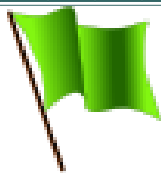




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Green Schools Awards

Our school has been awarded our SIXTH Green Flag! On Thursday the 17th of May, Ms. Fahy and representatives from the Green Schools Committee will travel to the City North Hotel to collect our Green Flag for the theme *Global Citizenship: Litter and Waste*. We are very proud of all of the hard work that our classes have put in towards receiving this award. The students had a chance to showcase their projects at our Green Schools Assembly on Thursday 19th April. Well done everyone and keep up the good work!



Flag Day

Our Parents Association will hold their annual Flag Day on **Friday, 27th April**. Please support by volunteering to collect at any one of our locations in Dundalk town, or by donating money on the day. Let's all work together to support all of our children!

World Book Day:

We celebrated World Book Day on Friday 20th April. The children (and teachers!) had great fun in their costumes— check out Twitter for some great photos.



Rugby

Congratulations to **Jon Tennyson** and **Sé-nón Connolly** who **were** recently selected to travel to Milan, Italy with Dundalk RFCs International Tour squad.

Basketball:

6th class enjoyed their first basketball game on April 13th. Both teams played really well. They are getting ready for a blitz next month.



Junior Entrepreneur Programme

5th class held a very successful showcase morning for their *Button Buddiez* on **Tuesday 10th April**. At the showcase the children explained how they set up their business, and of course they sold lots of their *Button Buddiez* on the day! You can access photos on Twitter. Thank you to all who supported our Junior Entrepreneurs.

Newry Feis Winners

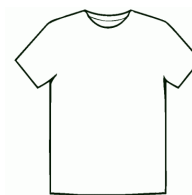
Congratulations to **Mary Kate** and **Anna Mulholland** who both came home with 1st and 2nd places in violin at Newry Music Feis this month. Well done girls- all your hard work paid off!

GAA Skills Challenge:

Congratulations to **Fionn Connolly** and **Niamh Cawley** (both in 6th class) who will represent our school in the county final of the Cumann na mBunscoil GAA skills challenge in Darver on Thursday 26th of April. Both will be competing for a chance to play in Croke Park on the occasion of the All Ireland finals and semi-finals. Best of luck! .

New Football Jerseys:

Our newly retired deputy principal Mrs. Brennan has very kindly offered to provide the school with a second set of football jerseys. Our boys and girls teams will be busily designing the new jerseys over the next few days! Thanks so much to Mrs. Brennan for her continued support with football.



Welcome Back Gary

We were delighted to welcome renowned marathon runner and past pupil **Gary O'Hanlon** to school on Wed 25th April. Gary spoke to the children about his running career and gave them excellent tips on how to stay healthy and achieve their potential. He reminded them of the importance of a good diet, cutting back on sugar, getting to bed early and reducing screen time.

6th Class Haiti Charity

Donation:

Ms Fahy's 6th class have very generously donated €400 from their confirmation money towards the very worthy cause EPSWA Children's Orphanage in Haiti.



3pm School Collection:

Please be careful when parking outside the church. It has been brought to our notice that parking on the footpath is impeding visibility as children attempt to cross the road.

Uniforms

Please ensure that *all* items of uniform and coats, bags etc. are clearly labelled so that they can be reunited with their owners if they get lost!

Family Day in Celebration of World Meeting of Families

The local WMOF team are organising a Family Day on Sunday 6th May from 12noon to 3p.m. in the Community & Enterprise Centre, Kilkenny. Prayer, Sport, Music, Bouncy Castles, Face Painting etc...please make every effort to attend.

Feis Muirtheimhne

Well done to our students who represented our school in Feis Muirtheimhne on Sunday 22nd April.

Clara Conway	Ferdia Maguire
Emily McEntegart	Bébhinn Harris
Ruby Morton	Rebecca Trimble
Seán Gordon	Maeve Mulholland
Maedbh Thornton	Naoise Harris
Luke Shevlin	Sophie Gordon
Isabelle Tracey	Andrew Rosbotham
Áine McEntegart	Aoife McGee

Congratulations to **Emily McEntegart** and **Seán Gordon** who won medals in their competitions!

First Holy Communion:

Mrs Donnelly and the children of 2nd class are working hard to prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 19th May.



Our Parents Association will be looking for volunteers to help provide refreshments in the Community Centre after the ceremony.

Care Programme

The theme for this month is "My Health".

Reading suggestion: *Why Parental self-care is essential for Children's Emotional Wellbeing*

Tráth na gCeist :

We are very proud of our quiz teams,

Niamh Cawley, Stephanie Ntemuse,

James O'Donnell, Cathal Maguire,




Cormac Mallon, Michael Kirby,




Brígh McEntegart , Mai Anh Crawford

who represented our school in the Tráth na gCeist held in St Malachy's School this month.

6 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

SCREEN TIME



- 1. RULES**
Agree on a clear set of rules in your home about screen time.
- 2. LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
Do as you say! Modelling behaviour is the most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour
- 3. PHONE FREE ZONE**
Restrict the use of TV's, mobile phones and computers in the bedroom!
- 4. CHARGING PHONES**
Buy an alarm clock for your child's room and charge mobile phones in your room!
- 5. DIGITAL DETOX**
One evening a week have a family digital detox and plan a family activity!
- 6. JOIN IN**
Play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.