

## Gaelscoil Drama:

**Áodh Mór Oraibh** to Múinteoir Aisling and the children in R6-7 with their production of Taibhsí an tSleibhe Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March @ 130pm in Sean Hollywood Art Centre in Newry

Many thanks to other members of the Gaelscoil staff and parents for their support in the preparations for the event

Parents and family members are very welcome to attend

**Quiz:** The Ulster Cumann na mBunscol Final takes place on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March in Monaghan. We wish Shea, Niamh, Aaron and Pearse all the best in the final.

The Credit Union Quiz has been rescheduled and will take place in Armagh City Hotel on the evening of Fri 9<sup>th</sup> March. We wish Eimear, Pearse, Shea and Aaron well in the final

**Shared Education Programme: Our P2, P3, and P7 classes will be starting their numeracy and WAU shared classes with the pupils from Markethill PS this term.**

**Dinners:** Please pay outstanding meals asap  
School £2.60 and Nursery £2.50

**CLUBS for older children:** Monday Years 6/7 Football Wednesday Years 4/5 Football will begin on week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> March

Healthy Kids – Monday Soccer for Year 4/5 Boys and girls (3-4pm) Wednesday – Y4-Y7 Girls only games – (3-4pm)

Mc Sports – Thursday Gaelic/Soccer/Ball Skills Y1-Y3 2-3pm and Y4-7 (3-4pm) (Boys/Girls) £20 for 6 weeks – complete reply sheet and return money to school

Irish classes for P5/6 on Thursdays after school with St Mary's Students.

All after school clubs begin next week

**ONLINE SAFETY:** Parents please make sure you know what your children are doing online. Refer to The Digital Ninja- Wayne Denner's blog /website <https://waynedenner.com/> for great advice. Children in Year 5-7 will have an online safety workshop by Wayne in the near future. The general consensus and advice would be that primary school children should not be using social media such as Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram etc. If they are it needs to be monitored!

## Around the school

Traditional groups are practicing hard for the upcoming Feis as are our choir and singers.

Mrs. Kelly's class 5 have finished their 12 week programme playing strings with the LEA Music Group. The remainder of P 5 and R5 are now following the programme.

P7/R7 celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a lovely grandparent's coffee morning. Many thanks to Mrs. Cassidy M Barra and all other staff for their help. Thank you to Mona McEntee for her contributions of sandwiches and sweets.

Keep encouraging reading at home. It is so important. The older classes are busy with Accelerated Reader and many are making great progress and are awaiting their rewards.

Athletics can be used to revise any math's themes. All children from Y3 upwards have a log in.

Mrs. Kelly's class are enjoying their visits from babai Naoise and her mammy in the Roots of Empathy project. Thank you to Mrs. O'Neill and the Beagan family in their involvement in the project.

Year 6 children should make sure that their bikes are up to scratch as Cycling Proficiency Training will take place in after Easter

P4 are still enjoying their Virtually Their art Project with their artist Sharon – Check the FB Post to see what they have been doing

Year 4/5 enjoyed a great morning involved in technology working with David from SENTINUS. Year 6/7 will have their workshop shortly.

P1 enjoyed a tour of Cross Square Hotel as part of the "Our Town" project

## Post Sacramental Refreshments:

Many thanks to the mothers and members of the FOSA who served the refreshments after our recent Confirmation/Cóineartú. A great crowd turned up and everyone enjoyed the cups of teas/coffee and other refreshments. Many thanks to those parents who donated buns, cakes and biscuits. Many thanks to Gena, Linda and Stephanie for setting up the hall and to Kathleen from School Meals for keeping an eye on things.

We would like to continue this for our families in P4 and R4. If anyone is able to give up a couple of hours on the First Communion (26 May/ Céad Chaoimíneach (19 May) services in May please leave your name in the school office.

## Sport:

Our girls and boys put in great performances in the regional indoor finals in camogie and hurling and can be very pleased on their day's work missing out by the minimum margin in both codes in qualifying for the final.

Preliminary heats for Malachi McGeeney Cup take place this month at the Rangers on 27<sup>th</sup> March

The league rounds of McGreevy Cup will start for boys in the upcoming weeks as well.

Best wishes to Donnacha, Cara, Orlaith and Aimee Lee when they represent our school at the half time games in Armagh's NFL v Derry and NHL v Donegal at the weekend.

Well done to Ryan Bellew and Lyndsey Kelly who, following their great performances in Cross Country league, ran in the N Ireland Championship at Mallusk recently. They both finished well up the field and have another year to compete.

In addition, well done to Ryan, Lyndsey and Cara McCreesh who represented their Council Area at the N Ireland Council Indoor Athletics Championships in Lisburn.

Dear Parents/Carers

It is good to return to normal after the disruption caused by the weather. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused but health and safety of everyone had to be the primary concern.

Confirmation/ Cónairtú was celebrated by Very Rev K Sweeney PP on Saturday 25th February. Children and families enjoyed a lovely service and by all accounts everyone had a great day. Many thanks to Mrs. Cassidy, Múinteoir Barra, Fr. Dermot, Fr Kevin, all school staff and families in preparing the children. Many thanks to Múinteoir Dearbhla, and to the musicians and singers from our own and other schools who added so much to the service. Special thank you to the Friends Association, school staff and volunteers for organising and serving refreshment in the school afterwards. Additional thank you' to parents who organised the Post Confirmation party in The Rangers.

All children began Lent by participating in Ash Wednesday services in school. At home please remind them of the importance of making some small changes in their lives as we make our journey to Easter. Whilst sweets and crisps are all good things to give up perhaps Smartphone, online gaming, and social media could be other things to think about giving up/reducing.

We look forward to a great turn out of characters for World Book Day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March ; Many thanks in advance for your continued support in this popular event.

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> children can dress up green (This will be for charity). On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> children in Years 4-7 will travel to Portadown for a Celebration Colour Run and Fitness workout organised by Healthy Kidz. (See separate letter for full information)

Many thanks to the vast majority who respect the parking guidelines at the front of the school at drop off and pick up times. The object is to keep our children safe and alive.

In addition, many thanks to all of you in supporting us in making the school A NUT FREE ZONE i.e. no Nutella, Peanut Butter and check for nuts in bars/cereal bars/biscuits.

Children should only have healthy sandwich, cheese or fruit for a snack. Thank you.

Keep encouraging your child to participate in activities outside of school. Whether it is sport, music, drama or whatever. It's wonderful to give your child an opportunity to develop confidence, skills and expertise we are all delighted to see our present and past pupils put their talents and skills to good use on the various sporting fields, stages and arenas around the locality and beyond.

# Newsletter March 2018

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### Important dates in March

- Tue 6<sup>th</sup> World Book Day- Children to come and dress up as favourite book character
  - Wed 7<sup>th</sup> First Penance/ Céad Fhaoistin @7.30pm  
P2 and P3 Shared Education Classes with Markethill PS
  - Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Swimming P6
  - Fri 9<sup>th</sup> *Dráma Na nGaelscoile in Newry@Sean Hollywood Arts Centre @115pm*  
*Credit Union Quiz -Armagh City Hotel @7pm / Match v Mullaghbawn @10am*
  - Wed 14<sup>th</sup> P2 and P3 Shared Education Classes with Markethill PS / Swimming Year 6
  - Irish Medium Football Blitz in Belfast / Cumann na mBunscol Ulster Quiz Final in Monaghan
  - Thu 15<sup>th</sup> -Green Day Children dress in green with £1 donation to Lenten charities
  - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Match v Cullyhanna TBC – Celebration Colour Run in Portadown (Y4- Y7)
  - Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick's Day – Holyday
  - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Match v Clonalig @10am
  - Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Visit to Garden Centre- P4 /R4 as part of monthly project with Finnegan's Nursery /  
Love for Life with P7/R7
  - Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Boys/Girls Football – Malachi McGeeney Cup Prelim in Crossmaglen
  - Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday -Finish at 11am for Easter Holidays  
TBC Match v Cullyhanna TBC
- Seachtain na Gaeilge takes place in the days leading up to and after St Patrick's Day. Our children will participate in a variety of activities which focus on our Irish culture and language over that period including debates, quizzes, music. Ceilidh dancing and so on. Reminder that our local Comhaltas An Bonnan Bui have lessons in the school every Tuesday evening. Call the school for details.*
- St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club, Crossmaglen events are
- Disco Night on Thursday 15th March 7-9pm. Year 5-7. £3/€4
  - Cinema Trip on sat 24<sup>th</sup> March 11am-2pm Year 5-7 £8/€10
  - Auditions for GREASE during the summer –open to Y6/7- application forms in school/at youthclub
  - School Returns after Easter Holiday on 9<sup>th</sup> April