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## EASTER NEWSLETTER 2018

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Holidays commence Friday, March 23rd at 12 noon. (Pupils wear clothes of choice.)

School re-opens Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 9a.m.

School closed Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Public holiday

Mid-term break – school closed 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is a flavour of some of the activities in our school since Christmas. (Where to start, is the challenge!)

**FOOD DUDES:** Thanks to Ms. Rogers for organising the daily delivery of fresh fruit and veg. and to Miss Calvey's class who helped with the distribution! We hope the girls enjoyed the programme and that they are continuing to eat healthy food!

**PEACE PROMS:** Both 5<sup>th</sup> Classes participated in a spectacular concert in Kilkenny last Monday night. Thanks to their teachers Ms. Hendricken and Mrs. Walshe, for all their work and to Mrs Lambe who organised our participation.

**CYCLE TRAINING:** Ms. Hourihane organised the annual cycle training for the 6<sup>th</sup> Classes, part of which took place on the roads near the school. Bicycles and helmets were provided to all pupils for the training.

**ENGINEERS' WEEK:** All classes from 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> attended a workshop in Carlow I.T. Congratulations to all the pupils who entered the Engineering Competition and to the overall winners, Alex Callinan, Caoimhe Fanning, Katy Kelly and Caitlin Siadkowski. A huge thanks to Miss Redmond who organised it.

Miss Balfe's 6<sup>th</sup> Class spent a wonderful morning at an engineering workshop in *Visual*, thanks to the award-winning artistic talent of their classmate, Oliwia Mordas. Also, both Third Classes visited *Visual* and availed of the construction space.

**GREEN DAY:** Last Friday saw a great day of Irish celebration in the school and included a Green Walk, an Outdoor Céilí, a concert and a table quiz.

**VIDEO:** All the pupils participated in the recording of a song from the "The Greatest Showman" which was translated into Irish. It featured pupils, staff and parents and included singing, dancing, gymnastics and musicians. The video is being entered in a Seachtain na Gaeilge competition and parents will be informed when it's uploaded for viewing. Particular thanks must go to Mrs. Walshe and Miss Dunne!

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY:** Please pass on our thanks to all the grandparents who joined us on the day making it such a special event again!

**PARENTS' COUNCIL:** Grateful thanks to our ultra-supportive Parents' Council who have been very busy since Christmas! They provided catering for Grandparents' Day, held a Church-Gate Collection, organised a Fun Family Table Quiz which raised €797 and have made up fabulous hampers for Friday's Easter Raffle!

**DAFFODIL DAY:** Thank you to all our families who supported Daffodil Day organised by Ms. Rogers for Cancer Research. A total of €565.80 was raised today.

**SPORT:** All pupils have now enjoyed a block of gymnastics coaching from Ramona. Students from the I.T. have provided soccer coaching. GAA coaching has been provided by O'Hanrahan's. Basketball coaching with Ms. McDermott, Ms. O'Rourke and Miss Murray has begun. Swimming for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> will start after Easter.

**CONGRATS!** Emma Carberry in 6<sup>th</sup> Class was a winner in the Fair Trade Art Competition.

**CODING:** Grateful thanks to Mr. Mc Evoy and Mr. Madden who worked with the pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> Class on their coding projects for the SCRATCH Competition. Very impressive work!

**TRÓCAIRE WORKSHOP:** Brook Dunne Holmes, Rachel Donovan, Julia Gertner, Aoife Kehoe, Emily O'Brien and Megan Townsend from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class attended an environmental workshop recently in the Parish Centre.

**CUAN MHUÍRE:** Four visitors from Cuan Mhuíre Rehabilitation Centre spoke to the 6<sup>th</sup> Classes this week. They shared their life stories about coping with alcohol, drug and gambling addiction.

**HOT CHOCOLATE:** Yet again, there was wonderful support for Ms. Hourihane's *Fair Trade Hot Chocolate* mornings. Over €637.40 has been raised. Miss Hogan will be doing voluntary work in a school in Uganda this summer and all proceeds will go towards buying resources for that school.

**NATIONAL CONCERT HALL:** Our violin and cello ensemble from 5<sup>th</sup> Class will participate in a concert in the National Concert Hall on Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>. Over fifty primary schools applied and we are one of the lucky eight selected! The girls will play three pieces, including Leonard Cohen's *Halleluiah* in the finale.

**DRAMA:** Congrats. to our 1<sup>st</sup> Classes who qualified for the Leinster Finals of the *Féile Drámaíochta* which were held in Mullingar this week! The girls performed the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* in Irish.

**CONFESSION:** Congrats. to our pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class who made their First Confession recently!

**CALLIGRAPHY:** Both 6<sup>th</sup> Classes were privileged to have the opportunity to work with manuscript expert, Tim O'Neill on the art of calligraphy. Grateful thanks to Dermot Mulligan of Carlow Museum who organised the workshop.

**HOST FAMILIES:** If you are interested in being a host family for a foreign student, please contact the office and we'll pass on your details to the company involved.

Finally, it's time to say *Thank you and Goodbye* to Miss Redmond and Miss O'Rourke who have been covering the maternity leaves of Ms. Peagram and Mrs. Rowan. We also say *Thank you and Goodbye* to Tracey Meudec and Aisling McKenna who, along with Helen, have worked in the office during Michele's absence. I'm most grateful to them all for their work and support!

**WISHING ALL OUR FAMILIES AND STAFF A LOVELY EASTER!**

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