



January/February Newsletter 2024

Say Yes to Languages:

The Children in all classes began their French lessons on 8th January as part of the Say Yes to Languages programme with their tutor Rebecca. This finished on Monday 26th February. 3rd to 6th class were funded as part of the programme and the Parents Association kindly funded the cost of the programme for Juniors-2nd class.

Indoor Hurling/Camogie.

Our 3rd/4th class boys and girls teams competed in indoor competitions in Mallow in the first two weeks of January. Both teams performed excellently and represented their school extremely well. We also had 2nd class boys play on the 4th class team and they were brilliant.

Our 5th/6th class boys and girls teams competed in their indoor blitzes in late February and performed extremely well on both days.

I would like to also thank the parents who volunteered their time to transport kids to all of the above competitions. It is greatly appreciated.

Lego

The whole school got to experience the LEGO equipment that we received as part of the STEM grant scheme awarded to the school in December. All classes have thoroughly enjoyed this so far and have created some fantastic designs.

Chromebooks

The school also purchased 10 extra chromebooks with the funds from the STEM grant. This now means that we have 24 Chromebooks in the school and it has hugely increased the enjoyment and usage levels for the children throughout the school.

Quiz Teams

Our quiz teams from 3rd to 6th class took part in quizzes in January. We sent two teams to the Shandrum NS quiz held in Charleville and sent two teams as well to the Kilmallock Credit Union Quiz held in Kilmallock. Well done to all teams for their excellent participation.

Draughts/Chess Club

We have started playing Draughts and Chess in the school in the last number of weeks and we will be looking to hopefully increase this over the coming months. We would like to thank all the parents that

kindly dropped in boards for us and also Kilmallock Credit Union for their generous sponsorship of 6 boards.

Hot School Meals

The Board of Management approved the Lunch Bag as our contracted company for the Hot School Meals initiative. We are very hopeful of having this programme start on the 8th April but they will be rolling it out on a phased basis due to the volume of new schools they have to cater for. We will let you know our start date as soon as we know.

Gael Bhratach

We have been continuing to improve the use of Gaeilge Neamhfhoirmiúil throughout the school as part of the Gael Bhratach and we have also been fortunate to receive a grant from this initiative which was used to purchase outdoor Gaeilge signs for the school.

Grandparents Day:

We celebrated Grandparents Day in the school on Thursday 22nd of February. It was a very enjoyable day and we would like to thank everyone that came to the school. I would also like to thank the Parents Association for their help with the teas and snacks as well as anyone who donated any food on the day.

School Photos:

County Photos came to the school on Friday 23rd of February. They will be sending out the proof of these photos in the next week or so and we will distribute them to you as soon as they arrive.

Sacrament of Penance:

Our 2nd class children received the Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday 28th February. Well done to all the children for the efforts on the night and thank you to Ms. O’Gorman for her work in preparing the class so well.

Active Schools:

The school is currently engaging with the Run around Europe initiative as part of the Active Schools Campaign. Thanks to Ms. O’Gorman for her work in organising this.

Policies:

The school has updated the following policies in the last two months and these are available from the school if anyone wishes to look through them.

1. School Communication policy with parents
2. Emergency closure policy
3. Work experience policy
4. Student teacher policy

We are also currently reviewing our History, Geography, Science and Assessment policies in the school.

Thank you for all your support and if anyone wishes to make an appointment to speak with any teacher please phone the school or contact the teacher through Aladdin.

Thanks
Mr. O’Flynn