

SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL, CILL CHOIRLE

Newsletter March 2021

Ceremony of Light

6th Class On Friday
19th March, our 29
pupils from **Mrs
Michelle Murphy's**
6th Class celebrated
the Ceremony of



Light, kindly facilitated by **Fr Brian**
and **Fr Gerry** in the Community
Centre. This is an important
celebration on their faith journey,
the highlight of which for them will
be the Sacrament of Confirmation.
We thank all who are involved in
handing on the faith to our young
people.

Do This in Memory

On 20th March a
special online 'Do
This In Memory'
Mass was held for



2nd class children who will
celebrate First Holy Communion
this year. **Fr Brian** celebrated the
Mass and **Mrs Kirby** read out the
names of our communicants.

Well done to **Róise Ní Mháirtín**
from 2nd Class who read the
prayers of the faithful, and thank
you to her mother **Michelle Uí
Mháirtín** who performed the
readings.

Lenten Penitential Service

Our Lenten Penitential Service,
facilitated by **Fr Brian** and **Fr
Gerry** for children in 3rd, 4th and
5th classes was held on

Wednesday
24th March in
the
Community
Centre.



Principal's Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another school term draws to a close, another very
challenging one for us all. While it is important for us to stay
connected, it is equally important that we reduce our
screentime and come back on April 12th refreshed and ready for
school again.

I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy Easter.
As Easter is a time when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, a
time of hope, we join together in hoping and praying for an end to
Covid-19 and better times ahead.

Le dea-ghuí

Mrs Kirby

Dates of Sacraments

As we still have no date in the Republic of Ireland for a return to
public worship, the recommendation we have received from
Archbishop Eamon Martin is to postpone the celebration of First Holy
Communion and Confirmation until June at the earliest, and even
then, things remain uncertain.

4th Class

As previously communicated to parents and guardians of 4th class
children, Mrs Clodagh Halpin will be on leave from Monday April 12th
until the end of our final term. We thank Mrs Halpin for all of her
fantastic work with the children in 4th class this year. We will
welcome Ms Niamh McBride as 4th class teacher for the last term.
We wish both teachers well.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí gníomhachtaí go leor againn le
haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana.

Bhí Lá Glas againn ar an 16ú Marta chun

Lá Fhéile Pádraig a cheiliúradh. Bhí na páistí agus na múinteoirí
gléasta suas in eadaí glasa. Seachtain gnóthach a bhí againn, idir
cluichí, scéalta, rince, ceol, ealaín agus ceolchoirm Dé hAoine agus
muid ag ceiliúradh ár dteanga!

We had lots of activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge this year. We held
a "Lá Glas" on 16th March to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The
children and teachers were dressed in their finest green clothing. We
had a busy week, with games, stories, dancing, music, art, and a
Friday concert all celebrating our language!

Student Teachers

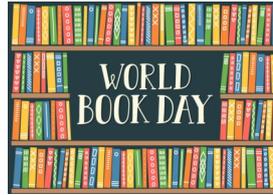
We say goodbye to our student teachers Ms Kerr, Ms Shevlin and
Ms McArdle, and wish them well in their future studies.



SEACHTAIN **NA**
GAEILGE
BAIN TRIAIL AISTI SURPRISE
YOURSELF!

World Book Day

So that the whole school could take part, we postponed our World Book Day celebration this year until Friday 26th March. Staff and pupils alike were dressed up in an amazing array of creative costumes. The children took part in activities to celebrate the joy and value of books and reading.



Bedtime Story Event

Our annual 'Bedtime Story' event for infant classes was held via zoom this year. Junior and Senior Infants enjoyed listening to Ms Tansey, Ms Ryan, Ms Catherine and Mrs Curran-Butler reading some bedtime stories.



New Life in Spring

There was great excitement in Junior Infants this week as Ms Tansey's class witnessed 6 baby chicks emerge from eggs after 21 days! Our pupils were also visited by a newborn baby lamb called Spring!



Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Our school is once again participating in the nationally run Junior Entrepreneur Programme.

Mrs Kelly and 5th Class have already been working on ideas and products.

Under their teacher's guidance, and with the inspiration of local entrepreneurs, the children are discovering their strengths as individuals and as part of a team. Together, they'll choose, invest in and produce their own product or service from scratch, all the way to making it available for sale at a school-hosted JEP Showcase Day – and enjoy the profits at the end!



Tennis Lessons

Tennis coaching with our Dundalk Tennis Club coach Gary Rodriguez will resume after Easter, this time for Junior and Senior Infants and 5th and 6th Class. The coaching will take place outdoors and Gary is fully compliant with our Covid-19 protocols.



We are delighted to be able to continue to provide this activity to our pupils during these challenging times.

GAA Coaching

Craig Lynch from Louth GAA will resume coaching on Thursdays after Easter. This coaching is also held outdoors, and Craig complies with GAA Covid-19 protocols. As always, we thank Kilkerry Emmets for the use of their pitch.



Swimming

Pending COVID-19 restrictions, 3rd-6th Classes will receive four weeks of swimming lessons in Aura Leisure Centre in May/June. Parents and guardians will receive further information as soon as we have confirmation that the lessons can proceed as planned.

Care Programme : My Wellbeing



Education about mental health

and wellbeing is an integral part of our school curriculum which has become even more important over this past year. 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".

Cash 4 Clothes

Thank you for your support of our Cash 4 Clothes clothing recycling drive on 25th March.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our 6th class teacher **Mrs**



Murphy (formerly Ms Condon!) who was married recently. We wish the new Mr & Mrs Murphy a long and happy life together!

Congratulations also to **Mrs Curran-Butler** and her family who recently welcomed a new baby girl, Juno.



Easter Holidays

School will reopen following the Easter Holidays on **Monday 12th April**.

Books have been sent home with your child in case of any unexpected school closure. We wish our school community every blessing at this very special time of year.

