

Scoil Pádraig Naofa

March 2026

Newsletter

For each petal on the shamrock,
this brings a wish your way.
Good health, good luck,
and happiness for today
and every day.



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to the March edition of our monthly newsletter.

March has been a particularly busy and eventful time in our school, filled with many enjoyable and memorable activities. However, it has also been a time of sadness for our school community following the sudden and untimely passing of our past pupil, Damian Delaney, RIP. Damian was a much-loved student during his years here, from Junior Infants through to Rang 6, and he remained a highly regarded and valued member of the wider community. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Damian's family and friends at this very difficult time.

On a more uplifting note, we were delighted to celebrate Grandparents Day, welcoming over 220 grandparents to our school. It was a truly special morning filled with warmth, refreshments, entertainment, and shared memories. We sincerely thank all who travelled, some from afar, to be with us, and we are especially grateful to our dedicated staff for their hard work in organising such a wonderful occasion.

Congratulations to our 6th class pupils who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We thank Fr. John and Mr. Bergin for their guidance and preparation. Our 6th class students are a fantastic group who have consistently set a positive example throughout their time in our school.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Turloughmore Hurling Club for their generous donation of beautiful prizes for our monthly Silver Circle draw. This thoughtful gesture is greatly appreciated by our school community.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Kind regards,
Joe Kennelly
Principal

Key Dates in April

Easter Camps:

Week 1: Spring in your Step Easter Camp

Week 2: Cregmore NS Soccer Camp

April 13th: School Re-Opens after Easter Hols.

April 16th: Drumming workshops

April 17th: Swim Lessons commence for 3rd class

April 25th: First Holy Communion @ 11am

Other important dates

Monday May 4th: School closed May bank holiday

Friday May 8th: Diversity Day

Tues May 12th: Interschool Basketball Blitz

May 18th - May 29th: Standardised Testing

"Grandparents
make the world
a little softer, a
little kinder,
and a little
warmer."

Board of Management update:



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to the upcoming Easter celebrations.

Over the past few weeks, we have undertaken a significant programme of enhancements to the exterior of our school. Under the guidance of Simon Neto, this work has included power washing, painting, planting and pruning of shrubs, cleaning of gutters and downpipes, and general grounds maintenance. The improvements have made a very positive impact on the overall appearance of our school.

We have also begun the replacement of all internal classroom ceiling lights with more modern and energy-efficient LED lighting. Sincere thanks to Johnny Kenny for initiating and carrying out this important upgrade.

Recently, we were pleased to welcome Ms. Sinéad Ginnane and Mr. Colm Kyne, inspectors from the Department of Education. They conducted a Whole School Evaluation (WSE) over the course of almost a week. A Whole School Evaluation is an external review process that assesses the quality of education provided by a school, in line with the Education Act 1998. During their visit, the inspectors evaluated teaching and learning, school planning, management, and the supports in place for pupils.

We are delighted to report that the feedback received at the conclusion of the evaluation was extremely positive. The inspectors were highly impressed with all aspects of school life. We also greatly appreciated their constructive suggestions and guidance, all of which have been carefully considered.

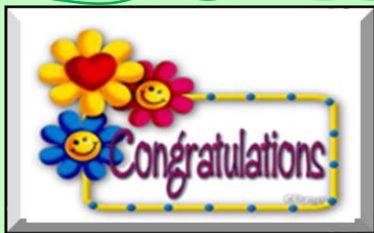
Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

Wishing you and your families a very happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Odhran O'Mahony

Chairperson, Board of Management



March Silver Circle

1st Prize €100 - Lily Kyne - 1st Class

2nd Prize €50 - Michael Dullaghan 4th Class

3rd Prize €25 - Aoife Walsh - Snr Infants



A big thank you to
Turloughmore Hurling
Club

For sponsoring the prizes
for this month's

Silver Circle Draw

The children are
delighted with their
prizes



SERVICE
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The children of 6th Class recently celebrated their Service of Light Mass in preparation for their Confirmation. The children had a wonderful day. The excitement is definitely building in anticipation for their big day.



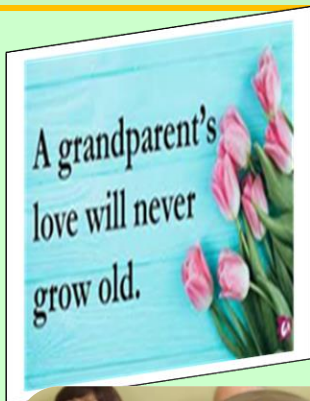
Congratulations to Therese from Rang a Ceathair who enjoyed astounding success in Ballina during an Irish Dancing Feis over the past weekend. Well done, Therese!

Éabha and Isla Mae were very proud as they shared their great news about their success in Galway city over the weekend participating in a Cheer leading competition. Congratulation's girls!

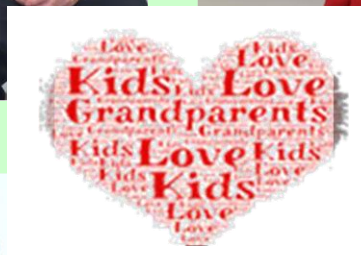


Huge congratulations to Katelyn, Ashleigh, Alex, Lily & Cari who competed in the horse-riding league over the weekend. There were smiles all around with trophies and rosettes awarded on the day. What a fantastic achievement!





Our school came together to celebrate a truly special Grandparents Day. The hall was filled with grandparents whose smiles and warm presence made the atmosphere so joyful and welcoming. Each class put on wonderful performances, sharing songs, poems and musical pieces that filled the room with pride and happiness. It was a spectacular event, made even more perfect by the sunshine streaming in and brightening the day. We also took time to remember those grandparents who could not be with us today, as well as those who are no longer with us. They were in our thoughts and hearts throughout the celebration. It was such a lovely and memorable day for everyone involved. special day 🌸🌸🌸🌸





Please check our school website
www.cregmorens.ie for a lot more
 photographs from this wonderful day.



Junior Infants: Ms. Crehan: It has been a wonderful month of learning in Junior Infants. The boys & girls have been particularly focused on reading, handwriting & shapes. They have been making great strides with their Jolly Phonics readers. They have been enjoying putting their blending skills to use & have been making super progress. The children have also been exploring the writing genre of 'Modelled Writing'. They created beautiful 'Get Well Soon' cards for Humpty Dumpty & we hope that he will feel much better after receiving such thoughtful messages. The boys & girls thoroughly enjoyed exploring the topics of 2D & 3D Shapes in Maths. They had great fun hunting for & identifying various shapes in our classroom. They also brought some items in that they found in their homes!



Senior Infants: Ms. Coyne: This month we learned all about the wren. Did you know that the wren is a tiny garden bird and it's also the king of all birds? The Irish word for the wren is An Dreoilín. The classic folk tale about the king of the birds goes as follows:

The Competition: The birds gather to choose a king, deciding that whoever can fly highest will win.

The Trick: The clever wren hides in the feathers of the eagle's back.

The Flight: The eagle soars higher than any other bird and, believing he has won, shouts he is king.

The Winner: The tiny wren emerges from the eagle's feathers, flies a little higher, and is named King.

The Result: The wren is crowned King of the Birds, but sometimes is forced to hide due to the resentment of larger birds. This story tied in nicely to our Seachtain na Gaeilge dance, 'An Dreoilín'.

We also used our birdwatching skills and looked outdoors for the Dreoilín. While on our travels we took time to admire the golden daffodils. We regularly recited St Patrick's song and enjoyed lots of Easter preparations. We thank Mr Gallagher for his wonderful work and commitment throughout the month.



1st Class: Ms. Herwood: We had great fun celebrating Lá Glas in our classroom! The children came to school wearing lots of green and we talked about St. Patrick's Day and why it is such a special day in Ireland. We learned about shamrocks, leprechauns, and even listened to some traditional Irish music. Some of us tried a cúpla focal as Gaeilge too!

Spring has well and truly arrived, and we have been busy learning all about the changes in the season. We explored signs of spring such as flowers blooming, baby animals being born, and the days getting longer and brighter. The children especially enjoyed discussing animals like lambs, chicks, and butterflies.

In Art, we created beautiful spring pictures full of colour, including daffodils, rainbows, and sunny skies. We also went on a short nature walk to look for signs of spring around our school.

It has been a joyful and busy time in First Class, full of learning, creativity, and fun!



2nd Class: Ms. Greene: This month, the children in Rang a Dó have been busy exploring exciting topics across the curriculum. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about Italy and the Romans, discovering fascinating facts about ancient life, culture, and history. The children put great effort into their projects, showing creativity and enthusiasm, and took pride in teaching their classmates about what they had learned. We also explored 3D Shapes in Maths, which sparked great classroom discussions and use of mathematical language. Seachtain na Gaeilge was another highlight, with students embracing the Irish language through games, music, and daily conversations. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and participation from everyone. We would like to wish everybody in our school community a fun and enjoyable Easter break!



3rd Class: Mrs. O' Dea & Mr Farrell: March was an extremely busy month in Third Class. We welcomed Sinéad and Colm into our classes, the two inspectors who visited our school as part of our WSE. We were so very proud to show them our books that we created as part of the Write a Book initiative. A fabulous example of narrative writing. We also entertained Sinead with our musical skills by performing Star of County Down.

We shared our Write a Book creations with another school and we are now reading their books.

Great imagination shown by all.

Lots of exercise too during the month with class movement breaks both as Gaeilge and in English. This was to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge. World Book Day was also a great success.

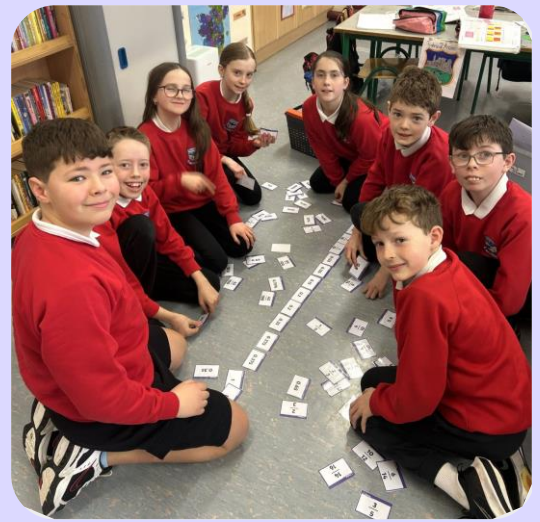
We love to read in Rang a Trí. Slán tamail, enjoy a lovely Easter.



4th Class: Ms. O'Carroll: March has been a busy and exciting month for 4th Class, filled with creativity, discovery, and meaningful learning. We explored the fascinating country of Norway, learning about its culture, climate, and way of life, and comparing it to Ireland. The class was especially interested in Norway's natural features, including its stunning fjords and the Northern Lights. Inspired by this, pupils worked together to create beautiful paintings, blending vibrant colours to capture the magic of the night sky. The artwork showed great creativity and effort from everyone. We also marked World Down Syndrome Day in an inclusive and thoughtful way. Each pupil designed colourful odd socks to celebrate individuality and recognise that our differences make us unique. The children also wore odd socks in school which sparked important conversations about kindness and inclusion. In science, we investigated how and why objects float or sink. Working in teams, pupils made predictions, tested different items, and recorded their findings. This led to great discussions about materials, mass, and shape. Overall, it has been a month full of teamwork, curiosity, and enthusiasm, with everyone learning and achieving together.



5th Class: Ms Mc Cormack & Ms. Nally: March has been an action-packed month in Rang a Cúig! In Music, we explored the genre of country music and learned the well-known song 'Country Roads,' which was a big hit! We also learned a few jiving steps, helping us to develop our sense of rhythm and coordination while having lots of fun. In Geography, we focused on urban and rural Ireland, exploring the key differences between these areas, including population, lifestyle, and types of employment. The children showed great interest in comparing life in cities and the countryside. In Irish, we have been learning all about 'Caitheamh Aimsire', developing our ability to talk about hobbies and pastimes, as well as discovering interesting facts about Croke Park. We also took part in Seachtain na Gaeilge, where everyone made a fantastic effort to speak as much Irish as possible in class and throughout the school. We celebrated Grandparents' Day by drawing detailed portraits of a grandparent and writing a short piece about them, producing thoughtful and creative work that highlighted the special role grandparents play in our lives. Overall, it has been a very productive month full of hard work and enthusiasm.



6th Class: Mr. Bergin: Dia daoibh. The month of March has been as busy as ever in the 6th Class room. The children learned about the history of the Irish language and The 1916 Rising.

History integrated with visual art when the children learned about the Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and created a fruit, vegetable and sea creature portrait of their own with some very creative designs indeed.

In Maths we focussed on the Strand Unit of Money. The children learned about VAT and carried out some practical real-world examples of how VAT can impact on our day-to-day purchases and long-term loans.

English was linked with our history studies when we cast an eye on the history of the Titanic. The children read a piece of Recount Writing from Ruth Becker who was one of the surviving passengers on board. This gave the children a great insight into life on board and the devastation that followed.

Finally, the children have been busy practicing for their Confirmation and are really excited for their big day on March 26th.





World Book Day

Whether it's dressing up as Harry Potter, A Disney Princess, or The Cat in the Hat, World Book Day Costumes provide a fun and creative way to pay homage to literature. Children can showcase their World Book Day Costumes, encouraging a love for reading and storytelling.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

We had a fantastic week filled with exciting activities as we celebrated **Seachtain na Gaeilge** in our school this month. The halls were alive with gaeilge as we embraced the language in songs, poems, and conversations. From fun classroom games to céilí dancing, we made sure to celebrate our culture in the most enjoyable way possible. A highlight of the week was our **Lá Glas**, where we dressed in green and came together to support **Cancer Care West**. It was a wonderful opportunity to immerse ourselves in Irish traditions, and we are already looking forward to next year's celebrations!

Bhain muid taitneamh as an seachtain to leir. Is aoibhinn linn Gaeilge sa scoil seo.



