



Scoil Pádraig Naofa

April 2026

Newsletter



If you can be
anything, be kind.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the April edition of our school newsletter.

The final term of the school year is always a wonderfully busy and exciting time, and this year is certainly no exception. The arrival of fine weather brings with it a great sense of energy and enthusiasm throughout the school, and there is so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

We are delighted to be participating in a wide range of sporting activities this term, including hurling, football, camogie, athletics, basketball, and swimming, with our much-anticipated Sports Days also on the horizon. Alongside our sporting programme, all classes will be heading out on their school tours, and some classes have additional special visits planned as well.

With assessments taking place, bank holiday weekends approaching, and so many wonderful events filling our calendar, it promises to be a memorable and fulfilling term for everyone. We encourage all of our school community to embrace the good weather and make the very most of every opportunity that comes our way.

On a very special note, we would like to warmly congratulate our 2nd Class pupils who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend. It was a truly memorable occasion, and we extend our sincere thanks to their class teacher, Ms. Greene, to our wonderful choir, to Ms. O'Dea and Ms. Cunningham, and of course to our parish priest, Fr. John, for his wonderful guidance and support.

Enjoy the May Bank Holiday weekend, one and all,

Kind regards,
Joe Kennelly. Principal.

Key Dates in May

May Bank Holiday: School closed Monday May 4th

Diversity Day: Fri May 8th

Inter-School Basketball Blitz: Tues May 12th

Staff Meeting: Fri May 15th School closes 12.30pm

Bi Elections: Fri May 22nd -School closed

Standardised Testing: Week 1- May 18th – May 22nd
Week 2 – May 25th – May 29th

Key Dates in June

June Bank Holiday: School closed Mon June 1st

Staff Training: School Closed Tues June 2nd

Open Morning for Jnr Infants: Tues June 9th 11am

Music Week & School Feis: June 3rd to June 5th

Active Week: June 15th – June 19th

Sports Day: June 16th

Summer Holidays: School closes on Thur June 25th @ 12 noon



Board of Management Update



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the days grow longer and the weather improves, it is wonderful to see so many of our children choosing to cycle to school. This is a fantastic and healthy habit that we wholeheartedly encourage!

However, we would like to take this opportunity to gently remind all cycling pupils to ensure they are properly equipped before setting off. A correctly fitted helmet and a high-visibility jacket are essential items. As many of you will be aware, the roads surrounding our school can be very busy, particularly during the morning drop-off period, and it is vital that our young cyclists are as visible and as safe as possible at all times.

We would also like to remind all parents and guardians of an important aspect of our Child Protection Policy. In order to safeguard the wellbeing of all our pupils, we ask that no parent, guardian, or visitor enters any classroom unannounced. All visitors to the school must first report to the school office upon arrival.

Should you need to collect your child due to illness or an appointment, or wish to drop off a lunch, a musical instrument, or any other item, we kindly ask that you wait in the school office, where a member of staff will ensure your child is brought to you promptly.

Child protection is a shared responsibility, and we are grateful for your continued understanding and cooperation. Any meetings with teachers should be arranged in advance by appointment. Your support in upholding these important policies means a great deal to us all.

Kind regards,

Odhran O'Mahony

Chairperson, Board of Management



April Silver Circle Draw

1st Prize €100: Laoise O'Connor – 6th Class

2nd Prize €50: Tiernan Murphy – 2nd Class

3rd Prize €25: Rowan Burke – Jnr Infants



Congratulations to all the boys and girls from 2nd Class & 6th Class who made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this month. A big thank you to Mr. Bergin, Ms. Greene and Fr John who prepared the children for their special day.





Many thanks to everyone for supporting our ReTurn initiative. We are delighted with the ongoing response to our appeal. Pictured are children from Snr depositing their bottles and cans into the ReTurn machine. Keep up the great work!

Remember every Friday to bring your containers to school to recycle, all funds raised go to the school.



A massive congratulations to 6th Class student Ava Dinkin on her recent achievement in Athlone where she became the NEW NATIONAL 1Km WALKING CHAMPION at U14 level and in doing so became the NEW RECORD HOLDER. What an amazing achievement. Well done Ava and keep up the incredible work.

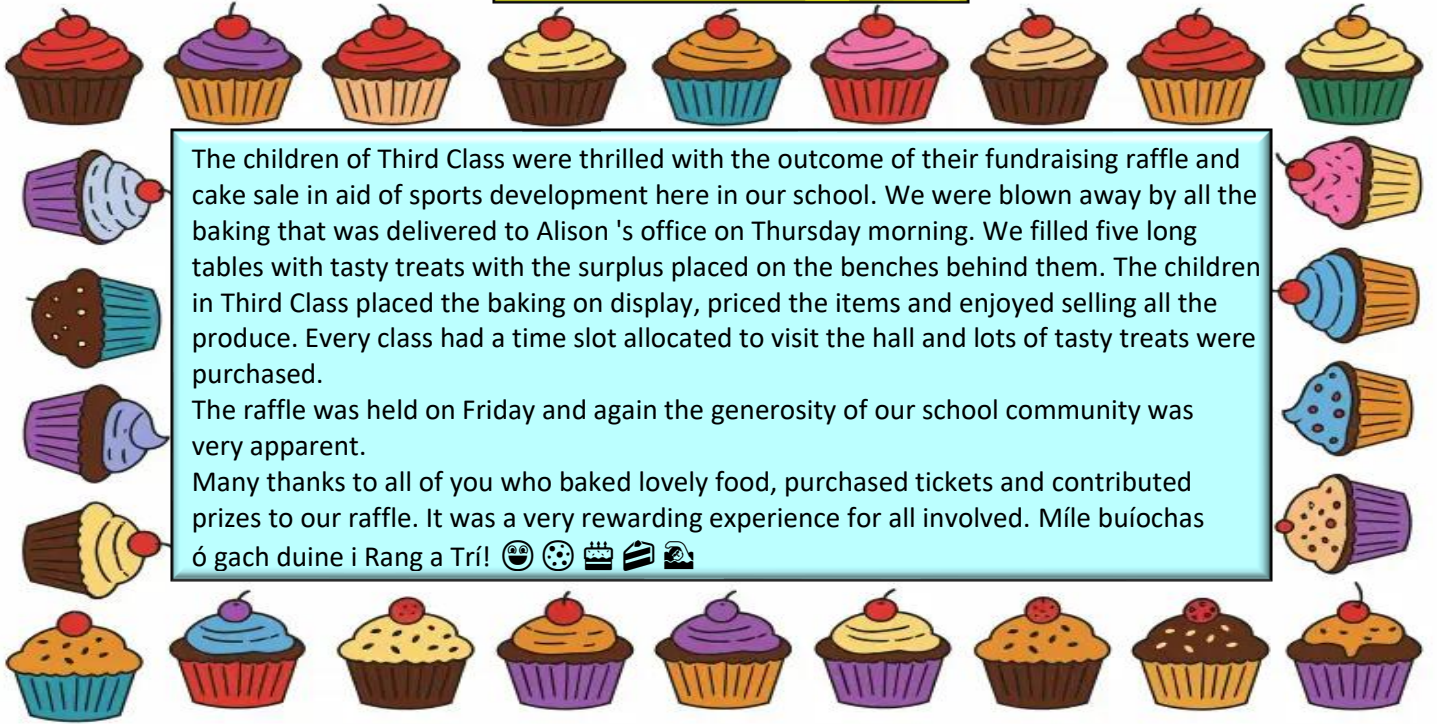


Our Music lessons have been going really well this term, and the progress among our young musicians has been fantastic to see. This was especially evident at our Grandparents' Day a few weeks ago, where everyone had the chance to perform and enjoy the experience. It's lovely to hear such a wide range of instruments being played - tin whistle, concertina, banjo, fiddle, flute, piano and percussion instruments. Long may this continue 🎵.

Our in-School Music Feis will take place in June during our Music week. This is a great opportunity for the children to show off their talents and celebrate what they have achieved. All the children are welcome to take part, but there is no pressure on anybody to participate. Each child will perform a tune that they know off by heart for the judges. There will be plenty of trophies, medals and certificates for those who take part. Registration forms will be distributed this week - so it's time to start practising 🎵.



Cake Sale and Raffle



Junior Infants: Ms. Crehan: This month, Junior Infants discovered the beautiful cherry blossom tree which is located in our school grounds. The children learned lots of interesting facts about this very special tree. The cherry blossom is considered the national flower of Japan & is also known as 'sakura'. The delicate petals have a light, vanilla-like scent but only stay in full bloom for about a week. The boys & girls took time to observe our very own cherry blossom tree & then created fabulous drawings of what they saw. They thoroughly enjoyed showing each other their fabulous Art-work outside in the glorious sunshine.



Senior Infants: Ms. Coyne: Throughout the month Senior Infants had been eagerly anticipating the arrival of the cuckoo. When she finally landed upon the Atlantic shores, we listened carefully to her sound and briefed ourselves on some interesting facts about this fascinating bird!!

- The cuckoo is a bird you can hear in spring and early summer in Ireland
- It is famous for its two-note call that sounds like "cuck-oo!"
- Cuckoos don't build their own nests. Instead they lay their eggs in other birds' nests. They're a little bit cheeky!
- The baby cuckoo often grows bigger than the other chicks and gets all the food from its foster parents
- Cuckoos spend winter in Africa and fly back to Ireland each year
- People often say the first cuckoo call signifies that summer is on the way!

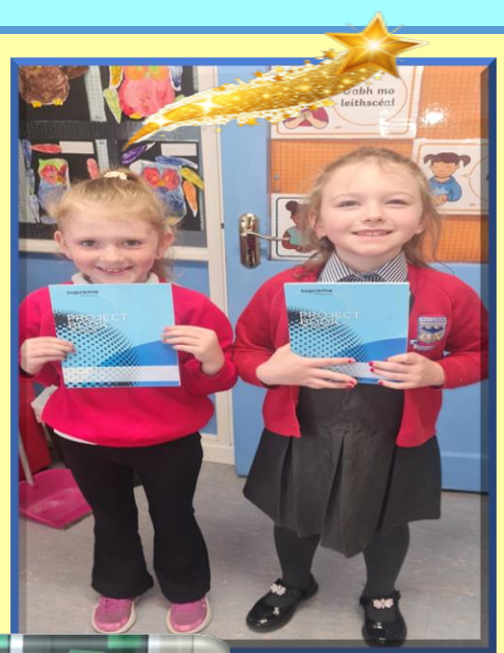


**"The cuckoo comes in April,
And stays the month of May;
Sings a song at Midsummer,
And then it flies away."**



1st Class: Ms. Herwood: April has been a bright and busy month in First Class as we welcomed the signs of spring all around us. The children have been enjoying learning about the changes in nature during this season, from blooming flowers to longer, sunnier days. We've had lots of discussions, art activities, and outdoor observations to explore the beauty of spring.

A big highlight this month was our participation in the Write a Book competition. The whole class showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm while planning and writing their own stories. We are especially proud of Emily McLaughlin and Caoimhe Raftery, who were winners in the competition—what an amazing achievement! Well done to everyone in First Class for their hard work and imagination. We are looking forward to continuing our learning and enjoying more signs of spring in the weeks ahead.



2nd Class: Ms. Greene: What a month it has been for Rang a Dó!

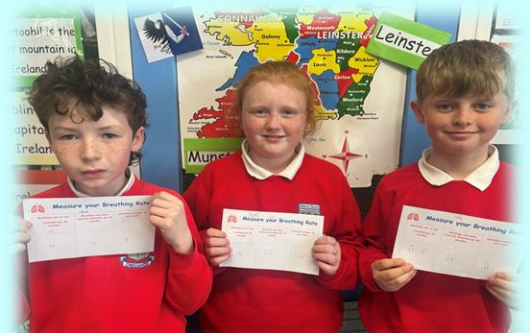
Our class has had a fantastic time exploring the rich world of Irish myths and legends. The children were fascinated by the stories of legendary heroes, magical creatures, and ancient tales, and they showed great enthusiasm in discussing and sharing their favourite parts. It has been wonderful to see their imaginations come to life through these stories. We have also been building our speaking and listening skills through a series of lively and engaging debates. The class especially enjoyed fun topics such as "Pancakes are better than Waffles" where pupils confidently shared their opinions, listened to others, and backed up their ideas with great reasoning. Their ability to express themselves has really grown. In addition, the children loved visiting Lackagh Church in preparation for their First Holy Communion. Our bus trips were filled with fun & song singing! The children were just amazing on Saturday & we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to each one of them.



3rd Class: Mrs. O'Dea & Mr. Farrell: We hit the ground running in Third Class in April. We were all very involved in planning our bumper raffle to help fund sporting initiatives in the school to include our swimming lessons. They began on Friday, April 17th in Kilcornan pool. Our instructors Kieran, Alan and Mr. Farrell were very impressed with us even during our first lesson. We enjoyed every minute. Our Bake Sale was a resounding success and we loved creating posters, telling our school friends about our plans and of course the baking! We are so grateful for the great support we received from everybody. The beautiful smell of baking was very evident in the hall that day and it was a complete sell out! Looking forward to more fun in May. Slán tamaill ó Rang a Trí.



4th Class: Ms. O'Carroll: Rang a Ceathair began our final term together with great enthusiasm. The brighter days and improved weather have allowed for plenty of sport, activity, and outdoor learning. Many sports took place this month, and we also enjoyed circuit training, which involves short bursts of different activities in rotation. We explored the poem '*I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*' by William Wordsworth and used it as inspiration to draw beautiful daffodils. We also learned about the famous Irish legend *An Bradán Feasa*, in which Fionn Mac Cumhaill gains wisdom from the Salmon of Knowledge caught in the River Boyne. We had a wonderful drumming session with Barra, using drums from Guinea in West Africa, which was great fun! In Science, we explored our breathing rate, how to measure it and what happens to it post exercise. We are looking forward to a marvellous May together and all that it has to offer. Well done to all the children for their hard work this month and thank you to all who made all the events possible.



5th Class: Ms Mc Cormack: Fifth Class had a fun-filled April! We were busy designing bright and colourful posters for our big P.E.T. showcase day. The children also put a huge effort into their P.E.T. PowerPoint presentations and spoke with great confidence when presenting to the whole school. Well done to everyone! We had lots of fun learning SPHE and drama together, working on being kind, listening carefully, and including everyone. We read a short piece about Harry Potter going to Hogwarts and talked about his feelings and experiences on his journey. We loved the magical fantasy of his flying car and had great fun focusing on the fiction of the story while using our imagination and sharing our ideas in a respectful way. We also learned about different saints and the great things they have done to help others. In SESE, we explored how power is made and created brilliant projects all about energy. We talked about farming and where our food comes from, and had a great chat about planting vegetables at home. Lots of children shared their own ideas and tips! We also learned about world trade and the fuel crisis, an especially important topic in today's world!!



6th Class: Mr. Bergin: April has been a short but busy month in the 6th Class room. The children's main focus this month has been on their ongoing Junior Entrepreneur Program. As part of their program they have decided on their product design and have been busy creating logos, advertising, researching costings, creating questionnaires, order forms, a funds request letter, a PowerPoint presentation and more. This is a wonderful learning experience for our future entrepreneurs and integrated wonderfully with our revision of percentage and VAT in maths, giving them a real-life concrete link to their numeracy studies. In addition, this month the children have been chatting about the weather in different parts of the country as Gaelige, working on their comprehension strategies in Literacy and in History they learned about the explorer Vasco de Gama. Finally, the children have begun their transition to secondary school program with great enthusiasm. Exciting times ahead.





Our sincere thanks to the school choir under the guidance of Mrs O' Dea and Mrs Cunningham who gave up their Saturday morning to enhance our Communion ceremony with their beautiful singing and playing. Their commitment and enthusiasm added so much to the occasion. Each choir member received a homework pass in recognition of their wonderful contribution—very well deserved!



Lots of fun was had at our drumming workshop that was held recently in the school.



Sports Update



April has been a busy month in sport with the continuation of the 3rd and 4th Class soccer leagues and the 3rd and 4th table tennis tournament. Both of which are coming to the closing stages.

In GAA the boys and girls have also been in action this month in the Turloughmore Camogie Tournament, The Fr. Lyons Hurling competition and in the Cumann na mBunscol. All teams performed admirably and should be very proud of their efforts.

Upcoming dates of note: The boys will play in the Cumann na Mbunscol hurling competition on May 14th. In addition, the finals of the Turloughmore Camogie competition will take place on May 19th while the final of the Fr. Lyons will take place on May 13th. Information on game times to follow.

Pupils from 3rd, 5th & 6th classes recently enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Croke Park. Our girls from 3rd class proudly represented Claregalway GAA, while 5th & 6th classes represented Turloughmore Camogie Club. Maith sibh a cailíní, you did your school & communities proud.



Cregmore N.S.

Summer Camp

2026



Week 1: Mon, June 29th – Fri, July 3rd

Week 2: Mon, July 6th – Fri, July 10th



10:00am - 2:00pm

Camp Structure

- The camp begins at 10:00am in the morning (*Registration at 9:45 on the Monday of each week*)
- The children will be divided into groups according to age.
- Adult supervision at all times.
- The camp concludes at 2:00pm at which time your child can be picked up at the school gate.

What you need:

- Packed lunch with lots of drinks
- Sportswear and comfortable footwear
- Sun cream on hot days

Summer Camp Activities include:

- Basketball
- Badminton
- Athletics
- Camogie
- Table Tennis
- GAA football, Hurling and camogie
- Teddy Bear Picnic with treats
- Soccer with players from Galway United joining us
- Yoga with a professional yoga teacher
- Hip Hop dance classes with a dance instructor
- Talent Show
- Hockey
- Hurling
- Art and Craft
- Sports Day

Our facilities include:

- Full size Astro turf
- A running track
- A playing pitch
- Basketball court
- School hall and sports equipment
- Art and Craft room
- Safe and clean environment

Fees (per week)



1 Child.....	€80
2 Children.....	€150
3 Children.....	€220



Places are limited so early booking is Advisable

For more information contact

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