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"This school should be used as a model for other schools around the country" - The Minister for Education and Science



"I get the sense that this is a school that really 'gets' boys." - Catherine Shanahan, Irish Examiner

Our Links site has had 34,953 views since September 2021

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Interviews are now taking place for Producers, Sound Crew, Lighting Crew, Judges, Presenters etc. See below for results of interviews.

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to Scoil na mBuachaillí and happy new Year. We hope you all had a restful holiday. Reminder: we are enrolling for 23/24 at present and there will be an Open Day on the 1st of February, 2023, more details later.

Dates for your Diary

Chess is on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school until 4.00 p.m. Chess started on the 25th of October.

27th of January 2023: Clonakilty Assessment Tests for boys in Rang 6 10.00 – 1.15 p.m.

1st of February 2023: Enrolment / Open Day in SnB. Places are offered to children for 2023/2024.

6th of February 2023: School closed, Bank Holiday.

First Holy Communion Enrolment Ceremony: 11.30a.m. mass on Sunday 12th of February. Children with their parents must attend.

15th of February 2023: Final date for accepting a place in SnB for 2023/2024.

16th & 17th of February 2023: School closed, mid term break.

8th of March, 2023: First Confession in the Church @ 7.00 p.m.

17th of March 2023: School closed, St. Patrick's Day.

31st of March 2023: The children get their Easter Holidays @ 12.00 p.m.

3rd – 14th of April 2023: Easter Holidays.

Monday April 24th : Scoil na mBuachaillí & Knockskeagh N.S. Confirmation in Clonakilty Church. All the Confirmations are at 10.30am.

1st of May 2023: School closed, Bank Holiday.

Saturday 6th of May, 2023: First Holy Communion date @ 10.30 a.m. in the parish church.

15th of May 2023: School closed, holiday.

5th & 6th of June 2023: School closed.

21st and 22nd of June 2023: Proposed dates for Scoilavision 2023.

Sixth class party: to be decided _____



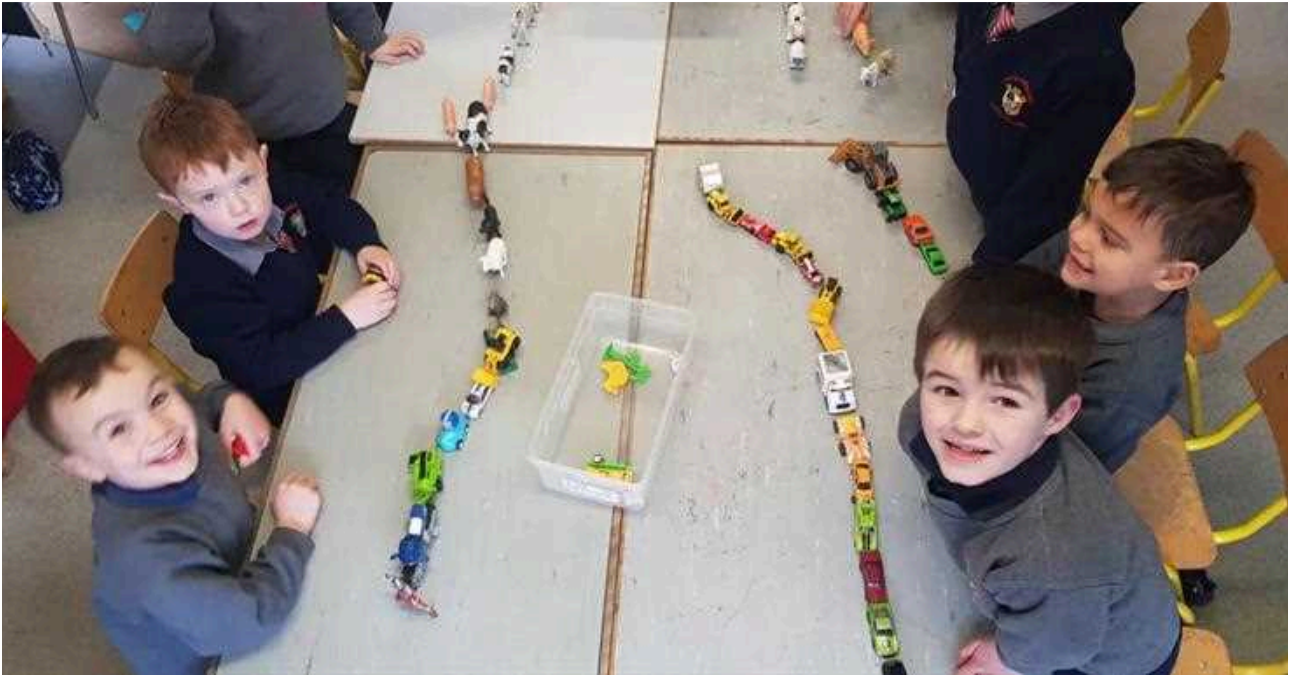
2022/2023 Calendar

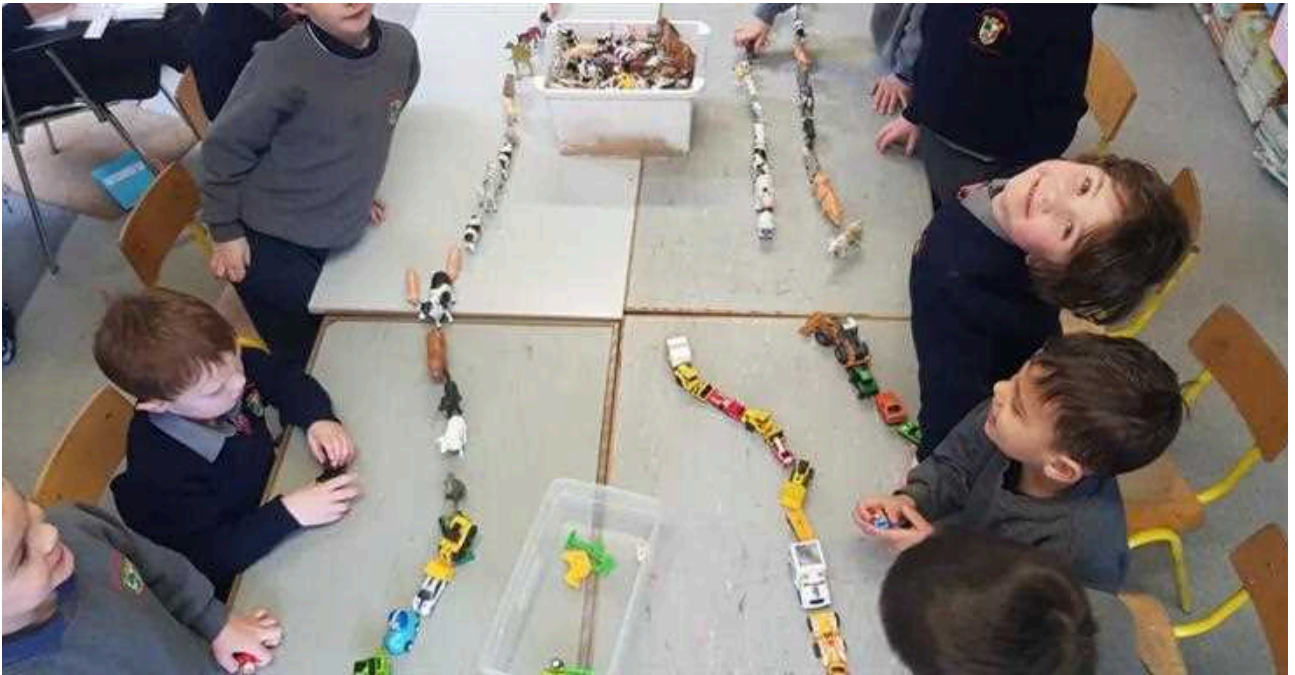
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Swimming: Kung 2 & Kung 3
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Swimming: half Kung 0 & Kung 6/0
Swimming: Kung 3 & half Kung 0

Juniors B learning positioning.... first second etc to last









Quiz teams getting ready for CU quiz



This year the Credit Union quiz is taking place on Sunday January 29th. We have two teams who are taking part in the quiz. Many thanks to Ms. Regina Fitzmaurice for organising the quiz in our school and looking after the boys on the day.

Under 11 Team – Sam Murphy, Ewan Bell, Conor Moore and Danny Forristal.

Under 13 Team – Matthew Kingston, Josh Wedlock, Ethan O Donovan, Rian Kelleher.

They have been busy preparing at lunchtime each day this week and we are all looking forward to the quiz on Sunday.

Thank you to Ms. Mac Auley, Mr. Daly, Ms. O'Donovan and Mr. Lynch who helped in the selection of the teams by running the quiz rounds in their classrooms. Well done to all the boys who entered and congratulations to the boys who were selected in the end. We wish both teams the best of luck on Sunday. Below is a piece written by the Under 13 teams. Ms. Fitzmaurice

Credit Union Quiz

Written by Matthew Kingston, Josh Wedlock, Ethan O Donovan, Rian Kelleher.

This year the Credit Union Quiz is back again after three years of it being on zoom. We all did the quiz try-outs to be on the team. Matthew Kingston came first, Josh Wedlock came second then Ethan O Donovan and Rian Kelleher came third. All of us are on the U 13s team and we have been practicing every day leading up to the Credit Union quiz on Sunday the 29th of January in Ahamilla. The second stage is in Cork on the 4th of March. The people on the under 11s team are [Sam Murphy](#), [Ewan Bell](#), [Conor Moore](#) and [Danny Forristal](#). We practice with them every break and we are really enjoying it all. There are lots of different schools in the competition. We'll let you know how we get on next week.

A Great Start to 2023!

Rang 7 (Ms. Gillian Galvin's class) have got the new year off to a great start. They have been busy baking, making decorations for the Chinese New Year and went to post a parcel in the post office.

Tús maith, leath na hoibre!





Parent's Association sponsor a 2nd Foozball table

Many thanks to the Parent's Association, who recently sponsored a second Foozball table for the yard. It's proving to be very popular.



Senior Infants show their Rockets



Mrs. Connolly celebrates 30 years in SnB



Having fun in the hall

You can see below photos of our OT Karen working in the hall with the boys.



School Fees 2022/2023

*If you are worried about any of the fees below – please **don't worry!**
Contact Barth Harrington on 023 8834487 to discuss the matter.*

Art and Craft (all classes) (€12) + Drama (€2): €14.00

Christmas Magazine 2022/2023: €5.00 (all classes)

Elocution (all classes): €8.50

French Lessons Term 1 (Rang 2 – Rang 6): €8.00

French Lessons Term 2 (Rang 2 – Rang 6): €8.00

Photocopying & Printing (all classes): €20.00
Rental Scheme (Rang 1 – Rang 6): €30.00
Swimming (Rang 1 – Rang 6): €49.00
Zumba dancing (Special classes, Junior Infants – Rang 2/3): €6.00

Optional

Milk Term 3 | April – June 2023 (All Classes) | €?

Music Lessons (Optional)

Music enrolment for 2022 /2023 Term 1 (these lessons are optional) Please note: your child can only study 2 instruments maximum.

Cajon Lessons with Laurie Hedger (Rang 1 – Rang 6) €20

Drum Lessons with Laurie Hedger (Rang 3 – Rang 6): €40

Brass Instruments with Adrian Hanley (the instrument will be supplied to the child) (Rang 3 – Rang 6): €150

Kay O'Flynn: Guitar (Rang 2 – Rang 6): €84

Kay O'Flynn: Keyboard (Rang 2 – Rang 6): €84

Kay O'Flynn: Tin Whistle (Senior Infants – Rang 6): €84

Kay O'Flynn: Accordion (Individual lessons): (Rang 2 – Rang 6): €110

Conan GAA Coaching: €5

Scoilavision Interviews – Results

Rohan O'Donoghue and Eoin O'Sullivan have been appointed as **IT/Video**

Managers

Jack Allen and Morgan Cregan have been appointed as **Sound Crew Managers**.

Colin O'Reilly has been appointed as **Assistant Sound Crew Manager**.

Please see photos below of Sound Crew for Scoilavision 2023



School Chess Teams

We have now finished all the leagues and have our Chess teams chosen for 2023. The teams are now coming Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school getting ready for the competition in Barryroe on the 25th of January.



Spelling Bee













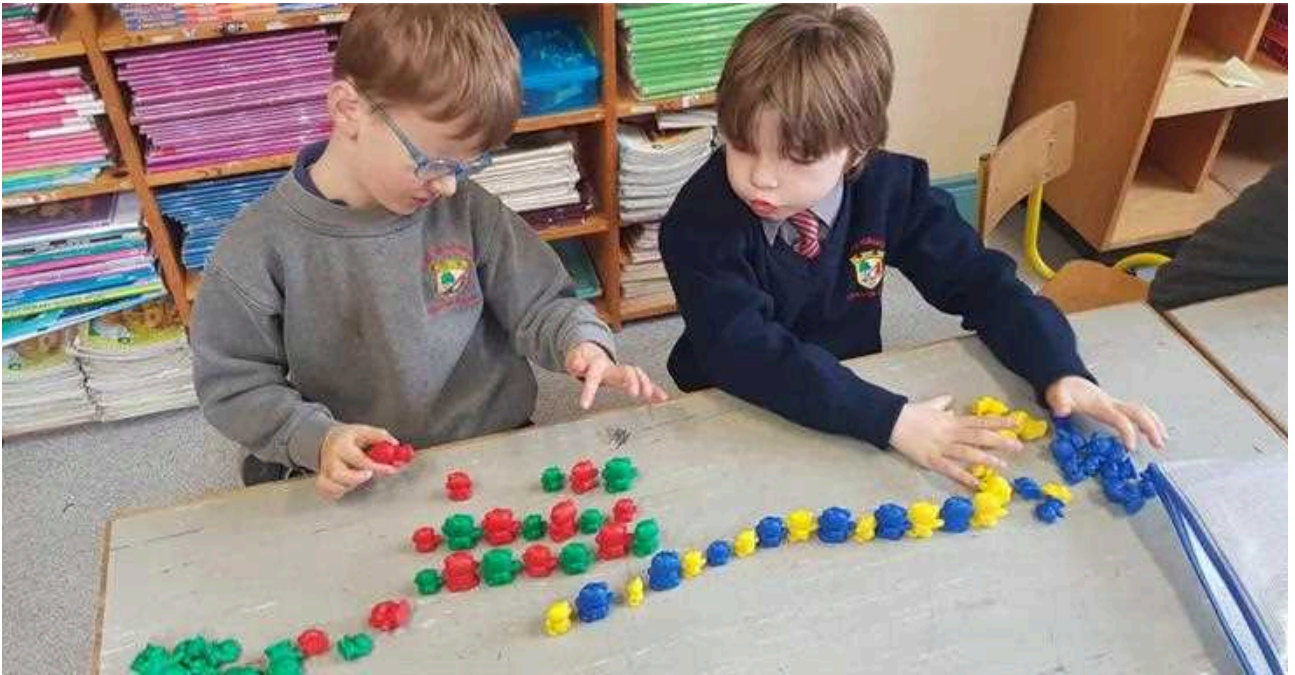






Juniors B working on Patterns







Global Schools in Rang 6

By Josh Wedlock & Matthew Alfonso
On Tuesday we had a workshop from Birgit O Driscoll, a Senior Green Schools Coordinator for Global Citizenship. We did a workshop about the Global Classroom

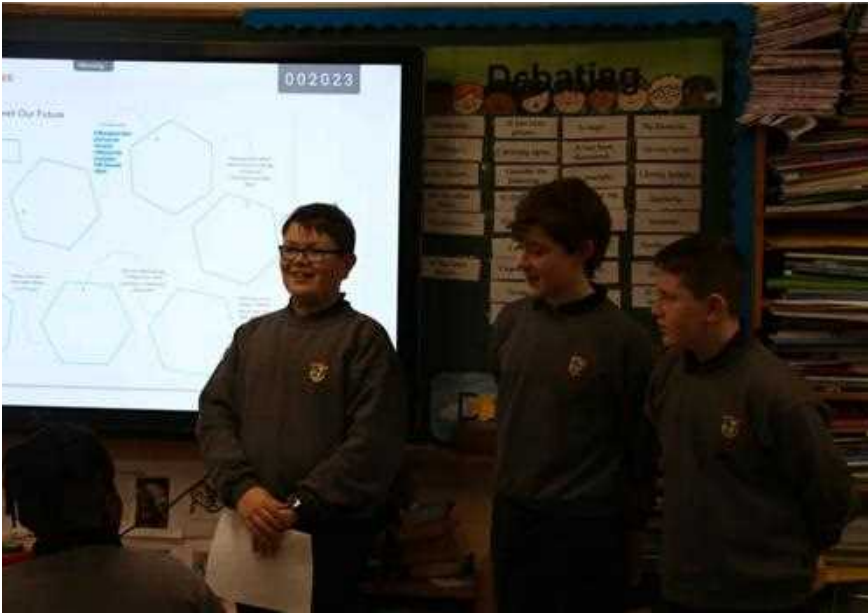
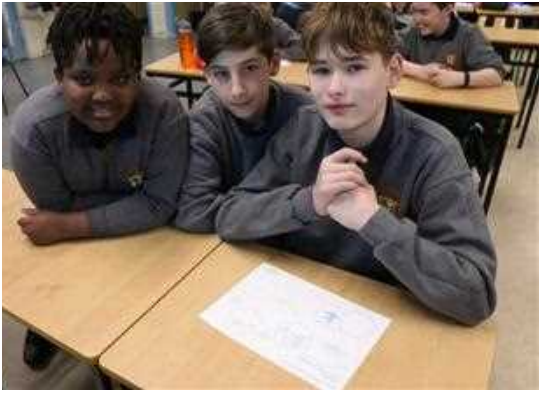
Project we are taking part in. We are one of ten school In Ireland chosen to take part in this global project.

We began by discussing what an ecosystem is- an ecosystem is a geographic area where plants , animals and other organisms, as well as weather and landscapes work together to form a bubble of life. We were divided into groups of three and had to come up with what ecosystem we would like to save. We were given a template to help us figure this out. We then thought about what would be a good invention to either restore the ecosystem, reimagine the eco-system or re-educate people about the ecosystem.

The first group came up with bamboo umbrellas that water plants in the city ecosystem. . Another group came up with a giant filter to stop water pollution in the river ecosystem. Another chose to do a fundraising campaign and they made a really nice stop motion video. Another group thought of a nocturnal rubbish collecting robot for cities. Another group thought of a beach clean up robot also there was a tree planting go kart. One group came up with a ship that would pick up trash from the ocean. It would have a net attached and also a fish detector. Another a ship that floats and traps rubbish it was really fun we will have to make a prototype

The next step is to create a prototype which we will display at the open day. We will then vote for the best one and this prototype will go forward to an international event with schools from UAE, South Africa, Germany and Ireland







Former Ireland International Alan Bennett Surprise Visit

Former Ireland International Alan Bennett personally visited the boys in Sixth class to deliver specially designed activity books produced by the FAI, that we applied for. Alan played professional football for 9 years in England for such clubs as Reading, Southampton and current Premiership high flyers Brentford as well as captaining his home club, Cork City. He told the boys that getting the call to play in the Aviva for his country was the highlight of his career. He generously gave his time to talk and answer questions. Alan highlighted the vital importance of a good attitude and effort in all aspects of life. He was very impressed with the quality of questions asked and is very keen to visit the school again. Safe to say the boys were in awe and he had to sign a few autographs before he left!

Many thanks to Mr. Paul Carmody for inviting Alan to the school.



Mrs. Connolly's Carol Service

On the day of the Christmas holidays Mrs. Connolly held a Carol Service via the intercom – due to Covid concerns.







Christmas Crossword Winners

Thanks to Ms. Regina Fitzmaurice for organising the Christmas Concert again this year. Pictured below you can see the prize winners for Christmas 2022.



Ms. Horgan baking for Christmas



Christmas Art in Rang 5-6





Advertising

*If you would like to book an ad for the coming school year 2022 – 2023 please let Noreen know as soon as possible. The number of ads is **limited**. Our Links goes to all parents in the school – 10 times a year – at the beginning of each month. Now due to the fact that it's online many more people will view the Links. The cost is €20 per issue or at a discount of €150 for the entire year! Please ring 8834487 if you are interested.*

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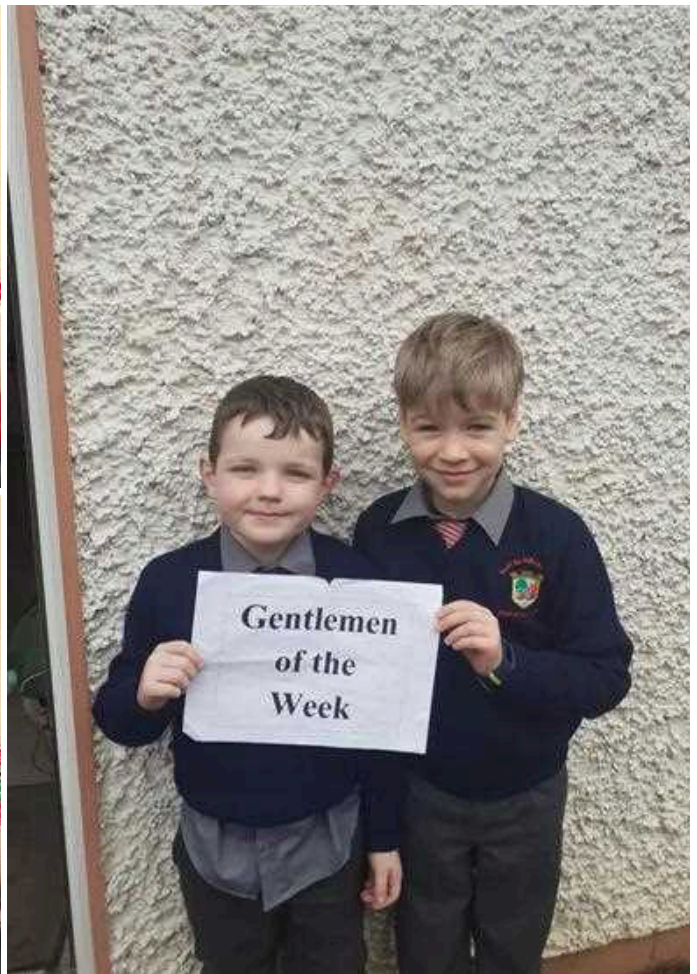
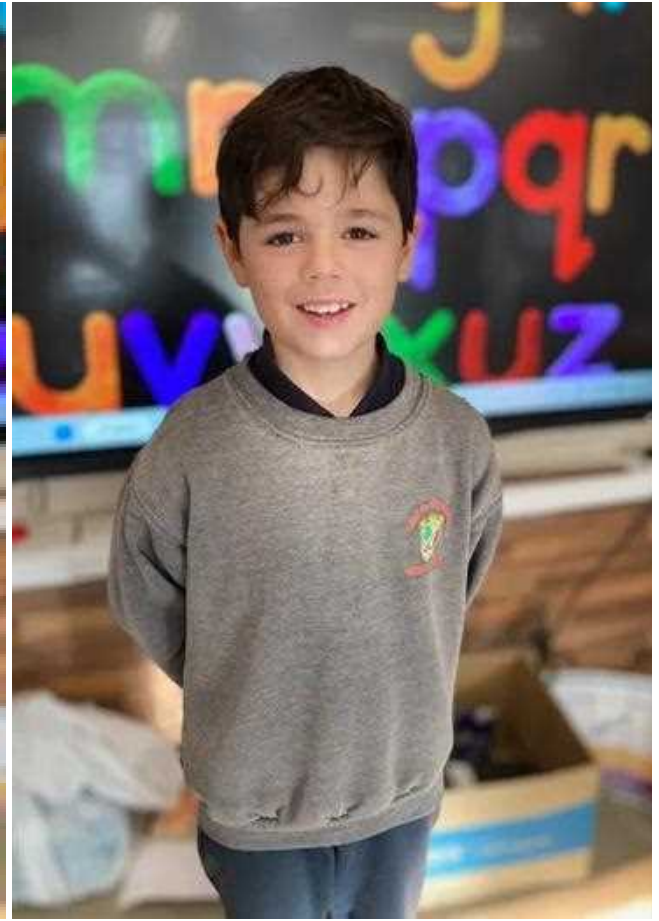
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What's going on? ... in school and extra-curricular activities.

Basketball 22/23: Basketball training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the end of September / early October. Thanks to Ms. Carol Anne O'Donovan / Seán Daly / Paul Carmody for assisting again with Basketball this year. This year it have to be run as last year – Tuesday will be for Rang 5 / Thursday will be for Rang 6.

Quizzard '22/23: will start soon. Classes from Rang 3 – Rang 6 will be participating. This will start in November.

Chess: starts at the end of September. Boys in Rang 4, Rang 5 and Rang 6 may participate. It will run on Tuesdays and Wednesday after school. We hope to start before the end of September and end before Easter.

Thanks to Ms. Niamh Mac Auley for her help with the players. Thanks to Ms. Gillian Galvin for her help with the Learners Chess Club.

Soccer Competitions

Senior Infants Soccer

Held on Fridays only

Rang 1 & Rang 2

Held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Teams are on website.

Rang 3, Rang 4, Rang 5 & Rang 6

Held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Teams are on website.

Multi-Media Authoring / Video Editing / Computer Lessons / Coderdojo – for Rang 2, Rang 3, Rang 4, Rang 5 and Rang 6 will hopefully start this year. Thanks to Mrs. Margaret Deegan for hopefully teaching Coder Dojo to Rang 2 each week.

Swimming: for Rang 1/2 and Rang 4 started on the 9th of December, finishing on the 27th of January, 2023.

Wardens – every year Rang 6 act as School Wardens. The scheme is up and running. Thanks to our team of SET teachers who are looking after the wardens again this year. Thanks also to Chris Hinchy for his help again this year.

25,000 Bottles refilled at the Water Cooler







P.E. / Soccer Timetable

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Soccer

P.E.

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| Junior Infants (Mrs. Marie Forristal) | Not applicable | Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays |
| Junior Infants /Senior Infants (Ms. Michelle O'Neill) | Fridays for Seniors | Wednesdays and Fridays |
| Rang 1 (Ms. Kathryn O'Shea / Ms. Karen O'Regan) | Tuesdays and Thursdays | Tuesdays and Fridays |
| Rang 1 / 2 (Miss Therese Crowley) | Tuesdays & Thursdays for Rang 1 Mondays & Wednesdays for Rang 2 | Tuesdays and Thursdays |
| Rang 2/3 (?) | Mondays & Wednesdays for Rang 2 Mondays for Rang 3 | Mondays and Fridays |
| Rang 3 (?) | Mondays | Mondays and Thursday |
| Rang 4 (Mrs. Marie Hayes) | Tuesdays | Tuesdays & Wednesdays |
| Rang 5 (Ms. Carol Ann O'Donovan) | Wednesdays | Tuesdays and Wednesdays |
| Rang 5/6 (Mr. Seán Daly) | Wednesdays for Rang 5 Thursdays for Rang 6 | Mondays and Fridays |
| Rang 6 (Ms. Niamh Mac Auley) | Thursdays | Tuesdays and Thursdays |

This timetable may be updated in September 2022

Contact Numbers

If you have moved, changed phone/mobile numbers or changed doctor or emergency contact person or got a new email address – please update these details on the **Aladdin App yourself** so that we can contact you in case of emergency. You can do this yourself, there is no need to ring in, just change it on the App and we will be notified automatically.

We will no longer be sending texts to parents – we will just use the Aladdin app.

“Cent” Box – Thorntree Project



“Cent” boxes will continue this year.

Rang 5 (Ms. Carol Ann O’Donovan) and Rang 5/6 (Mr. Seán Daly) will be in charge of this and will inform you later of how it will be organised. We have been assisting the Thorntree Project since 2015, when we release a Christmas single “Butterfly Child”. Please support this worthy cause, when asked to do so.

Nut Allergy – IMPORTANT!

Quite a significant number of boys in our school are **allergic to nuts** and for them any contact with nuts or products containing traces of nuts can be dangerous for example NUTELLA or Peanut Butter!!!!

Please be aware of this when organising your child’s lunch and **DO NOT** allow your child to bring anything containing nuts to school. Your help in this matter is very much appreciated.

Please give your children water to drink coming to school – not sweet or fizzy drinks.

NUTELLA OR PEANUTS are not permitted. This is for safety reasons. them. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



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Recycling – Green Waste

Over the past few years we have tried – in vain – to recycle our Green Waste and unfortunately it hasn't worked out, probably because the only waste was fruit.

The Recycling bins have been attracting visitors that we don't want! Because of this we are asking boys to bring home their apple cores, banana skins (organic waste) etc from now on.

Tin foil and uneaten lunches will be brought home also. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Can Can-Paign



All cans gratefully received. Please contact **Ms. Regina Fitzmaurice** if you have any query re. this matter. Many thanks to Ms. Fitzmaurice. She and 6th class will also look after the school garden and glasshouse. The money that is collected by this scheme is used in the school garden. Thanks to Maroof and Colin for looking after the cans this coming year.



Roots of Empathy

Roots of Empathy is an international, universal, evidence-based, classroom programme that has shown dramatic effect in reducing aggression among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. Barnardos was chosen as the lead agency to deliver the programme in Ireland in 2011.



Roots of Empathy

The programme has been delivered in a hundred and thirty primary schools around Ireland with a small number of schools in Cork and Waterford already participating. As a result of support from the Tomar Trust, Barnardos is now in a position to roll out the programme in West Cork & Waterford schools. They are currently developing a three year plan to involve schools in Cork and Waterford in the Roots of Empathy programme. We have been chosen as one of the West Cork Schools and will be implementing the programme this coming year. Please note Covid-19 may change these plans.

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