



A Chairde,

As we come to the end of a very busy and eventful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for your continued support and interest in all we do in Scoil Bhríde.

As you can see from the following articles, it has been a term full of learning, creativity, special occasions and achievement across all classes. It truly has been a pleasure to witness the enthusiasm, maturity and kindness shown by our pupils each day.

With Easter approaching, we look forward to a well-earned break for everyone. We hope it will be a happy and restful time for all our families.

As we move into the new term, I would kindly remind parents and guardians of the importance of children wearing their full and appropriate school uniform each day. This helps to foster a sense of pride and belonging within our school community.

Please God our weather will continue to improve and when children choose to wear shorts, please ensure that they are navy and appropriately to the knee. Shorter shorts and GAA shorts are not part of our uniform, so please do not allow your child to wear these to school.

We would also greatly appreciate it if all school coats, jumpers and other personal items could be clearly labelled. With over 750 children in our school, this makes a significant difference in ensuring that lost items are quickly returned to their owners. We look forward to brighter, warmer days ahead, so please label your child's jumpers and jackets in case they take them off during the school day.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Easter.

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Carmel Linehan

## Junior Infant News

Spring has well and truly sprung in Junior infants! We have been learning all about spring and spotted the signs of spring on a sunny spring walk.



We really enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge. We learned O ró sé do bheatha bhaile which we sang with the ceoltas group at the ceolchoirm and we showed off our amazing Irish dancing skills at the ceilí.



## Senior Infant News

Senior Infants have had a very busy term. The children have particularly enjoyed outdoor learning, featuring spring walks and scavenger hunts. We have enjoyed working with our 5th class buddies also, as they accompanied us on our spring walks, and chatted to us through Irish, during class visits. Seachtain na Gaeilge was a highlight this term, with the children taking part in games and dances in the hall through Irish, organised by Mr. Gallagher. We have been learning about artists such as Leonardo da Vinci and Mark Rothko this term. We have enjoyed creating pieces inspired by these artists.

Spring and the farm have been popular topics this term, with many interesting discussions taking place. We have been exploring the seasonal changes between winter and spring, new life, and growth, and this has led to many interesting discussions taking place. The children have worked well this term, and have shown kindness and respect to each other. Their teachers are all so proud of them!



## 1st Class News

First Class has been very busy this term and have had lots of fun learning together. Everyone is now very excited for the upcoming Easter holidays!

In Maths, we have explored a variety of topics, including length, area, 2D and 3D shapes, and money. In S.E.S.E., we have been learning about the signs of spring, as well as studying bumblebees and other minibeasts. In Ms Salmons class the children finished up their reading of 'The Enchanted Wood' by Enid Blyton.

We had lots of fun dressing up for Mabel Lyons 105<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The children had great fun during Seachtain na Gaeilge playing 'cluichí sa halla', taking part in a 'céilí' and learning 'Oró sé do bheatha bhaile' for our concert in the hall! The children really enjoyed dressing up in green for 'Lá Glas' too.



## 2nd Class News

The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class have had a very eventful 2<sup>nd</sup> term. The children invited their grandparents into their classrooms and showed them some of the work they do and have done in school. This was an emotional but lovely experience for both the children and their grandparents. They loved to hear about what school was like in their grandparents' time. They dressed up as old women and men or in 1920's style to celebrate the birthday of Mabel Lyon's. They had great fun with the costumes and an excellent effort was made. They learned about the environment and what they can do to help in relation to climate change. They also learned all about spring and the bees in science as well as how to make a rocket and launch it. They learned about time and transformation in maths. Mr Carthy and Ms Behan's classes performed in assembly and told the children all about the solar system and farming in spring. The children dressed up again for St. Patrick's Day and children took part in some fantastic Irish dances in the hall as well as bingo and games as Gaeilge. World Book Day was also celebrated and the children learned about some fantastic authors. They also learned how Enid Blyton books, although they are nearly 100 years old, are still enjoyed today. Many of the 2<sup>nd</sup> class children made their First Confessions and are looking forward to making their First Holy Communions in May.







### 3rd Class News

We have had a very busy and exciting term in 3rd Class, filled with fun, creativity, and lots of learning! All classes thoroughly enjoyed exploring the history of the Titanic, discovering how it was built, what life was like on board, and the different experiences of passengers. The children put fantastic effort into their projects based on the ship's rooms, and we were so impressed by the pride and creativity shown in their work.

In Geography, the children also enjoyed learning about the United States of America and various countries across Europe over the past few months. In Art, we made lovely winter pieces focusing on perspective, line and colour mixing. With the arrival of spring, we created beautiful art pieces inspired by the flowers of Georgia O'Keeffe, which brightened up our classroom displays.

We had a wonderful time celebrating Mabel Lyons' 105th birthday. The children showed great creativity by dressing up which added to the fun of the day. Another highlight was World Book Day, where we chatted all about our favourite books and authors and designed our favourite book cover.

Seachtain na Gaeilge was another fantastic week, as we celebrated our Irish culture and made a big effort to speak Gaeilge throughout the day. We especially enjoyed the wide range of activities organised by Mr. Gallagher, including cluichí spóirt, biongó, céilí, and the ceolchoirm.

After such a busy and enjoyable term, we are all looking forward to a well-deserved Easter break!





### 4th Class News

It's been a lively few weeks in Fourth Class. Over the past month, each pupil chose a European country to explore and created an impressive project showcasing its culture, landmarks and traditions. The classrooms were transformed into a mini-Europe as we shared fascinating facts, colourful displays and a few tasty recipes from abroad.

In science, we've been busy experimenting with magnets, discovering how magnetic forces work and testing which materials are magnetic. The children especially enjoyed designing their own magnet games to see science in action.

To celebrate Mabel's birthday, the classes embraced their dramatic side, transforming into cheerful "older versions" of themselves with curlers, canes and clever outfits.

To celebrate World Book Day on March 5<sup>th</sup>, some classes used their favourite books to design a computer game through coding. We've used 'Scratch' software before but this time we tried 'Make Code Arcade' on our Chromebooks whilst attending a live webinar hosted by Microsoft. Some parts were easy and other parts were a little more difficult, but we got the hang of it after a few days. Some of us were able to develop simple computer games, where there were 2 characters with one trying to catch the other before the time ran out. We've also been making great progress using Chromebooks to create projects in class.



## 5th Class News

5th class have been working really hard over the last half term. Each class had a memorable visit to Glasnevin cemetery. It was a week of mixed weather, and some classes got luckier than others between rain and sunshine! Nonetheless, the weather didn't stop us enjoying a great tour with our tour guide Ciarán who surely inspired some future historians! We enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge last week. We had great entertainment between the céilí, ceolchoirm and biongó as Gaeilge – fantastic opportunities to use our 'cúpla focail'. We were also busy researching and writing articles for Mabel Lyons' birthday celebrations and learned lots of new facts along the way. Ms. Finnegan's class have been busy completing their countries projects and having them ready to present to other classes along with some yummy treats! They were also getting busy with metre sticks and trundle wheels using their Maths skills in the real world for measuring length. Ms. Moynihan's class have been busy celebrating World Book Day in their classroom with their favourite books along with their countries' projects and presenting these at the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class assemblies. Ms. Leddy's class became authors and wrote and illustrated some books for Senior Infants to mark World Book Day and presented them to Ms. Power's class with great excitement. They also enjoyed a lovely spring nature walk along with the Senior Infant classes last week and helped them to complete their nature trails. Ms. Glendon's class enjoyed a gorgeous spring nature walk with Ms. Kearney's Senior Infants along with some beautiful spring sunshine. They were also busy doing projects on the solar system and learning interesting facts about space.





## **6th Class News**

6th Class have had such a busy term with lots of exciting events taking place. We began by celebrating Grandparents' Day, where the children invited their grandparents into the classroom to enjoy tea, treats and share special stories together. In addition, we were very lucky that the parish ladies from Kill kindly visited our school to help the children make St. Brigid's crosses, celebrating our school's identity as Scoil Bhríde. The children were also delighted to welcome members of An Garda Síochána, along with ambulance and rescue services, to the school, where they shared valuable advice on staying safe and gave a fascinating insight into the important roles they play within our community. In STEM, the children had great fun experimenting with Bee-Bots, developing their computational thinking and problem-solving skills through engaging, hands-on activities while also exploring circuit switches and gaining a practical understanding of how electricity flows by building and testing their own simple circuits. We also had a fantastic time celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge, with the help of Mr. Gallagher, taking part in a variety of fun activities and games while promoting and enjoying our native language. As part of our 6th Class Confirmation Challenge, we are delighted to be working with local community artist Mary Ferris, who has been guiding the children in creating beautiful art pieces that will be displayed around the village of Kill. 6th class also celebrated their Confirmation on Saturday, 21st March. It was a wonderful day, and we are very proud of all the children who took part. Congratulations to everyone involved!









### Niamh and Aoife's classes

We have been very busy in Niamh and Aoife's class over the past few weeks! With spring in the air, we have been learning all about the season, creating a beautiful spring board in our class and watching out for daffodils to blossom. We have also been exploring the fascinating life cycle of butterflies. The pupils have really enjoyed discovering how a tiny caterpillar transforms into a beautiful butterfly.

It has also been a special time for some of our classmates. One of our 6th class pupils recently celebrated their Confirmation, and three of our pupils marked an important milestone by making their First Confession. We are very proud of them all. Well done to everyone for all their hard work and achievements!



## Sports News

In early February both the boys' and girls' basketball teams won their perspective leagues with the girls defeating The Convent Primary School, Naas in a highly competitive affair. In the end our girls cemented the result with an outstanding fourth quarter performance to win well. Meanwhile the boys defeated Primary School in Newbridge in a much closer match that either team could have won going into the final quarter. I would lie to express my thanks to the to the children who trained so diligently over the winter months, to Lorraine Pamplin who gave up her time to help coach the team and to the parents who transported the children to all their matches.

The Mini Sevens Competitions took place recently with our girls travelling to Rathangan to participate. They performed admirably on the day and had great fun. A huge thanks to Ms Jordan and Ms Malone who trained the girls team for this tournament. Our boys team defeated St Corban's, Naas in a highly contested final which now qualifies them for the quarter final stage of the tournament which will take place in April. I would like to express my thanks to Ms Christian, Ms Wright, Mr. Kelly and Mr Carty who trained and competed in both the camogie and hurling Mini-7's competitions run by Cumann na mBunscol, Chill Dara at this time of year. I would also like to thank the club once again for being so helpful in not only making their pitches available to the school but also setting up on the day for these competitions to run so smoothly. I would like to thank Ms Linehan who is continually encouraging the children and promoting sport within Scoil Bhríde.



### **Mini-7's Hurling Tournament**

Our school recently took part in an exciting Mini-7's football tournament held in St. Corban's BNS, Naas on March 20. It was a fantastic day of sport, teamwork, and friendly competition alongside one of the nicest days of weather so far this year.

We played three matches in total, facing St. Corban's BNS, Scoil Chóca Naofa, and Naas Community National School. Each game was played with great effort and determination by all involved. While we were narrowly defeated by a strong St. Corban's side in our opening match, the team showed great resilience and spirit in the games that followed.

We went on to secure two well-deserved victories against Scoil Chóca Naofa and Naas Community National School. These wins reflected the teamwork, skill, and positive attitude shown by the players throughout the day.

Overall, it was a very enjoyable tournament and a great experience for everyone who took part. Well done to all the players for representing the school so proudly!

## Camogie News

On a bitterly cold but beautifully bright day, with clear blue skies overhead, our Mini 7s Camogie Team put in a fantastic performance across a highly competitive tournament featuring four other teams. The girls showed tremendous heart and skill throughout the day, claiming impressive victories over Ardclough and Naas in what were thoroughly deserved wins. Despite their best efforts, they were edged out by Mercy Convent and Rathmore in two hard-fought contests, but they never stopped competing and gave everything they had right to the final whistle. It was a day to be proud of — a spirited display of camogie that bodes very well for the season ahead.



## Green Schools

This year in Scoil Bhríde we are very proud to embark on our 8<sup>th</sup> Green Flag!

Our new theme; **Global Citizenship- Marine Environment.**

Our Green Schools Committee has been up and running since September, they have been working hard maintaining the fantastic achievements over the past number of years in the school as well as raising awareness of our current theme. We are delighted to share that we will be celebrating this theme with an exciting **Marine Week** from the 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April this year as part of our Green Schools Programme.

Throughout this week, the children will explore Ireland's incredible marine life, learn about ocean conservation, and discover how our everyday actions can help protect our seas. Daily activities will vary from webinars with Fisheries Scientists, marine art projects, fun quizzes and much more!

We invite parents to get involved by discussing marine topics at home, reducing single use plastics and sharing any useful resources you may have.

## Quiz Team



Huge congratulations to our School Quiz Team who have qualified for the All Ireland Final of the Credit Union School's Quiz in April. Our team consists of Toby, Caeden, Michael and Alice (all from 6th class). They have performed incredibly well winning the Naas Branch Competition and then coming second in the Leinster Final in March. We are so proud of all their hard work and efforts and wish them the very best of luck in the RDS in April.

## Choir News

A huge thank you to our 5<sup>th</sup> class choir children for their hard work and commitment singing at two confirmation ceremonies on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>. They sang beautifully, really adding to the ceremonies. Well done to them

