

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



School Communication: We have begun using the Aladdin system in school for tasks such as taking the roll. We have been advised to allow this system to embed for a number of weeks before we move to Aladdin Connect and the App that we will be asking you to download which will act as our main communication system in the future. In the meantime, you can contact the school through use of the homework journal or directly with the school office.

<u>Sacramental Classes:</u> Our 6th classes are approaching completion of the "You Shall Be My Witness" Program. Many thanks to all who have helped out – it couldn't happen without the involvement of parents. Confirmation takes place on Wednesday March 20th at 12:00 in Beauparc Church.

Parents Association: The PA met again this week to organise activities that are coming up over the next number of weeks and months. The Easter Raffle will take place on Friday the 22nd of March. Tickets will be distributed shortly. The last meeting was changed at relatively short notice due to circumstances beyond the control of the PA as there were a number of activities that were taking place on the same evening. We will give good notice for the next meeting and really would encourage as many of you that can to attend. The PA performs a vital function for the school and we do need a decent number to go the meetings to give as broad an opinion as possible. We would particularly encourage those who may not yet have attended or who have not done so in a while to attend.

English Inspection: The school recently completed an inspection in English. The feedback from the Inspectorate was very positive indeed and we are awaiting the report to be sent onto the school for our own evaluation and recommendations.

School Tours:

Jun & Sen Inf.	May 24 th	Navan Adventure Centre
1 st & 2 nd	tbc	
3 rd	May 24 th	Trim Castle
4 th	June 12th	Dublinia
5 th	June 26 th	National Sports Centre
6 th	May 23rd	Croke Park
	June 24th	Carlingford Adven. Centre

Road Safety: - please ensure your child approaches the school on the church side of the road when walking to ensure they can cross safely at the pedestrian lights—drivers exiting the car park may not see a child on the path on the car park side. Thanks to all who are using our car park and please encourage anyone collecting your child at the school to use it rather than park on the road.

5th Class Bake Sale: Wednesday 13th March — Parents & Public welcome from 1.30-2.15pm. In aid of the Irish Cancer Society and Down Syndrome Ireland. Donations of cakes also welcome—drop into the school on Wednesday morning.

<u>Seachtain na Gaeilge:</u> This annual event takes place the week starting the 11th of March. There will be a number of activities in the school culminating in our Seó sa Halla on Friday where each class will do a little piece.

<u>Parent/Teacher Meetings</u>: These meetings took place for both Junior Infant classes and 2^{nd} class. Thanks to all those who attended.

<u>Credit Union Quiz:</u> Congratulations to Matthew and Tobey Navagh- Burke, Shauna Gollogley & Lily Darby who represented our school in the Credit Union Chapter Quiz on Friday night in Virginia.

Student Council: Our pupils have been working on developing a Noticeboard in the school based around the theme of inclusion and respect to others. They devised a number of poems on the theme of Kindness and we will be publishing these on the School Website shortly. We are awaiting a document from the Department to further our plans and the students will be at the heart of this.

Sport: Swimming: Our first lessons took place on Friday and were a great success. The pupils really enjoyed the instruction that they received in this important life skill. Next lessons 15th March.

Olympic Handball— Congratulations & very well done to our U13 boys who won the Leinster final yesterday and proceed to the All Irelands next month.

GAA Mini 7's—Games held last Wed. in Kentstown Park for Boys and Girls - the boys go through to Round 2 next Tuesday –venue tbc.

Soccer—Boys in MDL Wed 6/3, girls Thurs 14/3.

Rugby—continues on Fridays in school

School Calendar – upcoming dates:

6th March: Boys FAI Soccer – MDL 8th March: School closed – Referendum

10th March: Enrolment Mass @ 11am- Holy Communion.

13th March: 5th Class Cake Sale

Vision & Hearing Screening – Senior Infants

14th March: FAI Soccer Girls – MDL 15th March: Swimming 3rd – 6th

18th March: Closed - St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday

20th March: Confirmation 12 noon

22nd March: Easter Holidays- School closes 12.30pm