



February/March Newsletter

Easter Holidays:

The school will be closed at 12 o'clock on Friday March 31st for the Easter Holidays. We will reopen again on Monday April 17th.

Curriculum:

The school will be closed for a full day of planning for Primary language Curriculum on Tuesday April 25th.

We are also going to be closed for a half day on Friday May 12th to engage with the new Primary Curriculum Framework. The school will close at 12 o'clock.

Sacraments:

First Confession was held on March 7th and well done to the children and Ms. O'Gorman for the work they put in.

5th and 6th attended Confirmation practice on Wednesday 22nd and 29th March and will be going again the first week back after the Easter Holidays. Thank you to all parents to have volunteered to drive students to Freemount. Also a thank you to both Helen and Ms. Keen for their continued work in helping the children prepare for the sacrament.

Active Flag:

The school is continuing to engage in the Active Flag campaign. We are currently involved in a Step into Spring Challenge and we completed a Fit February challenge as well. We have also received our Active Walkway which is displayed around the school grounds and is a great addition to the school.

We would like to thank Ms. O'Gorman and Ms. Killeen for their work as co-ordinators.

GAA:

We have been very busy on the GAA pitches for the past two months.

We competed in 4th class indoor hurling and camogie and we gave great performances in both and the girls reached the county final, where they were very unlucky to lose to Berrings in Golden Goal.

We competed in 5th/6th class indoor hurling and camogie. These were non-competitive and the children performed very well in the games.

We played in a qualifying blitz on March 7th in Glantane in Ladies Football which we were unlucky not to qualify from. The boys played a football blitz in Milford on March 14th against Killavullen and Analeentha.

Training will continue every Thursday from 3-4pm weather permitting.

Extra-Curricular Classes:

French Lessons were completed and the school would like to thank the Parents Association for their funding of this.

Gymnastic lessons finished on February 14th and were an outstanding success.

Aidan Sheehan from Munster rugby has been with us on a weekly basis since Friday 24th February. This has been very popular with the children. He finished on March 24th. We also attended the Munster Blitz that Munster ran in the Rugby grounds in Charleville and the children were delighted with their experience.

Chromebooks: The staff undertook training in the use of Chromebooks on March 6th. This was very useful and the staff have now started using them. We hope that the children will benefit hugely from their use for their duration of time in Primary school. If there are some parents who still wish for their children to create a Google profile then please contact the school and we will have user details created for your child.

Fundraising:

The students council ran a Bake Sale Fundraiser on Friday March 31st to raise funds to purchase new school jerseys. This was extremely popular and we would like to thank everyone for their generous baking that was donated. The Student Council raised €770 and would like to thank everyone for their support.

Policies: The staff have looked at our Mobile Phone, Critical Incident, Supervision and Acceptable Usage and Irish Exemption policy and they have been ratified by the Board of Management at our March meeting.

Cork City Sports:

We held our trials for the Cork City Sports event in March. Congratulations to those who qualified from the trials. The event takes place on Thursday June 1st in MTU campus in Bishopstown. Training will be commencing for those who qualified after the Easter Holidays.

Social Media

Thanks to Helen, Sarah and Margaret and Ms Keen for their work in keeping the school Facebook and Websites up to date. It is greatly appreciated and fantastic to see the great work being done by all classes each week.

Free Book Scheme:

As you may be aware the Dept. of Education have announced a Free Book scheme for all primary school students for the coming academic year. The school will now be providing all textbooks, workbooks and copies for all of the children. We will be finalising the booklists in the coming weeks and will have further information for Parents after the Easter holidays.

Please continue to contact the school office or the class teachers via Aladdin if you have any queries or wish to make a meeting with a teacher.

Have a Wonderful Easter and see you all on April 17th!!!

