

# Scoil Cholmcille



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The past few weeks have seen sunshine and warmth reappear as we approach the midway point of the final term. The trees around our yard are in full leaf again to signal the arrival of Summer. We have a lot to look forward to this term with tours, fun days, ice-cream and barbeques all on the horizon. May is also the month we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many of our classes have been busy creating May altars to honour this special month in the Catholic Schools calendar.



## School Meals Scheme

There was great excitement throughout the school as our hot meals service began last week. The aroma of everything from chicken curry to paella was floating along the corridors making everyone hungry long before lunch time even arrived. The feedback from our hungry happy pupils has been very positive so far. Thanks to Tracy who ensures that our meals are piping hot and delivered to classrooms for the children to enjoy. All of the packaging is compostable and is sent home with the children in their reusable lunchbox.

## Green Committee

As the Summer begins to take hold, our Green Committee can be seen hard at work throughout the school. They are busy sweeping, tidying, weeding and generally keeping our school spick n span. They also ran their world-famous annual plant and hanging basket sale last Thursday in association with our friends from Candlehill Growers. This venture is an important part of funding our green activities throughout the year. We were happy to see that business was brisk, there were lots of good deals, and there were many happy customers over the course of the day.

## Dates for your diary

### June 3rd

Closed: Bank Holiday

### June 7<sup>th</sup>

Closed: Polling day

### June 28<sup>th</sup>

School closes at 12.00 for summer holidays

## Credit Union Quiz: National Final

A huge congratulations to our U11 quiz team who competed in the Credit Union Quiz National Final in the RDS. Although we didn't come away with the win on this occasion, it was a marvellous achievement to make into the final 45 teams in the country. The competition was strong, and the questions were tough, but the team held their own and finished very strongly in the closing rounds. This team have also made it to the national final of the Community Games quiz competition which will be hosted in Kilkenny in the coming weeks. Well done to Darragh, JJ, Ríoghan, Stephanie and Senan for all they have achieved this year.



## School Sport

Our boys and girls basketball teams have had a great campaign again this year in the Meath Schools basketball league. Our boys qualified from their group and went on to contest the semi-final against St Anne's, Navan. In a close encounter they lost out narrowly on a place in the final.

In athletics, our team travelled to Navan racecourse on April 18<sup>th</sup> for a cross country event run by Math Athletics. All of our athletes represented the school with distinction. A special mention to Stephanie and Ross who won gold and bronze respectively in their races. Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class boys also claimed silver in the team event.

On the GAA field it was a proud day for Scoil Cholmcille as Emily in 6<sup>th</sup> Class captained a Meath Cumann na mBunscol selection in an intercounty match versus Louth. We are delighted that Emily was chosen and we hope she had a fantastic experience. Hopefully we will see her on more Meath teams in the years to come.

## First Communion

Congratulations to our glamorous 2<sup>nd</sup> Class pupils who made their First Communion on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. All of the pupils in the class participated in what was a beautiful ceremony. Our thanks to Fr. Thomas for his care and attention to our pupils on the day. Well done to Ms. Hanly who prepared the boys and girls so well. A special word of thanks to our brilliant choir from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Classes whose fabulous singing made the day so special for the class and their families. Thanks to Carmel Reilly for all her work in leading the choir and to Stephen Naughton for his accompaniment on guitar. Last but not least, a big thank you to our Parents Association for providing tea, coffee and delicious refreshments for everybody afterwards which provides a lovely opportunity for families to mingle together following the ceremony. Maith sibh go léir.



*First Communion Class 2024*



*Emily in action for Meath*

## **In the Community**

### **Communication excellence in Scoil Cholmcille**

Skrayne school was chosen as the March winner of the Gradam Ceannródaíthe Cumarsáide, awarded by the Meath Speech & Language Therapy Health Promotion Steering Group. We won this award for outstanding work in promoting communication in various ways across our school in areas such as Lámh signs and communication devices and technology. Well done to all the teachers and pupils who drove our progress in this area.

### **Tennis**

History was made last Monday as the first ever tennis team from Scoil Cholmcille travelled to Ashbourne to compete versus Gaelscoi Na Bóinne. The sun shone and every boy and girl got to play numerous games. Our opponents from Trim came out on top but none of that mattered as there was ice-cream for everybody. Our thanks to Elaine, our local tennis coach who runs our afterschool tennis classes, for organizing the day.

### **The Magic Within our Ears**

Congratulations to Nicole in Senior Infants on the launch of her book 'The Magic Within Our Ears' which she co-authored and illustrated with her friends in Chime. It is a unique insight into the lives of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The launch was held in Dunshaughlin library back in March. Well done Nicole, you are an inspiration to us all!