

# Newsletter March 2024

**Seachtain na Gaeilge:** The children enjoyed a very active Seachtain na Gaeilge this year. Bhíomar fíor-ghnóthach. Bhí céilí sa chlós le Michael agus bhí an-spórt agus sceilp ag na páistí. Bhí gach saghas imeachtaí ar siúl-Tráth na gCeist, Comórtas Ealaíona, Lá Glas agus craic go leor!

**St. Patrick's Day:** Congratulations to all the children who participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade and earned themselves first place. It was great to see so many children walking behind the school banner. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped out in the parade.

**Parents' Association:** Thank you to our Parents' Association who helped out on Grandparent's Day and made it a roaring success. The Parents' Association have organised an Easter Surprise for all on Friday. Thank You.

**Irish Dancing:** All children have completed seven weeks of dancing with Michael Murphy. It was fantastic to see the whole school participating in a Céilí as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge. A special thanks to our Parents' Association for funding this wonderful activity.

**Policy Update:** The following policies have been reviewed and updated by staff and are available by request: Code of Behaviour, Anti-Bullying, Critical Incident, Parental Involvement and Parental Complaints Procedures.

**RSA:** The pupils enjoyed a visit from the Road Safety Authority on Tuesday and Wednesday. The RSA 'StreetSmart' Campaign brings road safety to life, in a fun way, for young children. Using a 'streetscape' map, children had great fun wandering the street scene while learning all about road safety.

**SEAI:** Catherine Daly visited our school in February to complete workshops on energy, CO2 and environmental awareness. The children learned all about the principles of energy, global issues and climate change and participated in fun experiments.

**Green School Update:** Our Green Schools' Committee members were announced in early January. Our new theme is Global Citizenship-Litter and Waste. The Committee have been busy collecting and weighing waste and encouraging all classes to reduce the amount of waste we dispose of in school.

**Standardised Testing:** This testing will take place at the end of May and the start of June. Drumcondra Primary Reading Test (DPRT) 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Drumcondra Primary Maths Test (DPMT) Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Peil Trí Ghaeilge:** We were delighted to welcome TY students from Gaelcholdáiste Chiarraí and their teacher Diarmuid O Connor(peileadóir Chiarraí) back to school this year to work with our fifth class students. Bhain said taitneamh as imirt peil agus ag caint as ghaeilge ag an am chéanna!

**Tag Rugby:** Well done to all the children in fifth class who participated in a Tag Rugby competition on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>. The boys and girls displayed some great rugby and showed fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm throughout-Maith sibh go léir

**Mini-Sevens:** The Cumann na mBunscol mini-sevens football took place in St. Senans on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The boys performed very well and were unlucky not to book a place in the semi-final losing to Ballyduff by one point, who went on to win the competition on the day.

**Basketball Blitz:** Well done to all the children in Rang a sé who participated in the Mounthawk Basketball blitz on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We will be grouped with other schools to compete in the next round after Easter.

**Friends for Life:** Third and Fourth Class have started the Friends for Life programme, a social skills and resilience curriculum. They will complete weekly sessions focussing on emotional and regulation skills, confidence,relaxation and developing empathy.

**SSE/SIP:** Thank you to all parents who have completed the well-being questionnaires as part of our School Improvement Plan. These results will help us gain a better understanding of how we can improve well-being amongst all in school.

**Heritage Hunters Initiative:** Fifth Class are taking part in the Heritage Hunters Initiative this year by exploring the history of Tobar Flainn and their locality. Thanks to John Flaherty for all his help and research!

**CYCLE RIGHT:** The National Standard for Cycle Training and provides practical cycle safety and skills training to promote competent and confident cyclists. CYCLE RIGHT is an inclusive programme. Children in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class will participate in The Cycle Right Programme over four days ,28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June. The cost of this programmes is usually €60 per child however, we have secured funding to lower the cost to €10 per child.

**Open Day:** We will be organising an Open Day for our incoming Junior Infants in Term three. We are still taking enrolment for September 2024. Please contact the office on 0667135633.

**Confession:** Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March in school. A special thanks to Fr. Jerry Keane.

**Holy Communion:** First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am** in St.Mary's Church, Kilflynn.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation will take place on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April @ 11am** in St. Bernard's Church, Abbeydorney.

**School Tours:** All classes will be going on school tour throughout the months of May and June. Information will follow from individual Class Teacher.

**Swimming:** Children from first to sixth class will attend swimming lessons for a six week period. This will begin on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, with the final session on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. Fees per pupil is €55 and can be paid through the Aladdin App. Please finalise payment on or before April 2024.

**FAI School Soccer:** Best of Luck to the boys' and girls' teams who will be competing in the FAI School Soccer after Easter in Tralee. A special word of thanks to Danny Diggins for all his help preparing the boys and the girls!

**Active School:** All children have participated in a running challenge as part of our Active Schools' Initiative. Sixth Class students will train to be Playground Leaders and all children will continue to enjoy dancing to music, at lunchtime on Fridays!

**Kilflynn Chronicle:** On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March John Flaherty and members of the Kilflynn Chronicle Committee will present a cheque worth €4690 to the school. We are delighted with this very generous donation and have great plans to invest it in a school project. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

**Clothes Collection:** Spring is most definitely in the air so why not help out our fundraising efforts by spring- cleaning your wardrobes and donating your clean, unwanted clothes. All bags can be dropped to Crotta GAA from now up to **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** at 10am. Thanks to Crotta GAA for facilitating this collection.

**Scór na bPaistí:** Best of Luck to Caoimhe Sheehy who will participate in the Scór na bPaistí County Finals on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** in the Tíntéan Ballybunion.

**Community Games:** Handwriting and Art competitions for Abbeydorney/Kilflynn community games will take place after Easter. All children living in the parish can compete in Community Games events for Abbeydorney/ Kilflynn. More details to follow.

**Easter Holidays:** School will close for the Easter Holidays on **Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12pm** and reopen on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir.**

**Le Meas,**

**N.Falvey**

