



# Our Cumann na mBunscol Hurling Champions!

The Westmeath men are on fire, the Westmeath women are on fire, and now St. Colman's boys hurling team are joining in the glory!

Huge congratulations to our fantastic boys hurling team who won their division 2 hurling final in Cusack Park on Monday afternoon. Ballinagore NS provided the opposition in what was a very entertaining game with goals galore for both sides. There were outstanding performances across the field from both sides on the day. A special mention for player of the match Matthew Leavy who was presented with his trophy by Cumann na mBunscol Chairperson Derek Butler after the final whistle. Well done to all involved in this special achievement. We are so proud of you all!



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- First Holy Communion: 23rd May in St Paul's Church at 11am
- School Tours: 15th-25th June
- 5K Family Fun Run: 14th June
- Active School Week: 15th-20th June
- 6th Class Graduation Mass: 24th June @ 6pm
- School Finishes: Friday 26th June @ 12pm

### School closures

- School Training Day: Monday 25th May
- June Bank Holiday: Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd June



## Mobile Phones in School

We wish to remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted on the school grounds. This is a national directive from the Minister of Education and we are asking for your cooperation with this. If a child needs to be contacted during the day, parents should contact the school office and likewise if a child needs to ring home they are always welcome to do so.

Separately, our Parents Association have put a Voluntary Agreement in place where parents can support each other by signing up and com-

mitting not to provide their child with a smartphone until they finish Primary School. We are encouraging parents to support one another and to come on board with this initiative. Parents can sign up via the QR code below:





# Students Council News

## Re-Turn bottle target smashed

The Student Council sprung into spring with a fun initiative of a "Bottle Race". Their aim was to further promote the Re-Turn scheme introduced by last year's Student Council while raising funds to buy a new set of portable goalposts that would be enjoyed by all the children in the summer term. They set an ambitious target of collecting and Re-Turning 2,500 bottles in one week...

and smashed it, raising an unbelievable €995.60! The children would like to thank everyone who supported them. Goalposts were ordered, delivered and are getting maximum use during these dry days. Thank you all involved in this initiative, in particular Mrs. Walters, Ms. Murphy and our Student Council representatives.



## New Climbing Wall

Another new addition to the school is our fantastic new climbing wall in the school hall. This was something the Student Council proposed at their very first meeting of the year with Mr. Beehan. With the support of our Board of Management we were delighted to bring this proposal to fruition in early March. This has been a fabulous addition to the school and is in daily use for movement breaks and gymnastics lessons across all class levels.



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## Daffodil Day

St. Colman's has a long and proud tradition of supporting and promoting Daffodil Day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society — a cause that is deeply important to us all.

As in every year, the Student Council took charge of organising the event. They promoted a non-uniform day and encouraged students to donate in support of Daffodil Day. They also collected contributions

from every class, ensured everyone received a Daffodil Day pin, and carefully counted the funds before preparing them for donation.

The Student Council is delighted to announce that a total of €1,346.20 was raised!

We are incredibly grateful to every child, family, and staff member who contributed so generously. Your support made this day a great success.





## Hobby Hour

Our Wellbeing Team recently started an initiative in the school called 'Hobby Hour'. This is a wonderful opportunity for boys and girls from different classes to come together once a week to take part in an activity of their choosing and to make friends with other children who have similar interests. Thus far the children have been taking part in activities such as Cookery, Crocheting, Gymnastics, Lego, 3D printing, STEM, Board Games and Irish Dancing. We have started with Third to Sixth Class but hope to roll this out to our junior classes towards the end of the month. We hope the boys and girls are enjoying this initiative and are making some new friends.





## Aladdin Shows

A huge congratulations to the children in Mrs. Gilligan's and Ms. Kelly's classes on their outstanding performance in Aladdin in February. Since October, they had worked incredibly hard alongside our Arts Centre tutors, Daniel, Sarah and Linda, and their dedication truly shone through on both nights. They sang and danced their hearts out, thoroughly entertaining a sell-out crowd with their energy, confidence, and talent.

Our choir, along with their amazing choir teachers, Mrs. Dowling, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Duffy, contributed hugely to the volume and energy levels on each night. A huge thank you to them for all of the work they put into learning the songs and practising so intently over a period of months. Everyone in St. Colman's is so proud of you all. What incredible talent we have here in our school!



## Cumann na mBunscol Sports Quiz Winners



Congratulations to our Sixth Class boys who recently won the Westmeath Cumann na mBunscol Sports Quiz hosted by The Downs.

## Beech Grove Parking

We have been asked by the residents of Beech Grove to remind our parent body to please be careful when parking in the area at drop off and collection time. In the interest of safety, we would ask that everyone please avoid using private driveways to turn vehicles as this may lead to an accident. Your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated.



# Scór na bPáistí

We were delighted to host the first round of Scór na bPáistí in the school hall this year during Seachtain na Gaeilge. We had fantastic representation from the school again and had several entries across a number of categories, many of whom progressed eventually to the county finals in The Downs last month. A huge well done

to all involved and in particular to our county champions who took first place with their outstanding Novelty Act and to our Quiz team who came 2nd overall. A special thank you to Ms. Kelly, Ms. Casey and Mr. Geraghty for their hard work and dedication with this very talented group of boys and girls.



# New Accommodation Update

The builders have made very good progress on our new building and are expecting to be finishing up by the end of May. Internally, the building is practically complete and all that remains is to connect the services, reinstatement works and installation of the new soft play area for the new special classes. We cannot wait to move in and start fitting out the new rooms and look forward to having everything up and running for September.

