



## **St. Brigid's National School**

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## **March Newsletter 2023**

### **Pancake Tuesday**

We had a great day celebrating Pancake Tuesday. A big thank you to Mr. McGreal and Bernie for making everyone delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

### **Child Protection-Parent Survey**

Many thanks to the parents who took the time to complete the child protection-parent survey. Following the feedback received it was agreed to list the DLP and DDLP on all school newsletters. Please note that the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Nóra Lynch and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) is Grace Conneally.

### **Oral Language**

This month all classes are focusing on synonyms for 'Little' in their Morning Meeting each morning and continue to focus on the tongue twister and idiom of the week.

### **Science Workshop - Lismore Heritage**

All pupils got the opportunity to take part in a science workshop with Lismore Heritage last week. They all enjoyed participating in hands on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) related activities. The Parents Association will cover the cost of this activity.

### **Engineers Week 2023/Engineering Competition**

Engineers Week took place last week and we are very excited about our Engineering competition to promote Engineering and critical thinking among our pupils. Children were asked to design and construct a bird feeder/bird house/insect hotel using any materials, which they choose, at home. The children may work in groups or individually and can receive help from parents. Children are encouraged to think creatively about their design and have until **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March** to complete this project. (we have extended the original deadline). Pupils will be able to showcase their project on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March to the rest of the school. There will be a prize for the most impressive effort. We look forward to seeing our young Engineers develop their scientific, mathematical, and engineering skills through our school competition. Best of Luck!

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Seachtain na Gaeilge will be celebrated this week and runs up until Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Many exciting activities are planned. We look forward to celebrating our Irish culture and language during the week. Táimid go léir ag úsáid cúpla focal chomh minic agus is féidir i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Beidh Ceolchoirm ar siúl againn ar an 16ú lá de mhí Márta. Please attempt the cúpla focal at home with your child(ren) as well.

## Lá Glas

To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, the Parents' Association are holding a non-uniform day on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March (€2 per pupil). Children are encouraged to wear at least one green item of clothing. We encourage children to be as creative as possible.

## Green Schools

The Green Schools Committee have been extremely busy and there have been some wonderful additions to our schoolyard to promote biodiversity. We now have a bug hotel, a log pile, a rock pile, a bird feeding station and a butterfly garden to name just a few additions. Of course, all of this would not have been possible without the support from each family who have dropped in wood, stones, leaves etc. The children have been bringing in bird feeders, bird houses and insects hotels as part of our engineering challenge. The quality and creativity shown has been unbelievable and they will be wonderful additions to our schoolyard. Please continue to send in name suggestions for our bug hotel. Please also see attached a letter from the Green Schools Committee.

## Confirmation 2023

Best wishes to Caleb, Chloe, Cillian, Dylan, Jake D, Jake M, Jamie, Leah, Mason, Paul and Sarah who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. We hope you have a truly memorable and enjoyable day with your families and friends.



## Gaelic Sessions

Jenny from Carbury GAA in conjunction with Kildare GAA will visit to school to complete a block of eight sessions with all classes to develop basic GAA skills. The dates are as follows: **March 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class will be held from **March 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.** Meetings will be **10 minutes** in duration and we ask that parents knock on the classroom door at their appointment time for face-to-face meetings. Please be mindful not to delay, parents will be waiting as meeting times are scheduled back to back. If you require a longer meeting, an alternative meeting will have to be arranged at a later date.

## Daffodil Day 2023

We are continuing our tradition of organising a fundraiser for Daffodil Day this year. On Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> we will turn the school yellow for the day and hold a non-uniform day and all are encouraged to wear something yellow. Children can wear yellow t-shirts, socks, ribbons, scarves or whatever yellow item they have at home. A link will be sent

out with our 'Go Fund Me' page this week and all proceeds will go to the Irish Cancer Society.

### **First Confession**

The pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup> class will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm in the school.

### **Confirmation Retreat**

Eugene Smith from the De La Salle Retreat Centre in Dublin will visit the school on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March to complete a retreat programme with the Confirmation pupils from Ticknevin, Killina and Kilshanroe. Throughout the day pupils will have the opportunity to focus on key aspects of their Confirmation through interactive activities, games, videos, discussion and creative prayer. The cost of the retreat is €12 per pupil.

### **Cumann na mBunscol Cross County**

Pupils from the senior classes will get the opportunity to take part in the Cumann na mBunscol Cross Country Competition on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March in Rathcoffey GAA. Further detail to follow.



### **Health & Safety**

Please be reminded that pupils should not be on school grounds prior to 8.50am. It was brought to the school's attention that pupils have been in the school car park in the mornings prior to this time. School staff have been providing additional supervision each morning from 8.50am-9am to allow parents to drop and go. We need your co-operation with this matter.

### **Parents' Association Sponsored Walk**

The Parents Association have organised the annual sponsored walk, which takes place on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 1pm. The walk will commence at the Ticknevin Bridge and the walk will continue to the White Bridge. Please ensure all sponsorship cards are returned to

the school by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Your support is greatly appreciated with this school fundraiser.

### **St. Patrick's Day**

Our school will be closed Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March to mark St. Patrick's Day celebrations. School will reopen on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. Wishing you and your families a lovely St. Patrick's Day and weekend.

Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh go léir!

Le gach dea-ghuí

Nóra Lynch

Principal St. Brigid's N.S.

### **Dates for Diary**

Please see the calendar section on the Aladdin Connect app for all upcoming dates/events.

