



Scoil Chaitríona

MARCH NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been an incredibly busy and joyful time here in March, with so many special moments and activities taking place. From the children celebrating their Confession and Confirmation, to wrapping up swimming lessons, there has been plenty to be proud of. We've also enjoyed planting trees, World Book Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, taking part in Easter hunts, and even treating ourselves to some well-earned ice-cream while making the most of the long-awaited sunshine. We also marked Intercultural Day and held a fun and successful Easter raffle. After such a full and exciting few weeks, we are all well and truly ready for a restful and happy Easter break.

Upcoming Events/ Dates

- 27th March: Close for Easter Holidays @ 12 p.m.
- 13th April Reopen after Easter Holidays
- 14th April: Psychologist in school
- 15th April Public Health Nurse in to check Infants eyes & ears.
- 25th April: Holy Communion
- May 26th: No school Curriculum Inservice Day

Attendance

Well done to 3rd & 4th class who won the pizza party for the third time for best attendance. We will be running an extra special attendance initiative after Easter for 2 weeks. Any child who attends the full 10 days wins a prize! Please see your child's attendance sheet sent home today to know where your child is at. We had been doing great but it is starting to fall across the school so I would ask us all to try our best to send your child to school everyday, unless of course they are sick. There is a mistake in that sheet, it should be 126 days = full attendance. I calculated it too soon!!

Parents Association

Our Parents' Association has once again done a tremendous job supporting our school through their outstanding fundraising efforts. The recent Easter raffle was a fantastic success, raising an incredible €2,710, along with a further €921 from the quiz night, bringing the total raised to an amazing €3,631.

A huge thank you to all the parents, past and present, who gave their time so generously to sell lines and collect raffle prizes. We are also very grateful to the local shops and businesses who donated prizes so generously. And of course, a sincere thank you to you, our parent community, for your continued support and generosity – without it, none of this would be possible. The funds raised have already contributed towards providing Easter eggs for all the children as part of today's Easter hunt, adding to the joy and excitement of the day.



Growing Memories

This month, we were delighted to plant five apple trees on our school grounds, with each class taking ownership of their very own tree. Our students council also planted a special tree in memory of Patricia and Nuala. As the trees grow and begin to bear fruit, we look forward to baking apple tarts together, taking time to remember two precious ladies who were taken far too soon.



Classroom Highlights

Junior & Senior Infants

Junior & Senior Infants did a wonderful job with their singing for Intercultural day. They got treated to an ice-cream from Pearse O' Neills for their effort. We enjoyed a lovely Spring walk in the fine weather!



1st & 2nd Class

This month we have been preparing for our First Confession. We got to enjoy a lovely hot chocolate and treat in Slevins afterwards. We are very excited about our Communion next month.



3rd & 4th Class

We completed our Norman projects and this saw Universal Design learning at its best. Children learning and representing their work in a way that suits them best! Mrs Coen was very impressed! We also enjoyed some D.E.A.R time outside after a trip to the library.



5th & 6th Class

6th class children made their Confirmation this month and did themselves proud. We also learned how to jive as part of our Aspire workshops.



Without doubt, the highlight of the month was our Intercultural Day — what an incredible day we had! We were delighted to celebrate it alongside our friends from the Gaelscoil, enjoying a day full of joy, learning and connection through a range of activities including art, dance, sport and folklore. The children were outstanding, confidently singing songs and showcasing dances, and the atmosphere in the hall when everyone came together was truly special. A simple but powerful message we shared with the children was that the things that make you different are the very things that make you special, and this was evident throughout the day. And as for the food — what a treat! We were spoiled with a wonderful array of dishes from around the world. None of this would have been possible without you, our parents, whose generosity, effort and pride in sharing your cultures made the day so memorable. It is a day that will stand out in the minds of our children for years to come.

