



O'BRENNAN NS NEWSLETTER

January/February/March 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School life has been very busy this term with the celebration of Pancake Tuesday, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Book fair, World Book Day, Mother's Day and St. Patrick's Day to name a few.

We would like to extend a warm O'Brennan welcome for our 14 new pupils from Ukraine who started with us on Monday March 28th. Marharyta, Habriel, Olivia, Alina, Anna, Danylo, Oleh, Evgeniy, Matvii, Oleksandr, Mariia, Artem, Angelina and Matvii you are most welcome to our school. The kindness and friendships created amongst all pupils was a lovely sight to behold. We are very proud of all the boys and girls for making our Ukrainian friends welcome in our school.

On March 10th the pupils of 6th class made their Confirmation in Clogher church, it was a very enjoyable day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Barry, for the extraordinary amount of work and preparation she did to help our Confirmation Candidates become ready to receive this Sacrament.

Our 2nd Class are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion on May 21st under the guidance of their teachers Ms. Broderick, Mr Sheehy and their parents. We wish them all the best in their work and will keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

We held our Open afternoon on the 21st and 22nd of February and we had an extremely successful turn out and welcomed lots of new pupils to our school. They had a great time and are looking forward to visiting us again in June before their big day in September.

Finally, I'd like to wish all pupils, staff and their families a very Happy Easter! Stay Safe and enjoy the break!

Looking forward to seeing you all again on April 25th 2022!

Le gach dea-ghuí
Michelle O' Brien

Junior Infants

Junior Infants had a very productive and interactive learning month of March. There was a lot of learning done in class, such as learning our number 5, Phonics, tricky words and much more. Junior infants also celebrated St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter in school.

This week we asked the children what was their favourite part of their school day and why. Here are some of the wonderful responses we heard.

Sophie H. – Homework – "I get to draw and colour and that is my favourite thing to do"

Tom – Golden Time – "Playing with my friend, Feardorcha at playtime"

Cillian – Yard Time – "Playing tag outside with my friend, Joshua"

Erin – Role Play – "I love playing dress-up with the shoes"

Sam – Interactive Story Time – "I like the stories, the one about the astronauts when he sucks up the storm"

Jack S. – Today – "The Easter Egg Hunt in the hall"

Georgia – Daily Mile – "I like when we walk"

Sophie L – Maths – "I like to count to 5. 1,2,3,4,5"

Mícheál – Yard Time – "I like playing outside with my friends and I like playing Tag with Shay, Jack, Conor and Nicolas"

Conor – Aistear, Puppets – "They are fun to play with. My favourite puppet was the big Taz puppet."

Fíadh – Reading – "When the teacher reads"

Michael – Colouring – "Colouring the Easter Egg - I coloured peach, black, orange and red"

Joshua – Maths – “When we did the tallest and the smallest stacking”

Jack C – P. E. – “Playing in the Halla, the easter games and eating easter eggs. Also, sea-ship-shore game.”

Shay – Golden Time – “Playing the sand with Conor”

Feardorcha – Aistear, Role Play – “Playing puppets in the role play. I was the Wolf in the Three Little Pigs”

Nicolas – Yard Time – “Running”

Ms. Carroll & Sarah

Senior Infants

Senior Infants have had a very busy few months welcoming the Spring Season, learning to spot the signs of Spring, discussing the weather in Irish and English and as part of Aistear creating our own Garden Centre. The garden centre was a hub of activity daily as plenty of buying and selling took place as well as planting salad leaves, peas, radishes and tomatoes. Our plants are thriving on the windowsill under the watchful eye of our gardeners. Many thanks to all who sent in some plants for our Garden Centre. Our current theme in Aistear is a great hit – The Zoo, where we have been learning all about exotic animals – including a large tiger that is in his enclosure at the back of the room. (Let’s hope he stays there!) We celebrated Valentine’s day by making hearts in Art. We have completed our word boxes and are excited to be moving onto more challenging work in our Jolly Phonics, we have reached the number 9 in Maths as well as exploring weight, length and time. St. Patrick and St. Brigid also featured in our room recently. We were delighted to welcome two new classmates to Senior Infants. Welcome Matvii and Mariia!

Ласкаво просимо до нашої школи. We wish everyone a lovely Easter break and look forward to lots of fun in the Summer Term.

First / Second Class

1st and 2nd class have had a very busy March. We celebrated Seachtain Na Gaeilge and did lots of fun activities as Gaeilge which included 'a zoom call with all the other classes where we did a cómhra an lae', páraid na scoile which was a parade with the whole school, we did Irish quizzes, a colouring competition, Irish dancing and the whole school performed the 'Haka' in Irish outside.

We have learned all about the working farm and did some lovely cow paintings inspired by artist Eoin O'Connor. Australia was our main topic last week and we learned all about its climate, people, animals and culture and we did some lovely aboriginal paintings in art.

We also welcomed our two new pupils, Angelina and Habriel, to first and second class. The class have made them very welcome and they are both settling in well.

Ms. Broderick

Second/Third Class

Easter greetings from 2nd/3rd class to all. Everyone is looking forward to the Easter break after what was a really busy term. Firstly, we were delighted to welcome our two newest members of the class, Anna and Margo from Ukraine. The girls have settled in really well and we are delighted to have them. The highlight of the term was the second class taking their first steps on the journey to communion by taking their sacrament of confession. All the boys and girls did excellent and were given plenty of advice from their classmates in third class. Everyone has had a very busy term learning lots of different things, from Vikings to Pharaohs and everything in between. World book day was a great success and the variety of costumes was incredible. All the boys and girls got involved in seachtaine na gaeilge and got great enjoyment out of speaking Irish inside and outside of the classroom. We hope you all get lots of rest over the break and plenty of Easter eggs!!

Mr. Sheehy

Fourth Class

Well, what a busy few months, which have flown by. Is it actually Easter?

Firstly, we would like to welcome our new students from the Ukraine, Artem, Danylo, Oleksandr and Evgeniy. We have really enjoyed this term; here are some of our favourite topics we have studied.

In SESE we studied the poem, 'Counties of Ireland' which we will never forget. In science we had some interesting zoom calls learning all about the native trees and birds of Ireland. I think our favourite topic was making chocolate biscuit cake, we had so much fun and it tasted delightful.

In English we worked on postcards, emails and letters. We can firmly say it was extremely enjoyable. In Irish we have moved onto the aimsir láithreach which we find easier than the aimsir chaite. In Maths we study a different topic each week.

We took up Spanish and Ukulele this term which we love and look forward to this weekly. Finally, we have begun STOP-MOTION - its super fun. This is where we take photos of scenes made of Lego and make a little movies - Checkout our webpage to see more.

Adiós

Ms. Buckley

Fifth Class

The past few months have been fun-filled in Fifth class. We enjoyed many new school experiences such as ukulele lessons with Ray from Music Generation to Spanish lessons with Sandra! Muchas gracias!

In P.E, pupils were delighted that Tag rugby lessons with Brian resumed and they also enjoyed lessons with the students from MTU. The return of Cumann na mBunscoil was another added bonus!

Rang a cúig sashayed down the catwalk for our very own Seó Faisin as Gaeilge!

They also participated in the Scríobh Leabhar initiative during the month of March (maith sibhse) and enjoyed celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge.

In English, we explored many new poetry types including Diamante poems, Kenning poems and Alliteration in poetry. We also focused on the Explanation Genre.

We marked World Maths Day on Mathletics and some pupils even earned certificates!

Art lessons saw pupils learn how to weave using cardboard looms and we tried our hands at mono-printing too.

Our S.E.S.E topics over the last few months included; Daniel O'Connell, The Burren, Rocks, The Immune System, The Romans and The Renaissance!

In Drama, we used still image and thought tracking to explore The Legend of the Níán for Chinese New Year.

We will attempt to make our own Gummy Bears this week! (Procedural Genre)

Wishing everyone an Egg-citing Easter! 😊

Mrs. Corridan

Sixth Class

Wow what a busy term it's been in Rang a Sé! The boys and girls have worked extremely hard over the last few months and achieved so much! One of the highlights of this term (and the year) was the Sacrament of Confirmation which the boys and girls received on the 10th March. We spent time learning about the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit as well as completing a project on each of our saints' names. We practiced the hymns and prayers in the lead up to the day as well. Thank you to Fr Walsh for such a lovely ceremony!

We've also been busy with the Junior Entrepreneur Project in recent months. After our Confirmation, we began working on business ideas in groups and at the end of March, we pitched the ideas to Ms O'Brien, Caroline and Ms Slattery! The Dragon's Den was another huge success and the winning project idea was a

Cookbook! We are now busy cooking, writing and designing our cookbook! Keep an eye out for more information!!

Cumann na mBunscol competitions also got underway in recent weeks and the footballers in 6th class along with 5th class represented the school in a blitz in Ballymac! We qualified for a quarter final but unfortunately, we lost that game away to Kilcummin! We had some brilliant games and hopefully we will have more football to look forward to in May and June!

Some other activities we've been enjoying this term have been Spanish classes, ukulele, football, tag rugby and PE with students from MTU. The Spanish lesson has been great fun every Tuesday morning while the variety of sports have also been a huge hit!

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents for their support with school work, homework and all the extra activities this term! Enjoy the Easter holidays before returning for our final term in O'Brennan NS!

Ms. Barry

Dates / Upcoming Events:

- ✚ Easter Holidays 8th of April – school closes at 12pm for all children.
- ✚ School **closed** Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April inclusive. School shall re-open on Monday 25th April at 9.00am.
- ✚ First Holy Communion – Saturday 21st May in Clogher Church
- ✚ May Bank Holiday – school **closed** Monday 2nd May
- ✚ June Bank Holiday – school **closed** Friday 3rd June and Monday 6th June.



Active School Update

Well done to the football team who got to the quarter final of the Cumann na mBunscoil competition. Rugby with Brian from Munster rugby is continuing in the senior end. Tom Joy is also taking the senior classes for GAA. We are currently busy organising our Active School week which will take place from the 9th – 13th of May.



Green School Update

Our Green School Committee was very busy this week 'spring cleaning' the road approaching the school. They collected quite a lot of litter and have decided to maintain their efforts by heading out again in May and June for some more litter picking making the roads and hedgerows more pleasant for everyone.

Student Council

Tasty treats galore this week! Many thanks to all who baked, bought or donated to our Student Council Bake Sale. Plenty of smiles and full tummies this evening! 🍰🍪🍩🍪

Congratulations to raffle winners. Enjoy your prizes.

The student's council raised a whopping €900.
Thanks to Ms Barry and Mrs Corridan for
organising a great day.



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