



St. Louis GNS

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An Céilí Mór



Our annual Céilí took place last week on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. We hope that you all enjoyed the lively dances and the wonderful variety of entertainment including singing, instrumental music, drama and recitation. We are very grateful to our dedicated dance teachers, Mr. Gerard Mc Quaid and Ms. Holland for all their work with the girls, to the class teachers for preparing the performances and to our Ceili co-ordinator, Mrs Gallagher for overseeing the entire programme. Thank you all once again for turning out in such great numbers. We really appreciate your support for our school events and it always means so much to the children to see you there.

Míle Buíochas libh go léir.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí gach duine sa scoil ag iarraidh Gaeilge a labhairt i rith seachtaine na Gaeilge. Everyone has been making a great effort to "Bí ag caint as Gaeilge" over the last few weeks and we congratulate the girls on their enthusiasm for our native language. Easter Eggs were awarded to the girls who made the very best effort in each class: Stephanie Ní Ghamhna, Orla Ní Shearraigh, Kornelia Pakalniskyne, Mia Ní Dheoráin, Amina Gecaite, Aoife Nic Gearailt, Daria Maziarz, Emilia Zagala, Leah Nic a Bhaird agus Alanna Ní Chionna.

Maith sibh a chailíní agus buíochas le Bean Uí Ghallachóir a d'eagraigh imeachtaí na seachtaine.



Dates for your Diary

Sponsored Walk

Friday 7th April

Easter Holidays

School closes—Friday 7th April at the normal time of 2.45pm

School Re-opens—Monday 24th April

Communion

Saturday 29th April at 11 am

Confirmation

Saturday 20th May at 11 am

In-Service for Teachers

****School will be closed on Monday 22nd May****

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Our Parish Pastoral Assistant, Mrs Claudine Marron, visited Honduras in Central America last November, as part of a Trócaire team. On Thursday 2nd March, to mark the start of Lent, Claudine facilitated a presentation for our two 6th classes, where she explained all about her visit and about the work of Trócaire in the developing world. The girls were very interested in all Claudine had to say and were particularly struck by the images of everyday life in Honduras. The two 6th classes have now launched their own Trócaire Lenten Campaign and hope to raise some money for this very worthwhile charity.

Parents' Association News

A meeting of the committee was held last night and plans are already underway for the next big fundraiser, the Sponsored Walk, which will take place on Friday 7th April at 12.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Parents Plus Course

A free 7 -week Parenting Programme is being offered to the parents of our pupils, starting on Wednesday 26th April from 10 am to 12 noon. This course, aimed at promoting confidence, learning and positive behaviour in children aged 6-12 years will be facilitated by David Mc Cague and Jannette Pun. For more details or to book a place, contact David on 0879075785.

First Confession

Congratulations to all the second class girls who made their First Confession on Thursday, March 9th in St. Joseph's Church. Special thanks to Ms Brady and Ms O' Reilly for preparing the girls so well and to Mrs Cunningham for providing the instrumental music. We are very grateful to all the priests who helped out on the night: Fr. Stephen Duffy, Fr. Stephen Joyce, Fr. Kevin Malcolmson and to Fr. Paddy Mc Ginn who conducted the beautiful ceremony. Thanks also to our support staff for their help with the preparations.



Soccer Coaching

Our 3rd and 4th classes are to be offered the opportunity to have 6 weeks of soccer coaching, starting on Tuesday 28th March. The lessons, which are free of charge, will be held after school from 3-4pm and will be facilitated by Ms O'Reilly and an FAI Coach.



Be Active



The final Be Active session for second class will take place next Monday, 27th March. Thanks very much to Mrs Hannon, Ms McNally and Ms. Deery for assisting Mrs Farrell in implementing this programme.

Handball Competition

Throughout the month of February and into early March, Mrs Hannon and the Active Flag Committee organised a Handball Skills Competition for all our classes. The girls were encouraged to practise their skills during break times and every class has its own time slot for handball practice in the yard. The winners in each class were announced on Monday 6th March:

2nd Classes: Paulina Chasanovaite & Jasmine Coyle,

3rd Classes: Rhianna Mc Kenna Bell & Leah Ballintine, 4th

Classes: Mahnoor Imran & Niamh Mc Elwain,

5th Classes: Aoife O'Gara & Michela O' Leary,

6th Classes: Orla Sherry & Natalia Smietana

Mrs Hannon hopes to run a series of handball matches after Easter.



Cross-Country Running

The Athletic Squad took part in the County Finals of the Primary Schools' Cross Country Competition on Wednesday 8th March in Corracrin. 11 girls in all had been selected from among those who entered the in-school trials to represent the school in the competition. The weather was excellent on the day, but the terrain under foot was still extremely wet and made for very heavy, mucky conditions. Despite that, all 11 girls finished the course and were proud to represent their school. Many thanks to Mrs Treanor and Ms. Brady who trained the girls and travelled with them on the day. The squad included: 3rd Class: Ernesta & Gloria Marut, 4th Class: Daisy Walker, Niamh Mc Elwain, Ella & Aoife Connolly 5th Class: Rhiain Ronaghan 6th Class: Jessica Leane, Aoife Mc Skeane, Samanta Gervickaite & Orla Sherry.



Recycling Collection

Sincere thanks to all of you who sent in bags of clothing and items for our recent recycling collection. We were delighted with such a marvellous response.

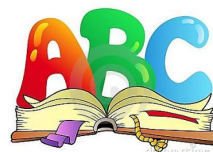


Ash Wednesday Assembly

On Wednesday 1st March, Mrs Treanor's 3rd & 4th class held a special assembly to mark the first day of Lent. They used a variety of songs, narration and drama to teach us all about the Lenten message. Ashes were then distributed to all our pupils.

Student Council News

The Council members are currently running a book collection in every classroom. They are encouraging our pupils to bring in any old books from home that they are finished with, but that are still in good condition. These



books can then be catalogued and used in the classroom libraries.

Please support this collection if you can.

World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday 2nd March. Book tokens were distributed to all our pupils, the 2nd classes visited Eason's Book Shop and a special hour of silent reading was held. On Friday 3rd, Philomena Lambe of Monaghan County Library paid a visit to our 3rd & 4th classes. She explained all the library services to them and read a story.

We also held an art competition where the pupils had to design a bookmark. The lucky winners were:

2nd Class: Eimear Duffy & Inna Dimitrova,

3rd Class: Daniela Argule & Vilte Zakarauskaite,

4th Class: Maja Padalis & Mahnoor Imran,

5th Class: Caitriona Gallagher & Anastacia Khokha,

6th Class: Lauren Dorris & Ivona Lebed.

Special thanks to Mrs Mc Kenna who co-ordinated all the events for World Book Day with the assistance of Mrs Healy and the children of the Action Team Partnership Committee.

