

Scoil Cholmcille



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Welcome to the May edition of our school newsletter. We are well into the Summer term and we are looking forward to all of the excitement that the end of year brings. May is the month of Mary and we have been reflecting on this in our most recent school assembly. Many of our classes have also transformed their Sacred Spaces into wonderful May altars to celebrate this special month in the Catholic schools' calendar. A warm welcome to our latest member of staff, Ms. Elizabeth Morland who joins the Scoil Cholmcille team in the role of SNA. Her dedication and care for our pupils is well known to us all by now and it is great to have her on board in a long-term capacity. Best wishes to Ms. Morland in her new role.

First Communion

Congratulations to our 2nd Class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 23rd. What a glamorous bunch they looked. Thank you to Fr. Thomas who, as always, delivered a lovely ceremony and for his care and kindness with the boys and girls. Well done to Ms. O'Rourke for all hard work preparing the class. Our wonderful choir were in fine voice and we are so lucky to have the expertise of Carmel Reilly to call on. The upbeat and joyous songs were a perfect soundtrack to a special day. As always, our amazing Parents Association do so much work behind the scenes to make these celebrations extra-special – a big thank you to them for all their efforts especially the refreshments laid on in the hall after the ceremony.

School Activities

The month of April finished with our Active Schools week. Our thanks to Elaine who led activity sessions with all of our classes. Mr. Newman showed off his expert dance moves as he got everybody moving with his 'Wake Up, Shake Up' morning. We finished the week by finding our zen with cosmic yoga sessions. Well done to Ms Dowling for organizing a fun & healthy week! Early in May, Junior Infants received a special treat as they got an unforgettable visit from not one, but two vets: Orla and Frank

Dates for your diary

May 29th – June 2nd

Closed: Bank Holiday break

June 24th

6th Class Graduation

June 26th

School closes for Summer break

Credit Union Quiz Team compete in RDS

Our Credit Union quizzers had another stellar season this year. They had the remarkable achievement of competing in the National finals which was held in the RDS on April 19th. For some of our team, it was their second visit to the national finals. They gave a fantastic performance on the day and we are very proud of their achievements over the course of the year. Well done JJ, Stephanie, Darragh and Senan



Wake Up, Shake Up!

O'Sullivan. They brought along 7yr old dog Marley and 2-day old baby lamb Uan to the delight of our boys and girls. Our junior infants got to ask lots of questions and feed and pet Marley. In 6th Class, our pupils put on a fantastic SESE exhibition where they showcased their cleverly made fact boxes on the Easter Rising. They also channeled their inner travel agent as they taught us more about the lesser-known European countries. Our Chess team also welcomed our neighbours in Scoil Mhuire Rathfeigh for a friendly game of chess. Ms. Brothwood has big plans for our chess club next month also. We would like to extend a big bienvenida to Ms. Elena Calavia who will be with us once a week until the end of term. Elena is providing Spanish tuition to our 5th & 6th Class pupils as part of the 'Say Yes to Languages' programme. Finally, our eternally busy Green Committee can be seen throughout the school grounds weeding, digging and tidying. They have also just completed the latest iteration of their famous plant sale which brought hordes of customers to our school looking for bargains to kickstart their summer gardens. This annual event raises vital funds for the committee and well done to all the members and Ms. Girard for their work.

School Sport

It has been an exciting few weeks of sport in Scoil Cholmcille. Our U11 boys Olympic Handball team are All-Ireland Champions! having won the Meath and Leinster titles earlier in 2026. In a nail-biting final vs Crosshaven (Cork) our boys just about prevailed on a 4-3 score line. What a brilliant campaign by this team who trained so hard since Christmas. A special mention to our 3rd Class boys who have made training so competitive and have pushed this panel on to great things. Their time will come. Finally, a huge thanks to Ms. Harrington and Ms. Foxe for looking after and coaching the lads. Comhghairdeas sibh go léir! Elsewhere in sport, our rounders teams have been in action. Our Orienteering league season also concluded in May with a trip to St. Annes Park in Raheny. Congratulations to Cian (6th) and Senan (5th) who were league winners for their respective categories.

Reminders

- **Lost & Found:** There is a vast collection of school uniform tops, coats, hats etc. in the lost & found box outside Ann's office. Please call in if missing anything
- **Road Safety:** With more pupils cycling/walking to school this term, please ensure that you are safe and visible at all times. Always use the footpath and only cross at the pedestrian crossing.

In the Community

On the Move

For the Summer term, Junior Infants – 3rd Classes received coaching sessions from Joan from Meath Athletics. This mini athletics programme focused on the fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, throwing, catching and balance.

Dance World Cup

Ireland may not have qualified for the World Cup but Dunshaughlin Dance school have! Not only that but we have two pupils who will be part of it all. Best wished to Freya and Fiadh who will be part of the team for the event to be held in The Convention Centre in July.

Tara AC girls do it again

For most people winning one All-Ireland title would be a great achievement – However it was merely business as usual for our brilliant Tara AC 4 x 200 indoor relay girls team who, for the third year running, claimed All-Ireland glory in Athlone! We are very proud of Stephanie, Rosie, Isla and Bonnie. Well done to Tara AC and all their coaches.



First Communion Class 2026