



An Céilí Mór

Our annual Céilí took place on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March. We hope that you all enjoyed the lively dances and the wonderful variety of entertainment which this year included singing, instrumental music and poetry. Congratulations to Katie O'Donnell and Evelina Jermacane, on winning the "Corn Gearóidín Uí Bhaoighill", a perpetual cup awarded to pupils in 6th class who have made the most consistent effort at Gaeilge throughout the year.

We are very grateful to our dance teachers, Mr.Gerard Mc Quaid and Ms. Holland for all their hard work. Thanks also to the class teachers for preparing the various performances, to Mrs Cunningham for the guitar accompaniment 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.

First Confession

Congratulations to our second class girls who made their First Confession on Thursday, 7th March in St. Joseph's Church. Special thanks to Ms Brady and Ms Reilly for preparing the girls so thoroughly for their First Penance. We are very grateful to the priests who helped out on the night: Canon Paddy Mc Ginn, Fr. Leo Creelman and Monsignor Vincent Connolly. Thanks also to our support staff for their help with the prepa-



Dates for your Diary



Friday 12th April - Parents' Association Annual Sponsored Walk

Friday 12th April - School closes for Easter Holidays at the usual time of 2.45 pm.

Monday 29th April - School re-opens

Saturday 4th May - First Holy Communion

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday Closure

Saturday 18th May- Confirmation

Monday 4th June - Bank Holiday Closure

Wednesday 26th June - School closes for Summer Holidays

Debating

On Friday 22nd March our 6th class debating team faced Scoil Bhríde, Mullaghrafferty to propose the motion that "To be serious about climate change, we should give up eating meat." This was a knock-out debate to decide which team would progress to the semi-finals of the Concern Primary Debating Competition. The standard of speaking was extremely high with both teams presenting well-researched arguments. However, in the end, it was to be Scoil Bhríde's day, with our girls narrowly missing out by only one point.



The girls deserve great praise for how well they have worked throughout this entire competition and the improvement in their presentation skills is very obvious. Sincere thanks to Mrs Cassidy for preparing them so well. Team members are: Ella Connolly, Niamh McElwain, Daisy Walker, Aoife Connolly, Alanna McKenna and Ella Lappin.

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 have made the very best effort in each class :

Rang a Dó: Leah Sheridan & Adriana Kamsuikaite

Rang a Trí: Melania Trepenska & Alisija Dunauska

Rang a Ceathair: Sienna Mc Dermott & Jasmine Coyle

Rang a Cúig: Kaitlyn Dearden & Nan Cawley

Rang a Sé: Kornelia Pakalniskyte & Elena Cawl



Ash Wednesday Assembly

To mark Ash Wednesday in our school the Student Council, under the guidance of Mrs Farrell, prepared a special assembly for all our pupils and staff. The Council members explained the significance of wearing the cross of ashes and helped us focus on making our Lenten promises. Each teacher distributed ashes to her own class.

Be Active and Basketball

The final Be Active lesson of the year for 2nd class will take place on Monday, 8th April. Thanks very much to Mrs Hannon, Mrs McKenna and Ms McNally for assisting Mrs Farrell in implementing this programme. Basketball for 5th & 6th will also finish for this year on 8th April. We are grateful to the TY girls who facilitated these lessons and to Mrs Cunningham, Ms. Holland and Ms. Reilly for supervising on a rota basis.



World Book Day

World Book Day was held on Thursday 7th March this year. Our 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes visited Eason's to use their World Book Day tokens and were delighted with the books they got. All classes had an hour of silent reading in the afternoon. The classes also took part in a special World Book Day Art Competition. The girls were tasked with designing their own individual bookmarks and there was a winner picked in each class:

2nd: Ugne Staponkute & Rita Regiec

3rd: Rokhy Kouyate & Natalia Karcz

4th: Ciara Redden & Angel Ogbedegeau

5th: Emma Man Sou & Daniela Argule

6th: Leah Kumar & Anastasija Deduil



We are grateful to Mrs McKenna for organising all the World Book Day Activities in our school.

Gaelic Mini-Sevens

A squad of 4th, 5th and 6th class girls took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Mini-Sevens on Tuesday, 12th March in Gaelscoil Ultain. Many thanks to Ms Mc Nally and Ms Reilly for training the girls in preparation for this blitz and to Ms. Reilly for accompanying them on the day. The Mini -Sevens team were: Alannah Mc Kenna, Natalie Connolly, Clodagh Smyth, Rhianna Bell, Lauren Ward, Leah Ward, Emma Mc Cann and Kaitlyn Dearden.



All-Ireland Handball

Very well done to Ulster Handball Champions, Ernesta Marut, 5th class and Niamh McElwain, 6th class on making it to the All-Ireland Finals of the Cumann na mBunscol Handball Competition. The girls travelled to Kingscourt on Saturday 2nd March where they received lovely jerseys and medals for taking part. Thanks to their parents for accompanying them to his event and to Mrs Hannon who was there to support them on the day. Well done girls!

St. Louis GNS Take Action Against

Climate Change

The pupils of St. Louis GNS took part in the #YouthClimateStrike on Friday 15th March by creating beautiful artwork around the theme of climate change. They watched informative videos on the subject and one class even held a silent protest around the school in the hope of raising awareness on the topic. Well done to the students and their teachers. Thanks to Deputy Principal, Mrs Margaret Hannon for highlighting this topical issue in our school.

CASE Celebration Day

Our 5th classes who have been involved in the Collaboration and Shared Education (CASE) Project with St. Mary's BNS and Urbleshanny NS are planning a special Celebration Day for their parents on Thursday 4th April. The pupils from the three schools will showcase all the work they have done on their Lego WeDo projects in CombiLift, Monaghan and will also get a chance to tour the premises. We are very much looking forward to this occasion and are most grateful to the management of CombiLift for providing this unique opportunity for our pupils.



Water Flag Assessment

Ms. Moira Kelly, Environmental Officer with Monaghan County Council, visited our school on Friday March 1st to assess us for our 3rd Green Flag– Water. She met with the Green Schools' Committee and questioned them on all their work. She then paid a visit to a number of classrooms. The Committee explained all about the successful Action Day that took place on the 19th of February. Moira was delighted with their ideas and all the water experiments that they carried out on the day. We encourage all families to try to conserve water at home by using the water saving tips sent home last month. Every drop counts!!

