

Scoil Cholmcille



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We have arrived at the end of Term 2 and the Easter holidays are here. After all the excitement of Pancake Tuesday, the children have been reflecting on Lent as we prepare for Easter. Fr. Thomas also visited the school on Ash Wednesday and spent time with all classes discussing its significance. This is always a special time as we notice new life and resurrection all around the school. The mornings and evenings are brighter, and we see some pupils reverting back to walking and cycling. A special word to our wonderful 2nd Class pupils who received the sacrament of First Penance on March 26th. Well done to Ms. Hanly on preparing them so well. Casc Shona daoibh go léir!

Green Schools Action Day

On Friday March 14th, our Green Schools Committee held their Action Day to showcase to the school community the work they have been doing on the application for our 7th Green Flag – Global Citizenship Energy. The committee displayed projects on renewable and non-renewable sources of energy. Each class did an Art installation based on the theme of energy and we had games and experiments for all the pupils, parents and staff to try. We also had a live rendition of our 'Save Energy' song from our wonderful 3rd Class pupils.

On March 3rd, Bernadine Carry visited our school to assess our flag application. Our Green Committee gave a marvelous presentation in relation to all the good work we are doing to save energy. Fingers and toes crossed that we will be awarded our 7th flag and who knows what celebrity will be along to present it! Well done to our Green Committee and Ms. Girard for their work in leading this initiative across the school.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Ó Márta 10-14, bhíomar go léir ag celiúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge sa scoil. Ghlac na páistí páirt i tráth na gceist, amhráin, dánta, cluichí teanga, obair ealaíin, seanfhocail agus a lán rudaí eile freisin. Rinne gach

Dates for your diary

April 28th

School reopens following Easter break.

May 5th

Closed: Bank Holiday

May 17th

First Communion

Friendship Week

On March 24th-28th, we celebrated Friendship Week in Scoil Cholmcille. Over the course of the week, we concentrated on getting to know our peers better and looking out for others who needed a friend. Some classes made friendship wreaths or friendship trees. Other classes explored what a good friend is and what traits they most admired about their friends. Some children even earned themselves a homework voucher for a random act of kindness to others.



World Book Day in 2nd Class

dalta a dhícheall caint as Gaeilge freisin. On Friday 14th we held our Lá Glas and Céilí mór to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. All classes learned 'Preab an Asal' and 'Balla Luimní'. Following this, we had a demonstration from our expert Irish dancers in the school. We also had a visit from Martin Oakes, a former pupil of Scoil Cholmcille whose grandchildren are currently in the school. He spoke to the children about his days learning to play music in our school and gave a wonderful performance on both the tin-whistle and uilleann pipes.

School Sport

Orienteering has finished for another year with our trip to Cruagh Wood for the Leinster Championships. It was a glorious day in the Dublin mountains and a special mention to our winners Cian (5th Class boys) and Kate (6th Class girls). On March 20th our athletics team travelled to Navan Adventure Centre to compete in a cross-country event. We had superb participation from all with our 5th Class boys and 5th Class girls teams winning their sections. Also in March we made the trip to Ratoath for the Cumann na mBunscol mini sevens competition. Both teams performed admirably in tough conditions. Our boys were in contention right up until the final two games while our girls were narrowly edged out in the deciding fixture. Our 5th and 6th Class girls took part in the FAI 5-aside football tournament in the MDL, Navan on Wednesday last where they all played with smiles on their faces, win, lose or draw. A huge thank you to all of the teachers who help with our school sports throughout the year.

Showtime!

With great difficulty we have been trying to keep a lid on our excitement about our whole-school musical, 'Game of Scones' written and produced by our amazingly talented Mr. Fanning. The songs and music have been recorded, rehearsals have begun and we expect Broadway fever to hit on our return from the Easter holidays. It has been wonderful to welcome some old faces back to the school to help out with the musical elements of the show. The production is a fantatstic opportunity for our pupils' talents to come to the fore in a unique way. Every child in the school will be given the opportunity to participate in the show in some capacity. The show will run for three nights from June 10th-12th inclusive. Ticket details will issue after the Easter. Be sure to get in early to avoid disappointment. We can't wait to see you there!

Credit Union

Tara & District Credit Union have recommenced their savings collections in the school. The collection dates are: May 2nd, 16th, 30th & June 13th. Maximum deposit is €10 while there is a €2 minimum. Get Saving!

In the Community

Tara AC athletes the best in the land!

A great day for Tara AC last weekend at the National Juvenile Indoor Athletic Championships in Athlone. We are super proud of our three amazing pupils, Rosie, Stephanie and Isla who were part of the 4 X 200m U13 girls relay team who finished the day as All-Ireland Champions. If that wasn't enough Rosie went on to claim her second All-Ireland of the day, winning gold in the high jump with a personal best of 1.3m

Lots of socks, books and other stuff!

March 6th was World Book Day where our pupils reconnected with the magic of reading. Classes marked the day by creating bookmarks, bringing their favourite book to school, DEAR time and much more. Older classes and younger classes also teamed up for buddy reading. We celebrated World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st with our Lots of Socks fundraiser. Our school was awash with odd, colourful, long & short socks as we raised over €460 for the Down Syndrome Centre. Our U11 quiz team put in a strong performance in the Chapter level stage of the Credit Union competition on March 7th in Virginia finishing in 4th place on the night. Well done to Charlie, Ella, Tom & Riley. Meanwhile Senior Infants are busy with their Picker Pals Programme as they strive to make Skyrne litter free!