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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Seachtain na Gaeilge** – 1st - 17th March
- **ACCORD** – Fri. 1st March (**6th Class**), Fri. 8th March (**5th Class**)
- **Ash Wednesday Mass** – Wednesday 6th March @11am
- **World Book Day** – Thursday 7th March
- **Motte and Bailey Exhibition (4th Class)** – Friday 8th March
- **Confirmation Commitment Ceremony** – Sunday 10th March @11.30am
- **Lá Glas** – Friday 15th March
- **Dublinia (3rd Classes)** – Tuesday 19th + Wednesday 20th March
- **Daffodil Day** – Friday 22nd March
- **Active Schools' Week** – Monday 25th – Friday 29th March

School Grounds Development

We are delighted with the work completed on new pathways at the entrance and around the school as part of the programme for grounds development. Thank you for your cooperation and patience with this. In the coming weeks Slí na Sláinte from the *Irish Heart Foundation* will work with us in measuring and marking out a number of walking routes on the school grounds that can be used for pupils and staff to encourage us all in keeping active. Playground markings, seating and an outdoor classroom are next on the plan in transforming the school grounds.

Drop-off and Wet-Day arrangements

There has been a welcome improvement in dropping off and collecting arrangements in front of the school car-park, particularly in the mornings. We continue to remind parents that **the SET-DOWN zone is not for parking** and we ask parents not to park near zig-zag lines on either side of the road. We also remind parents that on rainy mornings, the schools can only open after 8.45am as on insurance grounds, the school cannot open before this time for access to pupils.

Ash Wednesday Mass

The school has been invited to attend the parish mass on Wednesday, March 6th @11am to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. Trocaire boxes will be distributed in the days prior to this and can be returned to the Parish Office. Information on Trocaire's 2019 appeal can be found via the following link -

<https://www.trocaire.org/getinvolved/lent>



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE
Íú – 17ú Márta

Galvin's Got Talent 2019

April 9 - 11

Auditions ongoing ...

Daffodil Day

An annual tradition that is now in its 26th year in our school, Daffodil Day is a charitable event close to the heart of many in the school community. We encourage children (and staff alike) to wear something yellow on March 22nd and join in the spirit of the occasion.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge starts on Monday with a range of activities including daily newspapers created digitally, pop songs and Irish dancing in the hall for PE, Tráth na gCéist for each stream, an Irish podcast, prizes daily for 'speaker of the Day' and a special traditional Irish concert by past-pupils, Declan and Eugene Quinn. On the final Friday before St. Patrick's Day, we'll be encouraging all to wear a green item of clothing as a fun way to end Seachtain na Gaeilge. Some wonderful activities are available on the Duolingo app and website - <https://www.duolingo.com/>. For more on Seachtain na Gaeilge - <https://snag.ie/>



Parents' Association Bake Sale

We wish to thank all the children and families who contributed to this year's sale. It was a tremendous success and it may be that some baking and cooking skills have been unearthed in the process!

Engineers' Week and Exploration Dome

Visitors to the school greeted with the sight of a blue dome may not have realised just how much fun and learning was occurring by classes inside it. Children were treated to lessons on the solar system, the impressive science that exists around us. Also this month, we had our second STEM week of the year, which focused on the skills of engineering.

Active Schools' Week 2019

After the tremendous success of our first Active Schools Week last year, this year's will take place over the week of March 25th – 29th. The addition of our track offers much opportunity for bringing classes out on the all-weather surfaces and across the school. Children are undertaking the 5K challenge over the course of a number of weeks. We also look forward to daily Sports' Days for 3rd-5th (6th Class event will take place in Mac Dara's in mid-June). More details will follow in the coming weeks but in the meantime, with the evenings getting longer and the weather (hopefully) set to improve, we encourage children to become active in their daily lives whether it be in sport, dancing, scouts or just a good old walk – be active!



Student Council Update

Visit to Ballyfermot Studio

To mark their first act as the newly-elected Student Council, a trip to the TV studios in Ballyfermot College was an amazing experience. The pupils got to see how a news studio works behind the scenes. They got to present the news, operate the sound studio and cameras which as Emily informed us is assisted by people upstairs in the Control Room. Oisín got to imagine himself as the next Martin King and presented the weather which he read off a camera and was assisted by the TV monitors. Maybe it's the beginning for many future TV stars!!



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