The events of March came thick and fast with the arrival of student teachers, visits to the library and bookshop to hear authors and storytellers, an Córfhéile, Seachtain na Gaeilge the surprise visit of Donncha O Callaghan, First Confession and St. Patrick’s Day.

The Easter holidays will be welcome and hopefully the weather will improve as the school garden awaits the planting of all our vegetables and flowers.

On that note, I have a request to make. The school compost bins are full and need a few months rest to decompose. As we wish to continue with our high standards of recycling, I hope you understand when we send home green waste just for next term.

To mark the last day of term and as a fitting end to the book fair, the girls are invited to dress up as characters from a novel. I had asked earlier for donations on the day for the school garden but as it is Daffodil Day we have decided to channel the funds raised to that worthy charity.

Bhí spórt is scléip againn arís í mbliana ag comóradh Seachtain Na-Gaeilge. Rinne na cailini go léir sár-íarracht Gaeilge a labhairt sa chlóis chomh minic agus is féidir. Thaitin an céili go mór le cáith agus tá mé an-bhuioch do Ms. Farnan a bhí mar bhean an tí an lá sin.

Finally, as we approach the last term in the school year, we will be planning our class groupings and would be grateful if you could let the office know if you are not returning in September.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support, Maria Fitzgerald.
Seachtain na Gaeilge

We got our dancing feet ready for our annual ceilí which took place on Friday 15th March. Ms. Farnan led the way as the Bean an Tí as we leaped and hopped around the halla dancing Ionsaí na hInse, Ballaí Luimní and Shoo the Donkey. The girls were partnered up with their book buddies to allow the older children to share their expertise with the younger classes! The Irish dancers from each class performed and gave us a wonderful display of dancing! Well done to all the cailini!

Cairde Leabhair

First class became authors for the first time during Seachtain na gaeilge where they made their own leabhairini beaga. Senior classes also wrote books for their book buddies, and everyone made a great effort to speak the ‘cúpla focail’, on the corridor and on the yard during the week. We also enjoyed our cairde leabhar (book buddies) with our book buddies throughout the school.

St Patrick’s Day Parade

A big thank you to all who participated in the St. Patricks Day parade and represented the school so well. Despite the snow and cold weather we had a great turn out. We had great fun singing out our song and you all looked great in your costumes and T-shirts. You did yourselves proud. Well done!

CD Recording for M+M Company

Under the direction of Ian Callanan, the production team of sound engineers, music promoters and technicians spent a day in the small PE hall recording the first cut of our CD. From Junior Infants to sixth class, the experience went very smoothly, with the minimum of takes, and everyone was delighted with the process.

Mixing will take place and soon the final CD will be ready for purchase.
Third and Fourth Classes on Tour!

The girls in third and fourth class enjoyed a visit to the Concert Hall on the 5th of March to listen to the RTE Concert Orchestra. They were introduced to the various instruments in the orchestra and participated in a lively sing-along of songs they learned before attending. Third Class then went on a guided tour of the Viking exhibition in Dublinia.

A wonderful day was enjoyed by all!

Garden News

Many thanks to the parents and staff who helped with the garden tidy up. The raised beds are prepared are ready for planting. Fifth class will plant their seed potatoes which have been chitting these last few weeks indoors. The other classes have either begun their planting this week or hope to do so after Easter. We hope to plant rockers, mixed lettuce, radish, beetroot, carrots, onions and spring onions. We will also plant marigolds, cornflower seeds, sweet pea and nasturtiums.

We would be delighted with any extra help if parents are available. Please contact Mrs McCabe or leave your name with Ann in the office.

Cór Fhéile

Well done to our school choir on an amazing performance at Cor Fheile in the Basketball Arena, Tallaght, on March 8th. A highlight of the evening was the wonderful comments we received from the adjudicator.

Well done girls!

Book Fair

The book fair has been a great success again this year, with the enormous help of the parents’ association. Lots of activities took place alongside the fair, including book cover design, character design and a short story competition.

First Confession

On the 14th of March Second class received the Sacrament of Confession. Fr Liam and Fr David led us through a lovely ceremony. Thank you to Vivienne, Anna and Ger who represented the parents. Ger continues to organise the ‘Do this in Memory’ masses. Additional help for Ger will be appreciated over Easter and coming up to the Communion ceremony. The fourth class choir sang beautifully under the direction of Ms Lohan. We had flute and tin whistle music from Deirdre and her Mom while a percussion group added volume to the song ‘How lucky we are’!

Mrs McCabe and Ms Curran displayed our artwork in the front porch of the church. All the children were a credit to their families and we look forward to our Sacrament of Communion on the 27th of April during the 11am Mass.
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Dates for your diary

Fri 26th March School closing at 11.40 a.m. for Easter Holiday
Mon 8th April Re-opening
Fri 12th April Joan Boland visiting 6th class
Mon 15th April Swimming for 3rd and 4th
Tues 16th April Firefighter visiting 3rd class
Sat 27th April First Holy Communion 11.00 a.m.

HELP!
The infant classes are in need of cardboard boxes, kitchen roll centres, recyclable materials etc for 'Junk Art' for the third term. If you can help in any way, we would be very grateful.

Congratulations!
Laoise Power, from 6th class, won first prize in her category in the INTO handwriting competition.

Moira MC Cabe from 3rd class, won 2nd prize in the All-Ireland Gymnastics Competition Level 4.

Trip to Lithuania: Olivia Carton travelled to Vilnius on the 14th of March this year with Scoil Rince Úi Dhubhail, to dance at a reception for the greening of the river and bell tower. The ambassador of Lithuania and other EU dignitaries, along with the local Irish business people attended, and they all had a wonderful time!

Wishing you a rainbow
For sunlight after showers-
Miles and miles of Irish smiles
For golden happy hours-
Shamrocks at your doorway
For luck and laughter too,
And a host of friends that never ends
Each day your whole life through!

Why reinvent the wheel?

Almost there!

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Nearly there!