

EMPER NEWS

Spring Edition

Thank You!

We also had another generous collection for our Cash 4 Clothes appeal. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful parents and community members who always give generously. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Creative February!

As part of our participation in the Creative Arts Pilot this year, we celebrated Creative February Week. This initiative encouraged children to explore and express themselves through various forms of creativity. The children enjoyed a fun workshop with our Creative Arts Leader, David, where they made hand puppets and created exciting dramas and scenarios using their puppet characters. The stories really came to life in a fun and inspiring way, sparking the children's imaginations.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we welcome the vibrant season of spring, we are delighted to share the wonderful moments and achievements of our school community over the past few weeks.

This term, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a heartwarming Grandparents Day mass. Thank you to all the family members who were able to join us. The children created beautiful art pieces to represent their grandparents and performed a lovely song. Special prayers were also made available for everyone to take home. We are grateful for the opportunity to honour and cherish the special bond between our students and their grandparents. We also kept in our prayers those grandparents who were unable to travel due to various circumstances, holding them close in our thoughts.

Gymnastics!

The children participated in four weeks of gymnastics instruction. It was fantastic to see their skills improve and progress over the weeks. We extend a massive thank you to our wonderful gymnastics instructor, Carol-Anne, whose dedication and enthusiasm brought joy to each lesson.



Table Quiz

Congratulations to both teams that participated in the Credit Union Schools Table Quiz in the Mullingar Park Hotel. Team 1, consisted of Jack O'Rourke (Captain), Kathryn Kiernan (Scribe), Charlie Flanagan, and Tomás Maxwell-Duggan. Team 2 included Callum Byrne (Captain), Grace Clancy (Scribe), Odhrán Maguire, and Leah Hunt. A special thank you to our substitute Jayden Moran Teague and Elih Kelly, who unfortunately could not participate on the night due to illness. Well done to all for representing our school with pride! It was a fun night enjoyed by all.



St Brigid's Day

Another highlight was of course the celebration of St. Brigid's Day. As the patron saint of our school, Scoil Naomh Bhríde, this day holds a special place in our hearts. The day began with a beautiful mass, where our students participated with great enthusiasm and reverence. A particularly meaningful part of the day was when the children crafted traditional St. Brigid's crosses, which were then blessed by Fr. Fitzsimons and distributed to parishioners, spreading the spirit and legacy of St. Brigid throughout our community.



Good Soil!

This term, the children in the Senior classes had fun investigating soil samples as part of their Geography topic on 'Natural Environments.' They explored the local natural environment, examining different soil profiles and types. A special thank you to Edward Kiernan for allowing us to use his field to collect soil samples—we can confirm that the land in Emper is indeed good! The children also compared more fertile soil samples to lighter, less fertile soil samples, enhancing their understanding of our local environment. In addition to soil investigations, the children also explored the foliage that grows in our local area, learning about the variety of plant life that thrives in our environment.

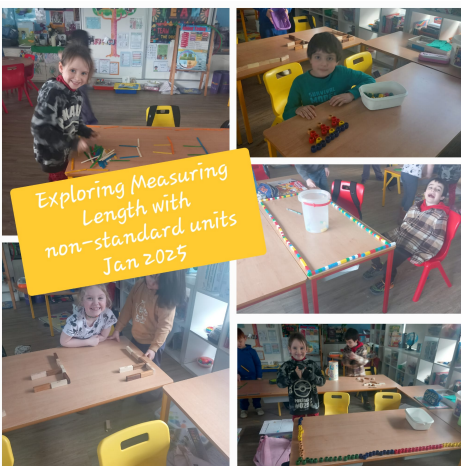


TY Students!

Many thanks to our fantastic TY students who are currently undergoing work experience in Emper NS. We had Cáit Clarke from Wilson's Secondary School and Maria Guzenda from Rochfortbridge Secondary School. We wish these capable girls the very best in the future for whatever career path they choose to take.

The children in the Senior Room are taking part in the exciting *Meet the Scientist* programme, where they have the unique opportunity to engage with real scientists and explore the fascinating world of science. Dr. Marina Zaki captivated students by explaining why blood is so vital to our bodies. Professor Louise Allcock, a marine biologist, took them on an incredible journey to the deepest parts of the ocean, unveiling the mysteries of life beneath the waves. Radiographer Blessing Faloyan provided a fascinating insight into how X-ray machines work. Each session offered valuable and enjoyable learning experiences, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for science among our students.

The children in the Junior Room have been exploring the concept of length, using non-standard units to measure various lines and objects. This hands-on approach has made learning both fun and engaging.



Bia!

Is é *Bia* an téama Gaeilge againn an tseachtain seo. Tá na páistí ag glacadh páirte i ngníomhaíochtaí taitneamhacha agus spreagúla trí Ghaeilge, ag cothú muiníne ina gcuid Gaeilge labhartha. Rinne an Seomra Sinsearach a gcuid scileanna Gaeilge a chleachtadh agus iad ag cócaireacht píotsa ag úsáid na Gaeilge amháin.



Bhí an Seomra Sóisearach ag cleachtadh radhairc sa siopa, ag tabhairt beocht dá bhfoghlaim teanga ar bhealach spráúil.

