



St Patrick's N.S., Calry

Newsletter April 2022

Parents / Guardians,

Thankfully, we have seen a return to singing, sports and inter school activities in St Patrick's! We continue to encourage hand washing and respiratory hygiene to keep everyone safe.

Grandparents Day: We celebrated Grandparents Day on 26th of January during Catholic Schools Week.

Lá Glas: We celebrated all things Irish on 15th of March. Thanks to 6th class for organising it and leading our celebration on the day! Maith sibh gach duine!

World Book Day: Well done to everyone for dressing up as their favourite book character on March 3rd to celebrate World Book Day!

RoboThink Afterschool Club is running from 3pm to 4:30pm every Tuesday delivered by Katherine Demmel.

Bricks 4 Kidz visited our school and all children had great fun engaging with a LEGO Technic workshop to build motorised models using Lego.

Science scheme: LET'S DISCOVER Science Boxes have been purchased for classes 2nd – 6th. Lots of budding scientists are enjoying demonstrating their experiments in class!

English Spelling: Eva Hamilton from PDST facilitated CPD sessions for all teachers in school on 16th February on spelling.

Stop Motion Video training: Thanks to Ms. Gallagher for delivering in-school training to staff on the use of Stop Motion Video.

Outdoor Garden: A huge thanks to all the parents and children that helped reinstate the path around our Outdoor Classroom. Thanks to Ray McNally accompanied by Lucy and Aoibh, Damien Kennedy, Richard Kilfeather, Brian McGauran accompanied by Bríain. Also thank you to Tara Tancred and Catherine McGauran for providing the refreshments and to Gerard Rooney for supplying the woodchip and helping out on the day.

Child Safeguarding Statement: This was updated and ratified by the Board of Management at their meeting on 16th March 2022.

Junior Infants Junior Infants dressed up for World Book Day!



Senior Infants / First Class Senior Infants and First Class are working with artist Wayne O' Connor through an Artist Partnership Programme to develop their creative skills every Friday morning.

Second Class Congratulations to the girls and boys in Second class who made their First Confession on 29th March 2022. Thank you to Fr. Hugh Mc Gonagle for celebrating a lovely ceremony.

Third / Fourth Class 3rd and 4th class had great fun during the Bricks 4 Kidz workshop and produced some impressive creations!



Fourth / Fifth Class Children in 4th and 5th Classes have been busy weeding, planting seeds and creating a pollinator friendly flower bed. Children from 4th-6th are back playing Music in the Grúpa Cheoil with Ms. Gallagher.

Sixth Class 6th Class have been very busy this term with preparation for Confirmation on May 12th. They have also thoroughly enjoyed their Zoom calls and hands-on experiments every Tuesday with Caoimhe from STEAM. For Friendship Week they 'buddied' up with Mr Phelan's Class to play maths games. It was the perfect opportunity to get to know the Junior School Children better.

Sports Report

G.A.A: Darragh Cox delivered hurling skills to all classes for 6 weeks.

Football Training: Football training continues for boys and girls 4th to 6th class after school every Thursday. Thanks to Mr Gallagher, Mr Phelan and Ms Mc Nassor for their time and encouragement!

Parents' Association News

Calry PA are busy beavering away on behind-the-scenes projects but at present our main focus is on organising this year's Funday. The 'Save-The-Date' date for your Calendar is Friday June 17th. This will be the first Funday in two years, so we hope as many parents and guardians as possible will be able to help out on the day to make it an extra special celebration for the children. A big thank you to the Teachers and school for freeing up this day to donate entirely to FUN.

Regards, The Calry PA

Valentine's Day Sweet Jar Competition:

Thanks to the Deirdre Norton for organising a Valentine's Day Sweet Jar Competition. Congratulations to Erin Higgins for guessing the correct amount of sweets!

On behalf of the school's Board of Management and staff, we wish you a **Happy Easter!**

