



March/April Newsletter 2024

School Prospectus: We have developed a school prospectus in the last number of weeks which details all the activities and facilities available in the school. I would like to thank Una Cremin for her excellent work in helping us design this.

Attendance: I would like to congratulate the children who received their certificates following 100% attendance for the January to March period. It was fantastic to see the large number of children with full attendance and hopefully this will increase further for Term 3.

Open Day: We are hosting an Open evening this evening, May 8th, in the school. This will be open to everyone and we will be giving the incoming junior infants and their parents a chance to explore the school and meet the staff.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge in early March. I would like to thank Ms. Keen, Ms. Healy and the Gael Bhratach committee for all the events they organised over the period.

Sacrament of Penance and Communion: Congratulations to our 2nd class students who received the Sacrament of Penance at the beginning of March and we hope they have a wonderful day celebrating their First Communion on May 18th. Thank you to Ms. O’Gorman for her work in preparing the children.

School Sports:

We conducted trials for Cork City Sports prior to Easter. Congratulations to all children for their participation and well done to those who have qualified for the event on Thursday 30th May in MTU Cork. Thank you to Ms. O’Gorman for her work in organising the trials. Training will be starting next week, during school hours, for those who qualified and also those who are reserve runners.

Our 5th and 6th class teams took part in Indoor Hurling and Camogie competitions at the end of February in Mallow. Both teams performed excellently. Thanks to Ms. O’Gorman for her efforts in training the teams.

Our Boys Hurling Team played two games in the week beginning April 29th. They played against Shanballymore and Rahan schools and won both games following excellent performances. They have now qualified for the finals in a couple of weeks. Thank you to Ms. Healy for her help on both days.

Our Girls played their Camogie blitz on Tuesday May 7th in Mallow and have qualified for the upcoming finals as well. Thank you to Ms. O’Gorman and Liz our SNA for their help on the day

Primary Game: Congratulations to our 6th Class pupil, Emma O’Brien, on being selected on the Cork Primary Game Camogie team for the upcoming game between Cork and Tipperary in Thurles on May 19th. We are very proud of her achievements and hope she has a memorable day in Thurles.

World Book Day: We celebrated World Book day in school on Wednesday March 6th.

Grandparent’s Day: We celebrated Grandparents Day in the school on Thursday 22nd of February. I would like to thank the Parents Association for their work in providing food and refreshments for everyone that attended. I

would also like to thank Fr. O'Farrell for celebrating mass in the church that morning as well. Thank you to the staff and students as well for their role in what was a very enjoyable day.

Curriculum/CPD

We had a Wellbeing/SPHE advisor come to the school on Monday 11th March. He was extremely impressed with the variety of wellbeing initiatives in the school and I would like to thank Ms. Tighe and Ms. Keen for their work in coordinating this subject area in the school.

We started Sustained support for Literacy with Oide on Thursday 29th February. We will be continuing this support for the remainder of the year with 4 more visits booked in and there will also be a half day school closure on Thursday 6th June for further training in this area.

Say Yes to Languages We completed the programme the week of the February mid term break and I would like to thank Rebecca Sheehan for her work in delivering the French lessons to the children for the duration of the programme. I would also like to thank the Parents Association for their continued support in paying for the lessons to be available to all children in all classes.

Hot Lunches: Our Hot Lunches started on Tuesday 30th April in the school and were greeted with great excitement. The response to date has been very positive and I would like to thank the Lunch Bag for their support and expertise throughout the whole process.

Mallow Credit Union: The school would like to thank Mallow Credit Union for their very generous donation of money to the school that will be used to purchase new PE equipment in the coming weeks. Your support is hugely appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that everyone has an enjoyable last term.

Regards

Mr. O'Flynn