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## Newsletter Easter 2026

### Nuachtlitir na Cásca 2026

- Cásca sona oraibh go léir. Tá súil agam go bhfuil sos suaimhneach agaibh go léir. Tá súil agam go bhfeabhsóidh an aimsir don tseachtain seo chugainn.

#### **STEMtacular**

Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> Class on all their hard work with their six projects that they entered into STEMtacular in Ballinamore. All six projects were fantastic with great investigations, learning and conclusions. The school were very well represented and came home with the University of Limerick Best School STEMtacular 2026. A huge achievement for our first time at the event. The class also won a trip to UL for some more science exploration. Well done to Ms. Brogan for her hard work also.

#### **Chess**

We entered 3 teams into the Chess Competition in the Gaelscoil. The children on all three teams had practised at lunch time over the past few months. It was a great learning experience and the Chess Club at school will surely benefit moving forward.

#### **Handball**

Congratulations to all the children that represented our school with pride at the National School Handball Competition in February - Emily Faughnan, Muireann Cox, Sarah Creegan, Conor Creegan, Liam Cox, Dáire O'Mahoney, Alex Beirne, Senan Cox and Darragh Carney.

Super well done to Conor and Liam who progressed to the Connacht Finals. Thank you to all involved in Annaduff Handball for their work with this competition.

### **Debating**

Hard luck to our debate team who were unlucky not to progress to the next stages after they opposed the motion that 'Fines are the best way to tackle textile waste".

### **Basketball**

On Friday January 17<sup>th</sup> our 6<sup>th</sup> class travelled to Mohill Sports Complex to compete against Drumshanbo and Mohill in a basketball blitz. They thoroughly enjoyed their day and showed great teamwork, co-operation and support to each other.

### **Board Of Management Update**

A meeting of the Board of Management of Annaduff National School took place on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>. The principal presented the Principal's Report and the Child Protection Oversight Report. The meeting discussed the status of the new building timeline. The developing afterschool and the new morning club were discussed and how a new member of staff will be needed for September 2026 for the afterschool second room. A new Electronic Banking Policy and Special Education Policy were ratified.

### **Attendance**

Schools are legally bound to forward to TUSLA Child and Family Agency details of pupils who are absent from school for twenty or more days in any one year. TUSLA require an explanation for all absences. It is therefore necessary for you to give the reason for all your child's absences on Aladdin.

### **Student Council**

Annaduff Student Council ran a very successful Lá Glas on Friday March 13th which collected €750 for SADS. This money was given to Erin Newton who ran 10km in memory of our dear past pupil Leah Faughnan R.I.P. Thank you to all who supported the cause.

### **School Assembly**

Super well done to naíonáin shinsearacha, rang a haon, rang a ceathair agus rang a cúig who ran our school assembly in the church in March. A great display of drama, comhrá as gaeilge and music was on show. Junior Infants, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will run the next assembly in April.

### **The Green School Committee**

The Green School Committee were very busy the last few weeks. They had an artist Harriet out to the school last week and they created a beautiful mural on the back of the grotto wall. It has brightened up the yard and is a beautiful depiction of nature at its best. They have entered into 'The Love Where You Live Competition' again so they have lots of ideas to work on over the next few weeks. Keep an eye on the school website for details. Please remember the school has a Re-turn Bin outside the main gate and any plastic bottles that are returned will benefit the school finances in the long term.

### **Swimming**

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class are currently travelling to Longford for swimming lessons. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will go from April 29<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Scór na bPáistí**

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Scór na bPáistí. Children from our school will represent us in acts such as figure dancing, quiz, recitations, solo singing, ballad groups, instrumental music and novelty acts. We look forward to the showcasing of the

immense talent in Annaduff NS. Thank you to all the staff that are putting in a big effort for this event.

**Website** <https://www.annaduffns.ie/>

Reminder to check in on our school website for updates, school information and photos.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Return after Easter Break
Monday April 27 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for Curriculum Training for staff
Saturday May 16 <sup>th</sup>	First Communion in Annaduff Church at 11am
Wednesday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Senior School Tour (2 <sup>nd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> )
Friday June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Junior School Tour (Junior Infants to 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Tuesday June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer Holidays at 12 noon

- Go raibh mile maith agaibh as ucht bhur dtaíocht agus chomh oibriú. Táimid fíor bhuíoch díobh as ucht chuile rud.

Clare Caslin & Staff

