



# April Newsletter

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## Closures

Please note the following upcoming school closures.

- Monday 4th May. Bank Holiday.
- Tuesday 5th May Discretionary closure.
- Wednesday 13th May . School closed for staff training.

## Enrolment

We are continuing to take enrolments to our junior infant class for September 2026. If you have a child who is due to start school with us please contact us as soon as possible or if you know of someone who has a child who is due to start, please let them know. Thank you.

## Hurling Cup

Our boys team played in the hurling cup for primary schools on Wednesday in Ballinakill. Thanks to Mr Doyle for coaching the team.

## Return Date

Please note that the return to school date for the next academic year is Thursday 27th August (all classes).

## Spring Concert

A huge thanks to everyone who supported our Spring Concert before Easter. Thanks to our sponsors, those who contributed prizes for the raffle, those who bought tickets for the raffle and those who attended on the night. Many thanks to the members of the parent association who helped on the night, running the shop etc. I think the children had an experience that they won't forget for a long time and from a fundraising point of view the concert and raffle generated €5635 before costs. This is a massive help in keeping the school finances afloat for the year ahead.

A huge thanks also to the teachers and staff of the school for preparing the children for the stage and indeed for all preparations beforehand and for helping on the night itself.

Many thanks to the St Brigid's hall committee for providing the venue and to Kevin McEvoy for lights/special effects and to Richard Willoughby for providing sound.



## Attendance

As we approach the month of May, please be advised of the following dates for standardised testing in school. The data from these tests is vital, not just for assessing where a child's level of learning is, but also for reporting data back to the Dept of Education, which in turn goes towards deciding what level of teaching support a school will receive for the following year. It is important that attendance is high for the following dates:

Thursday 7th May - Spelling assessment.

Tuesday 12th May - Reading assessment.

*Wednesday 13th May school closed for teacher training.*

Thursday 14th May - Maths assessment.

As always, if your child is experiencing issues with school attendance please come and talk to us and hopefully we can help with the issue.



## Digital Learning

Thanks to revenue from our school fundraisers such as Split the Pot, we have been able to extend our digital learning plan this year, to include a set of new iPads that our junior classes can now use as a tool for their learning in literacy and numeracy. As a result, our senior classes will have enhanced use of the school chromebooks to advance their skills in I.T. as they prepare to move through to secondary school where digital learning is well established. Our thanks to Ms Dunne and to Ms Holmes for their work on the I.T. committee and digital learning team.



## First Communion and Confirmation

We wish the children and families celebrating the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the month of May every blessing. Dates as follows:

First Communion: Sunday 12th May at 11:30am

Confirmation : Wednesday 20th May at 11:00am (School remains open on that day)



# Active Learning

The following dates have been earmarked for active schools and the annual sports day.

*Active schools* : Thursday 4th & Friday 5th June.

*Sports Day* : Friday 12th June.



*Active schools* is a 2 day programme of events where we try to give the children as broad a range of experiences with different sports that we possibly can. This is for staff/children.

*Sports day* is a one day event of races and other activities for the children, held on the school grounds. Parents are welcome to join us between 9:30 and 11:00.

# Student Council

The Student Council has been very busy lately. Following their interest in learning a foreign language, we were delighted to welcome Ms. K. Murphy and students from Coláiste Bhríde for French taster sessions with 5th and 6th classes.

They also gathered ideas from 3rd–6th classes for a new school crest, these have now been compiled and will go to a graphic designer.

Our first-ever Pyjama Day takes place this Friday, thanks to student suggestions. Children are invited to wear appropriate pyjamas or cosy clothes to school.

Lunchtime Leagues are also on the way, with thanks to Mr Doyle and Ms Gegan for supporting this initiative.

