#### March Newsletter

## School News

**Hot meal scheme update:** Our 'hot meals' kitchen will be put in place during the Easter Holidays. We envisage the **22<sup>nd</sup> April as the start date**. <u>The lunch bag will cease this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</u> so there will be a two-week gap after the Easter holidays before 'The School Food Company' is up and running. You will need to provide your child with lunch for this interim period.

In the meantime **please register for the app** via the card you received home in your child's bag this week. You can find out more about the school food company here- <u>School Lunches</u> | <u>The School</u> <u>Food Company</u> | <u>Limerick</u>. Please note that the hot meal scheme is free of charge to all pupils.



**MPP entrance exams for 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils:** Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 is scheduled for the entrance assessment. Parents/Guardians can collect pupils from school as required. For more details please contact MPP directly.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge** brought lots of colour, ceol agus craic to our school last week. Well done to our brave pupils who performed in front of the whole school at our Ceolchoirm. There is so much talent at large.

- Billy Chubb, Matilda Leydon, Nisa Gursoy, Sophia Stephenson and Cian Coogan danced a beautiful reel.
- Lydia Byrne, David Wilson and Noor Messaoudi played the tin whistle for us all
- Our duo of Matthew Hyland (on guitar) and Vishel Efu (singer), entertained us with their rendition of an old Irish Ballad.
- Enjuan Han played a haunting version of the Lonesome Boatman on her Cello

**Thank you:** In addition to our Ceolchoirm, there were Kahoot quizzes, frásaí an lae, An síopa Gaeilge, Céilí mór agus an Lá Glas. A special thanks to Aimee Egan, Liz Foley, Laoise Flanagan and Jennifer Gormley who organised the week. It was most enjoyable for everyone in our school community.







**Upcoming Holidays-** The school will close this **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** for the Easter Break. We will return to school on **April 8<sup>th</sup>**. Pupils should be collected at the following times, in order to ease congestion and traffic.

11:00am-Junior and senior infants/ siblings of same and those that travel via bus 11:15am-First to Third class and their siblings 11:30am-4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes

### **February Student Awards**

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa		Happiness Award	
Junior Infants Sinead S.	Zion	April		Sara	
Junior Infants Noreen & Sinead G,	Cathy	Krzys		Jeremiah	
Junior Infants Elaine	Adam	Eva		Amanda	
Senior Infants Carolina	Katherine	Dalton		Eoin	
Senior Infants Aoibhín	Charlie	Emilia		Calvin	
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Rob P.	Enxia	Anya		Nala	
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Catherine	Zoe	Leandra		Elena	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Olivia	Emely	Beth		Ethan	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Jennifer	Daniel	Nisa		Cara	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Rob L.	Maia	Daniel		Matthew	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Jacinta	Sophie	Lydia		Alec	
4 <sup>th</sup> Class Aimee	Adam	Shanaya		Fabio	
4 <sup>th</sup> Class Dave	Grace	Odh	ran	John	
4 <sup>th</sup> Class		Special Achievement Award		Billy	
5 <sup>th</sup> Class Tom	Smyan	Mar	riia	Artur	
5 <sup>th</sup> Class Sue	Devansh	Martha		Daniel	
6 <sup>th</sup> Class Laoise	Hannah	Olivia		Manase	
Eoin's Class (Butterflies)				Feranmi	



**Upcoming Events/Closures This Term**:

April 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: Inclusion and Diversity Week

Easter Break: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Return to school on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>

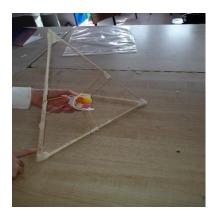
May- Standardised Testing

June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Active School Week and School Tours

June 26<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation

### **CLASS NEWS**

**As part of Engineers Week** - March2<sup>nd</sup> -8th, **Robert L. and Jacinta's classes** welcomed engineers from Intel to their classes. They learned about different structures and forces. Using three triangles and elastic bands, they created catapults. Lots of fun was had testing these catapults. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Raphael from Maynooth University came to tell us about statistics and how valuable they are in the natural environment for counting wildlife. Using these strategies, he told us that 3<sup>rd</sup> classes were able to make an 'educated guess' as to how many plastic balls were in the box. Thank you to all our visitors.



**Class of 2024 6<sup>th</sup> Class Hoodies**- Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class hoodies have arrived and they look wonderful! Thank you sincerely to the PTA for funding the cost of the hoodies yet again and to teachers Laoise and Aimee who were involved in the democratic voting process and ordering of the items.



**5th Classes** took part in a Rugby Blitz on Wednesday at North Kildare Rugby Club. Well done to our 4 teams who played 3 matches each. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you to Colm Dunne our rugby coach who organised the day, and to teachers Tom , Sue and Mary who brought the children along.



**Senior infants:** We have been very busy in Senior Infants recently with planting, Irish dancing and creating some Pirates Art with 6th class for St. Patrick's Day.



**Junior Infants** Larch class (Sinéad and Noreen's classes) have been busy planting salad leaves, french beans, cress and peas and learning all about Spring. 'The Farm' was our theme in Aistear and we learned about all the animals on the farm and where our food comes from.



We had great fun dressing up for World Book Day. Little Red Riding Hood had a close call with the Big Bad Wolf.



Bhí a lán Gaeilge ar súil sa scoil i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Tháinig an siopa Gaeilge go dtí an rang gach lá. Bhí an-spóirt agus spraoi againn ag damhsa sa chéilí freisin.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**LEGO CLUB:** Thank you to all parents and children who attended LEGO club this term. We have thoroughly loved our time with the children and their incredible imaginations. We wish you all a very happy Easter and hope to spend more time with the children in term three. Some places are still available. Best wishes! Cristina & Joan

Wishing you all a wonderful break and we will see you all on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards,

Lorraine Murray

Principal