

Nuachtlitir—March 2019

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th class Confirmation Alb Measurement – Friday 5th April

Talent Show – Week of 8th April

Cross Country Event—Thursday 11th April

Easter Break – Friday 12th April @12.00—Monday 29th April @9.00

Seachtain na Gaeilge

With art competitions for seanfhocail, daily Irish dancing lessons, and competitions to guess the Gaeilgóir Rúnda, Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019 was a great success. Each corridor mixed active Gaeilge lessons with performances of Irish music and finished the week with our annual Tráth na gCéist. Mr. B also generously used his skills in ancient Irish script to write the names of 3rd Class pupils on their hurleys as *Gaeilge*. The final day saw the visit of 'The Irish House Party', who led the school in renditions of traditional Irish songs and were ably accompanied by supreme Irish dancers from our various classes. Hopefully, the grá na teanga will live on.



Galvin's Got Talent

After the success of our first Galvin's Got Talent (GGT) two years ago, we return with a special school event to showcase the incredible talents of our pupils. Over the past few weeks, auditions have taken place during lunch breaks, with an inspirational response by the pupils. After difficult decisions, 18 acts have been selected to appear in our school show which is for pupils only. This year, for the first time, a special evening show will offer families of the participating acts the opportunity to see them in action. Parents will be contacted by email in the coming days regarding arrangements.

Easter Break

A reminder that school will close at 12.00 on Friday, April 12th and reopen on Monday, April 29th at 9am.

Motte and Bailey Exhibition

We recently had our annual 'Motte and Bailey' exhibition with the school hall full of amazing pieces of construction on Norman living. Well done to our 4th classes who worked tirelessly for weeks and should be very proud of their final product. Each year, the creativity and imagination rises to new levels in making these Motte and Baileys and the pupils engage so much in combining many skills and crafts in putting these together. It was great to see so many proud parents visit these creations also.



Sports Update

Our boys' basketball team were successful at the first attempt in the Primary Mini-Basketball tournament, held recently in Tallaght. The boys reigned supreme throughout the tournament and displayed a great team ethic throughout. Well done also to the girls' team who can be very proud of their participation in the tournament. The Cross Country events continues with the penultimate race on April 11th. Cumann na mBunscol hurling and camogie competitions start this week and we'll have further news on the teams' progress next month.



Active Schools' Week

The school was abuzz this week with pupils engaging in activities ranging from Tug o' War, Badminton, Yoga, 'Relay for a Day', table-tennis, 10 @ 10, the Triangle Dance (!) and much more. Being active is important in children's lives and we continue to encourage pupils to get active each day, whether it's a walk/cycle to/from school to joining club. With the lengthening of the evenings from this weekend, the opportunity is there for pupils to get out and be active.



Visit of Author

As part of their literacy programme in 4th Classes, the pupils were treated to a visit by author, Marita Conlon-McKenna. The writer of the multi-award winning novel, 'Under The Hawthorn Tree', she imparted much wisdom on the boys and girls and spoke of her experiences of creating characters, structuring the story and what it takes to tell a story from start to finish. She spoke passionately about what books mean to her and the influences writers have had on her life. We hope that the experience of her visit will be the springboard for future tales of adventure for all our writers.

Best Wishes

Very best wishes to Ms. O'Sullivan who will be walking down the aisle in her native Co. Galway next weekend.

Student Council Update

Daffodil Day 2019

The Spring Bloom is upon us and last week, the Student Council harvested almost 500 daffodils in aid of the *Irish Cancer Society*. The school has harvested daffodils for over 25 years and it is a feature of the school surroundings each year. We thank everyone for their kind contribution.

