



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



APRIL 2025

Dear Parents,

As the bright weather thankfully continues we ask parents to ensure children continue to wear their school uniform as normal. We are proud of our uniform and we understand that items may need to be washed mid week or repaired due to rips. But if we lose the consistency, it diminishes the respect we have for it and the efforts that all parents make. If parents could please ensure that branded items such as hoodies/shorts are not worn as part of our uniform, we would appreciate that. Allowing children to wear these, can put pressure on families to 'keep up' with latest trends etc. Thankfully, a uniform is a great way of preventing this. Our school community appreciates everyone's support on this.

We are enjoying the daily routines of school life despite approaching our Easter break. There is ongoing preparation for our First Communion Celebrations (May 10th), our upcoming Confirmation ceremony tomorrow, Thursday and we have prepared a busy schedule of sporting events for our final term. However, we encourage the children to keep up their hard work and try their best everyday. Teachers have planned for their subjects from April 28th (reopening after Easter) to June 20th (closing for Summer) and it will pay off for both teachers and children by everyone working together and giving their best efforts. School tours are planned, details of locations and prices will follow next month.

The month of May will quickly approach us and we look forward to celebrating Our Lady in each classroom. May is a lovely time to look forward to warmer temperatures and enjoy the flowers which are starting to bloom. As we create our May altars in our school, it might be a good time for families to join us and to create a small altar at home, to pay tribute to Mary, of whom our school is named after.

The Board of Management would like to thank our parents for their ongoing support this term including volunteering their time for coaching and demonstrations of their jobs & passions in a variety of classrooms. We also look back on this term and consider the challenges that we overcame in relation to storm damage and the Board would like to thank our entire community for pulling together to ensure our school operated as smoothly and safely as possible. Ní neart go cur le chéile, there is strength in numbers.

We encourage children to wear sunscreen and hats as advised by the Dept of Ed., and please send in extra water for children during the final term.

Kind Regards

L.Henry

Principal

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

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BLUE STAR PROGRAMME ★



On Friday, 21st March, we were delighted to welcome MEP Maria Walsh to our school as part of our participation in the Blue Star Programme. This programme helps students learn about the European Union through creative activities and projects. Our 3rd to 6th Class students have been actively engaging in the programme, exploring European culture, history, and institutions. Thanks to Ms. Mogan for organising the programme and visit.

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OLYMPIC HANDBALL



Congratulations to our 5th Class students and Mr. Conroy who recently took part in the Under 12 Mixed Olympic Handball competition. Round one took place in Ballinboyle on Friday, 21st March, and the second round in Knocknacarra on Thursday, 27th March. The students represented the school exceptionally. Well done to all involved!

CHESS



Well done to the boys' chess team who competed in the Ardilaun Hotel on Wednesday, 19th March, and to the girls' team who took part in the Galway Bridge Club on Friday, 21st March. Great work by all involved!

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6TH CLASS DEBATING TEAM



Mr. Lane's 6th Class debating team recently competed against Kiltormer NS. The team comprising of Orla Hayes, Laura Gilhooly and Rebecca Walsh debated exceptionally well but were narrowly defeated. Well done to chairperson Jack Cormican and timekeeper Darragh Patterson for their hard work and dedication!

NATIONAL MINOR SCHOOLS FINAL



Congratulations to Holly Cullen, who competed in the National Minor Schools Final at the National Aquatics Centre in Dublin on Sunday, 30th March. Holly represented our school in the 50m freestyle—well done on this fantastic achievement!

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PODCASTING TRAINING-CREATIVE SCHOOLS



Some of our staff recently participated in podcast training as part of the Creative Schools initiative. We look forward to providing our students with the opportunity to learn and develop podcasting skills in the near future.

GAELIC FOOTBALL CHALLENGE MATCH



Our 5th and 6th Class students took part in a challenge Gaelic football match against Ballindereen at Clarinbridge Pitch on Thursday, 3rd April. They played brilliantly and are now looking forward to the upcoming Cumann na mBunscol competitions.

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BURREN BEO



Our 4th Class students are thoroughly enjoying their participation in the Burren BEO programme. This initiative provides them with the opportunity to learn about the unique heritage, ecology, and biodiversity of the Burren through engaging, hands-on activities. The programme fosters an appreciation for our natural environment and encourages students to become active stewards of their local landscape.

6TH CLASS CARD GAMES

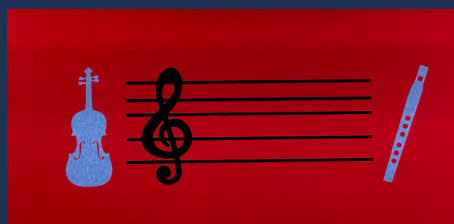


Over the past few days, our 6th Class students have been enjoying learning a variety of card games with some of our staff. This has been a great opportunity to develop strategic thinking and social skills in a fun and engaging way. Thanks to our secretary Ger who has a lot of games 'up her sleeve'!

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NEW NOTICEBOARDS



Sincere thanks to our Parents' Association for their fundraising efforts. A portion of the funds raised have been used to purchase personalised noticeboards for our school hall. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

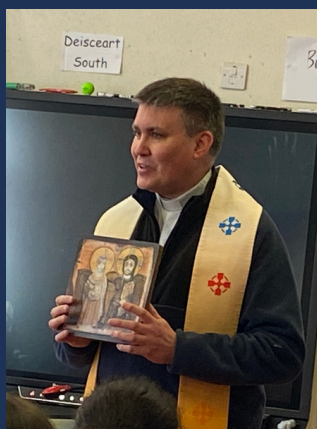


SCHOOL WEBSITE



Our school website is currently under development. We hope to have updates completed within the coming weeks. All our existing school details are still available. We hope you enjoy the 'new look'.

6TH CLASS CONFIRMATION



On Monday, 7th April, our 6th Class students took part in their Fan the Flame ceremony with Fr. Barry in the school. We wish them all the very best as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 10th April. Sincere thanks to Mr. Lane and Mrs. Coolahan for preparing the students so well for this special occasion.



SPOTLIGHT NEWS

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CREATIVE ART DISPLAYS



IRISH DANCING SUCCESS



Congratulations to Aoibhinn Cormican on her recent Irish dancing success in Sligo. Well done on a fantastic achievement!