



MARCH NEWSLETTER



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16 th March:	Lá Glas
Friday 17 th March:	St. Patrick's Day, school closed.
Friday 31 st March:	Easter Holidays (School closed for two weeks)
Saturday 13 th May:	First Holy Communion

St. Patrick's Day

The school will close on Friday 17th March for St. Patrick's Day.

Lá Glas

As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, we will celebrate Lá Glas on Thursday 16th. Children and staff are invited to dress up in green on this special day. We look forward to seeing your green outfits on Thursday.

Easter Holidays

The school will close for two weeks for the Easter break. The school will close from Friday 31st March (which will be a normal school day) and will reopen on Monday 17th April.

Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Our sixth class boys and the girls from GNS received the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday March 4th. We wish God's blessings on all the children on this very special occasion.

The date for first Holy Communion is Saturday 13th May.

Morning Assembly

Children are supervised every morning from 9:10 am to 9:20 am. Thank you for making sure that children do not arrive before this time. There is a Breakfast Club available for children/families that need to arrive earlier. The Breakfast Club is available from 8:30 am. It has proved very popular and we now have many children attending daily. Please contact the school office by email stpatsboyscarn@gmail.com or by phone on 0749374136 if you need information about joining the Breakfast Club.

Parents are reminded that they should not drive into the school car park in the mornings or afternoons. The carpark is extremely busy with staff cars and buses. A small number of families have permission to drive in. If you feel that you need to drive into the school grounds, please speak to Mrs. McLaughlin, Principal.

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book day last week. All children have received World Book Day tokens which may be redeemed in book shops. There were competitions to mark this special day in all classes. The winners were:

Junior Infants:	Joseph Doherty, Keegan Doherty, Conor O'Donnell, Tadhg Lynott
Senior Infants:	Louie Ward, Kristers Dzerins, Connor McCandless
First Class:	Darragh Brides, Jay Doherty, Maksym Komashko
Second Class:	Rodijs Cirksis, Daniel Kelly, Mohamed Darwish
Third Class:	Martin Monagle, Brayden Davenport, Jay Doherty.
Fourth Class:	Odhran Stamp Porter, Lee Doherty, Cathal Doherty
Fifth Class:	Ben Kelly, Faolán Smith, Ryan Doherty
Sixth Class:	Oisín Harkin, Adam McLaughlin, Ryan McLaughlin

Staffing

We applied for an exceptional review of our SNA allocation as we felt we needed additional SNA support in the school. We are delighted to report that we have been granted an additional 0.5 SNA. This means that Caroline McLaughlin now becomes a full time SNA having worked part-time in recent years. Congratulations to Caroline.

Engineers Week

We have completed many activities to mark Engineers Week. Fourth Class attended a Fablab workshop in Spraoi & Spórt.

Fifth and Sixth Class attended an engineering workshop in Carndonagh Community School where they had the opportunity to create a bridge of choice based on the strength of structure. They investigated which bridge was strongest and capable of taking the greater weight. Thank you to Mr. Michael Doherty for his great work. It is much appreciated.

Chess

Eight boys from fourth and fifth classes represented the school on Wednesday at a chess tournament in Scoil Iosagáin, Buncrana. The group included:

Jack Walsh, Ronan Doherty McGuinness, Adam McCaul, Ben Kelly, Cillian McElhinney, Alex Bradley, Rory Bradley, and Olexander Rumiantsev.

Garda Quiz

Congratulations to our Quiz team who won the local round of the Garda Quiz. Well done to Aaron J Doherty, Ben Kelly, Adam McLaughlin and Ryan McLaughlin. The boys go forward to the next round in Letterkenny on Tuesday March 21st and we wish them every success.

Spelling Bee

We held our annual Spelling Bee in the school recently. Well done to all the boys who took part. The eventual winner was Aaron J Doherty. Aaron J now goes forward to the county final to be held in Ballybofey before Easter. Well done Aaron J.

Mobile Phones: Reminder

Parents are reminded that children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. Child protection is of paramount importance and this rule is implemented in the interests of the safety of all of our pupils.

Board of Management

The Board of Management met recently. Updated policies on Maths, Science, Visual Arts and Music were reviewed and approved by the board.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Is Féile idirnáisiúnta Ghaeilge í Seachtain na Gaeilge agus tá speis mhór againne anseo inár dteanga agus inár gcultúr dúchais. Tá a lán imeachtaí siamsúla agus spráíúla eagraithe ag na múinteoirí le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Beidh na buachaillí sna hardranganna ag glacadh páirt i gcomórtas sheanfhocail. Beidh duaiseanna ar fáil do na buaiteoirí. Beidh Lá Glas ag dul ar aghaidh ar an Déardaoin 17ú lá de Mhí an Mhárta. Is féidir leis na daltaí éadaí glasa a chaitheamh ar an lá speisialta seo. Beidh damhsa mór ar síúl ar an lá seo chomh maith. Beidh buachaillí ag rince le daltaí ó Scoil na gCailíní. Beidh trí damhsa ann - An Damhsa Mór, Ballaí Luimnigh agus Ionsaí na hinse.

Trí Seanfhocail

“Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí” - “Praise the youth and they will prosper”

“Is fearr Gaeilge briste na Béarla cliste” - “Broken Irish is better than clever English”

“Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin” - “there’s no place like home”

Ceilí Mór

The boys and girls from the senior classes (fourth, fifth & sixth) will get together for a Ceilí Mór in the Colgan Hall this Thursday as part of our Seachtain na Gaeilge and Lá Glas activities. The boys are practising their dancing and look forward to meeting up with their friends from GNS. We hope everyone enjoys the fun.

Lego Club

We would love to set up a Lego Lunchtime Club in the school. If you have any spare Lego that you are willing to donate, it would go to a good home and would be much appreciated. Please drop it into the school at any time. Thank you.

Fair Trade

Well done to Mrs. Barr and our Fair Trade Committee for their work for Fair Trade Fortnight.

All classes took part in an Art Competition.

School "Window Display" in Diamond Cafe.

Pupils watched videos on fairtrade products being made in the various countries.

Fairtrade products e.g tea/coffee were used in the staffroom.

Pupils did cooking with fairtrade products e.g. chocolate/rice

Sport

Swimming: We have arranged swimming lessons for Third Class in Templemore Sports Complex after Easter.

Soccer: The boys will play their first 11-a-side match this week against Scoil Cholmcille Newton. A five-a-side competition will take place on Wednesday 15th March in St Patrick's Park. The opposition will be Scoil Eoghain, Moville, Tooban and Whitecastle. Patrick McGrenaghan is continuing his weekly sessions with 2nd, 5th and 6th.

Fundamental Skills: John Gibbons is doing fundamental skills with first and fourth classes.

Hurling: Cathal Doherty is currently teaching hurling skills to Junior & Senior Infants and Third Class.

Green Schools

Master Noel and the green schools committee continue to work on the next green flag application in 2024 which is Biodiversity. The committee is looking forward to the implementation of the safe routes to school programme.

HSCL

Home visits take up roughly 30% of my weekly time. Thank you to the families who welcomed me into their homes recently.

Maths for Fun started last week with 2nd Class from the Boys' School and Girls' School. The children are really enjoying this. Thanks to the parents and grandparents who participated in it and supported us. We look forward to seeing you again.

Junior and Senior Infants parents have been invited to partake in 'Story time Online'. We have been receiving many stories from the parents via WhatsApp and the children are watching and listening to them via the Interactive Whiteboard. The boys are loving these. Keep them coming please!

For Lá Glas on Thursday 16th March, the children from 4th ,5th and 6th Classes from the Boys' School and Girls' School will meet in the Colgan Hall for some ceilí dancing together. This is a lovely opportunity for the boys and girls to meet and have some fun together.

Feel free to contact me on my number or email below if you have any questions about anything.

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Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh go léir.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our children and families.