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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

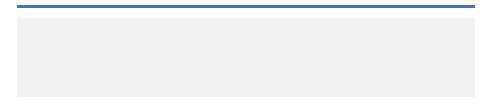
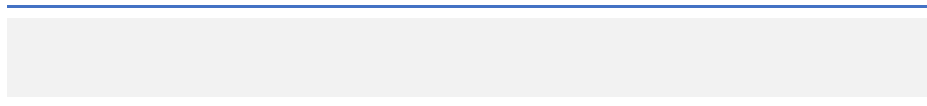
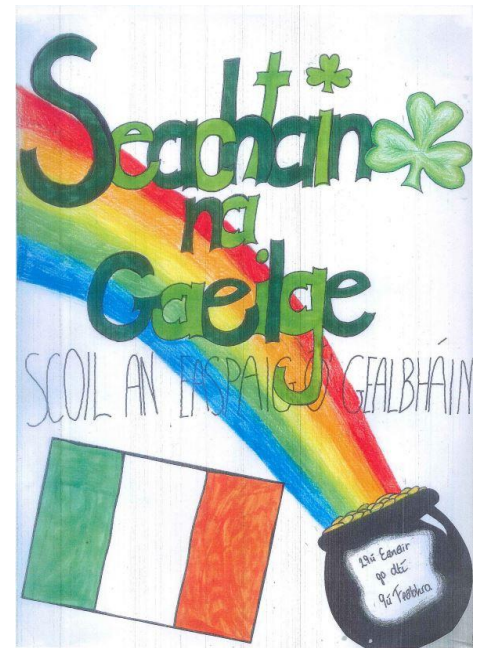
- **Seachtain na Gaeilge** – up to Friday 9th February.
- **Internet Safety Day** – Tuesday 6th February
- **Child Protection Staff development** – school closes on Tuesday 6th February @12.00pm
- **Non-uniform Day** – Friday 9th February
- **Mid-Term Break** – Friday 9th February @2.40pm – Monday 19th February @9am.
- **Confirmation: Information Night for Parents** – Tuesday 20th February @7.30pm in Bishop Galvin hall.
- **Parents' Association Cake Sale** – Friday 23rd February
- **Engineering Week** – begins Monday 26th February
- **Student Council 2018 Election** – Tuesday 27th February
- **Mass for the season of Lent** – Wednesday 28th February @11am

New Building Update

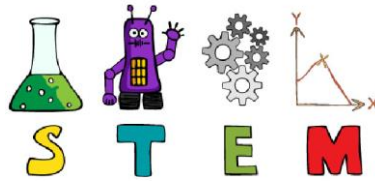
We are in the very final stage of the building programme and are now ready for the transition phase. The very latest technology for interactive boards have been purchased, along with new furniture, which will allow for more group work and station teaching. The new classrooms are bright, colourful and spacious.

For the transition phase, there are many logistical challenges in moving furniture, equipment installation, entry and exit access points and reinstatement of playgrounds. All of this work is due to be completed during our Mid Term break. New arrangements will be in place for the week of Monday 19th February, which will impact our morning drop off and evening collection, and our playground times. As work progresses throughout the Mid Term, we will be in a position to communicate these arrangements to all parents via text and email.

We would like to thank all of our pupils, parents and staff for their patience, cooperation and support throughout the building programme.



More Important News



As part of our programme for developing STEM across the school, we had the pleasure of welcoming Junior Einsteins to our school earlier this month. The children from 3rd and 6th classes were treated to a wide range of science experiments and observed the 'crash-bang-wallop' in the fun that is science. In February, 4th and 5th classes will be working on engineering and construction projects with Bricks4Kidz.

This year, we are celebrating 21 years of ICT in our school. Our computer room was recently equipped with all new computers, and we are in the process of giving it a little artistic makeover. We are planning a very special event for Term 3. More details to follow...

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We have a number of great activities lined up for *Seachtain na Gaeilge* which started on Monday. We were treated to a wonderful performance from Darren Holden from the 'High Kings', joined in by a chorus of classes of children and accompanied by fantastic Irish dancing. We were delighted with guest performances from his children, Josh, Ava and Sophie. Keep an eye out on our Twitter page for more activities in the coming weeks including 'An Nuacht Scoil Easpaig Ó Gealbhain'.

Internet Safety Day – Feb 6th

Over the course of the school year, we teach children to be vigilant and responsible with their use of technology and, next Tuesday, on Internet Safety Day, organised activities across the school will remind us about both the wonderful benefits and potential dangers that exist with using the internet. We thank parents for their continued and valued co-operation in our school's 'Acceptable Use Policy' which is available to read on our school website.

Musical 2018

The Whole School Singing is well up and running and with rehearsals at lunch-times and after schools the buzz of the musical is well and truly here. Our dates are now confirmed as Sunday 11th – Thursday 15th March @7.30pm and tickets will go on-sale after Mid-Term.



Sunday 11th – Thursday 15th March

7.30pm



Student Council Update

ELECTION ✓ **2018**

Tuesday 27th February

'We had the best time as Student Council members. In our time we have been to The Dáil, organised Daffodil day, helped with the Book Fair and went to meetings to try to make this school a better place. We encourage others to go for the job because it is a great thing to help and represent your class. As of the February Mid Term we will no longer be people in the job. We hope whoever takes over our amazing job will take it seriously and will have respect for others. We just want to thank Ms. Edge; this wouldn't have worked without her. 😊'

Emily McCann & Sarah Lawlor

