next two years. It must be short, catchy and represent our goal to look after our oceans and reduce ocean litter and plastic. Entries can be sent to Ms. Fahy. Winners will be announced on Friday 18th of February, with prizes to follow.

We will also be launching our **Let's Go Plastic Free** campaign next month, where we will ask families to consider reusable alternatives to plastic bottles, cling film and tin foil when making lunches. There will be a family questionnaire to complete as well as class surveys. It's going to be a busy month!

6th Class Guest Speaker

As part of our health and well-being programme, sixth class are looking forward to a talk from Kelly Mulholland next week. Owner of K-Fitness, Kelly will be discussing health and fitness, focussing on the importance of good nutrition and exercise for growing bodies and healthy minds. She will also highlight the importance of ensuring our bodies are fueled with enough energy when training or participating in sports.



Covid-19

A reminder that the Covid-19 page on our school website has the latest guidance from the HSE. Your child should stay at home if they:

- have symptoms of Covid-19, and/or a positive PCR or antigen test result
- live with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 and is waiting for a PCR test result or doing repeat antigen tests - if all 3 of their antigen tests or their PCR test is negative, your child can return to school
- are a household close contact (live with someone who has Covid-19)



We thank you for your continued cooperation.

Carolán Family Fundraiser

The Carolán family of Cortial would like to express their thanks to all who donated to their Christmas lights fundraiser in December. They are delighted to let you know that they raised the fantastic sum of **€8,321.38** for The Rotunda Foundation and the NICU in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda.



Fire Drill

We held a fire drill for all classes this month.

Theatre Trips

4th class will visit An Táin Theatre in Dundalk in February for a show called 'Science Magic'.



1st class will attend 'Wunderground' in March.

New School Tracksuit

You may have noticed that the 5th and 6th class members of our Student Council are wearing the new school tracksuit, which is not yet available for purchase. The children have kindly agreed to try out the tracksuit and give feedback on it, in advance of the 2022/23 school year.

Dates for your Diary

February Midterm: A reminder that school will be closed from **21st-25th February** inclusive for the midterm break.

St Patrick's

Day: The school will be closed on 17th and 18th March for St Patrick's Day.

