

## Scór na bPáistí

This year for Scór Na bPáistí we had a record number of children participate from our school. Two fabulous Irish dancing teams danced in Rathnure Hall in the first round of the competition and did themselves and their school so proud. Our Novelty Act and Ballad Group also performed on the day and succeeded onto semi final stages in Bunscoil Gorey. They put on super performances and gained two well deserved spots in the County Final in the National Opera House. Both teams did absolutely amazing on the night, with huge support from families, friends and staff members. As a staff, school and community we could not be prouder of each and every one of them. A huge thank you to Ms Joan O'Toole, Mr Rúairí Murphy & Ms Kasey Doyle for their hard work and efforts throughout the competition. We are already looking forward to next year!



## CLOSURES

### Important Dates

Midterm break 20th & 21st February

First Confession 5th March following 10am Mass

Saint Patrick's Day 17th March

Half day: 12 midday finish 11th April

Easter holidays 14th April -25th April inclusive

First Holy Communion Sat 3rd May @11am

Confirmation Sat 10th May @ 11am

### Hurling 365

3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> class pupils participated in a camogie/ hurling skills competition over the last couple of months. The competition promoted five fundamental skills and was sponsored by FreshToday. All participants really enjoyed it and there has been a marked improvement to be seen in all pupils. Congratulations to Dylan Ormonde, who will represent the school in the final of the skills challenge in Wexford Park on Friday 28th February. Congratulations also to Kate Carroll who was judged most improved player over the course of the skills challenge. All are welcome to support Dylan in the final. Thanks to Keira Kinahan Murphy, our Hurling 365 coordinator, for organising the skills challenge

### Rackard league

Rackard league camogie and hurling returns this coming term, with competitions set to start the first week of March. The boys and girls have started training in recent weeks under the guidance of Ms. L. Sinnott, Mr. Nolan and Mr. Hendrick. The boys play a practice match on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February @ 2:30 p.m. in Oulart, vs Blackwater



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*MID/TERM BREAK*  
*February 2025*

## Green Schools

Thank you to everyone who brought in used batteries. The Big Travel Challenge saw an increase in the number of children walking, cycling and scooting to school. At assembly, we brainstormed ways to reduce food waste in the school. We will soon be applying for our sixth green school flag so fingers crossed!

## New Staff

We would like to welcome our Hughie O' Connor to our school. He has been working as a caretaker in the school since early January. We are very grateful for his help with the maintenance and upkeep of the school!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms. D. Doyle who is on maternity leave and recently welcomed her son, Beau, into the world! Wishing you years of good health and happiness!

## After school clubs

Well done to all the pupils who took part in lego club, under the guidance of Ms. Wright and Ms. K. Doyle. Tin whistle club with Mr. Murphy and Ms. Stanley will begin on Monday 24th February.

Homework club will continue on Tuesdays and Thursday for pupils in 3rd-6th classes.

## Gymnastics

Gymnastics with 'Gymstars' will run from Tuesday 25th February to Tuesday 25th March. Please use the e-payment link on Aladdin to pay for these sessions if you have not already done so.



## 2nd Class Fresh Today Blitz

2nd class students recently took part in a ground hurling/camogie blitz in Blackwater Indoor Arena. They played two games against Screen N.S and Glenbrien N.S. There were some fantastic skills on show and everyone had a great time.

## Wellbeing Committee

The Wellbeing Committee has been organising Wellbeing Wednesday once a month. These include activities such as card games, mindfulness colouring, board games and a disco. Wellbeing Week will take place in June. The committee look forward to planning an exciting, fun and joyful week of events.

## Credit Union Quiz

The school entered two teams in the Credit Union schools' quiz which was held recently in the Riverside Park Hotel. Both the u-11 and u-13 teams performed excellently. The u-11 team tallied a final score of 40 points. The u-13 team tallied a final score of 57 points, narrowly missing out on qualification. The u-11 team members were Evan Walsh, Kate Carroll, Sam Harpur and Liam Hanlon. The u-13 team members were Conor Carroll, Ryan Deegan, Rhys Leacy and Leah Murphy. Well done to all involved.

## Special Persons' Day

This took place on Friday 14th February. Many thanks to the staff, parents' association for their help on the day. Fresh Today also kindly donated refreshments and this was very much appreciated.

## Seomra Fiadh

The official opening of Seomra Fiadh will take place on Friday 4th April. We use this resource for play, meetings, reading, exercises.

## Enrolments

The school is currently accepting enrolments for September 2025. If you require a form, please download from our website or ask Ann in the office for a hard copy. We will cease accepting enrolments on Friday 14th March.

## School Photos

School photos will be taken on Monday 3rd March. Please return forms to class teacher.

## Before/ After School Care Options

Elaine of 'Cots to Crayons' (mob: 085 2737203) and Tara of 'Firefly Childcare' (Mob: 087 9963113) both provide collections from the school and after school care.

'Firefly Childcare' also runs a breakfast club before school should you require it.

## Mobile library:

The mobile library continues to visit the school every second Friday. Children (2nd-6th class) are asked to bring in their book and library card, if they have one, on these days.