



Scoil Mhuire Newsletter – Easter 2023



All students dressed up as book characters on March 2nd for **World Book Day**. Classes visited the library for some D.E.A.R. time and the whole school enjoyed a shared text 'The Invisible Boy.' Some classes 'buddied up' with their friendship class for some paired reading and others made bookmarks and participated in other book related activities.

On a chilly day in March, we had four teams compete in the **FAI Primary 5s** for the North Kildare region on the pitches at the Amenities Centre. Our teams, represented excellently by girls and boys from 4th, 5th and 6th classes, faced opponents from various schools across North Kildare and played great football on the day. Two of our teams have successfully reached the Kildare finals that will take place in April at the Newbridge Town FC grounds. Best of luck to the teams! Thank you to Ms. McBrearty, Ms. Doran and Ms. Haughney for bringing the teams to the event and organising soccer training on Wednesday mornings.



This year's theme for our annual **Sheila O'Hora Art Competition** was 'Taking Care of Our Planet.' The standard of the paintings was very high and the two external judges had a very difficult time choosing the winners! Well done to Ms. Kelly for organising the event. Junior Winners: 1st: Méabh (2nd Class), 2nd: Tino (1st Class), 3rd: Sadhbh (Junior Infants). Senior Winners: 1st: Sara (5th Class), 2nd: Samanvitha (6th Class), 3rd: Yasya (4th Class).



Seachtain na Gaeilge took place in Scoil Mhuire from the 1st to the 17th of March. Classes took part in many additional activities as Gaeilge. These included a 'Lá Glas' where everyone wore green, presented poems and songs in assembly, enjoyed a traditional musical performance from Donal Fallon agus a chairde and learned some céilí dances. Senior classes also participated in a Tráth na gCeist. A huge thank you to Ms. O'Mara for all her hard work in making it a success!

The **Student Council** have had a very busy half-term preparing for 'Scoil Mhuire's Got Talent'. All students from 1st-6th Class were invited by the Student Council to audition for a spot over the last few weeks. They then got to work rehearsing and 6th Class have been a fantastic help supporting some of the acts with the formation of their routines. Acts have been hard at work rehearsing at home and even in the yard! We look forward to seeing some outstanding performances on March 30th. The school will be treated to some dancing, gymnastics, singing, magic, kickboxing, drama, soccer tricks, skipping and jokes.



The **Green Schools Committee** met with the Kildare County Council Environmental Officer, Dara Wyer, to present all the activities, posters and lessons our school has completed over the last two years. Ms. Dowling then completed the online application form to apply for the 8th Green flag: Marine Environment. We will find out in the next month or so if we have been successful. On the 23rd of March Fifth Class went litter-picking with Leixlip's Tidy Towns committee. They were astounded by what they found!

Sixteen of our 6th Class students received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on the 23rd of February. The ceremony was celebrated by Fr. Aloysius. Most of the candidates also took part in the *You Shall Be My Witness* Programme and we thank Ella, Dolores and the parent leaders for running this enjoyable programme. A number of children from Fourth Class sang beautifully at the ceremony. They enjoyed a pizza party in appreciation for all their great singing. Thank you to Ms. O'Mara, Ms. Corduff and Ms. McCarthy for all their hard work in preparing for this special day.

On March 20th, the second class received the **Sacrament of First Penance**. They celebrated a lovely ceremony in the school hall and then went to the church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All of the children were excellent and represented themselves so well. A special thank you to Ms. McCormack for preparing the children for the ceremony. Thanks also to Ms. Kelly and Ms. Claffey who accompanied the children. The children are now very busy getting ready for their First Holy Communion. Sixth and fifth classes have been chosen to be the choir for this special occasion on May 6th.

A number of fifth and sixth class pupils completed a really interesting 'Marble Run Workshop' delivered by Leixlip Library to celebrate **Engineer's Week**. A female engineer from Intel visited third class to discuss engineering. She helped them make and create 'Zip Line Racers.' First class experimented with balloon blasting and designed and created their own structures using junk art.



Enzo Dowling, a tennis coach from Tennis Ireland, has been coaching **tennis** with a number of classes over the last few weeks. He completed 5 lessons with the children in rooms 3 and 4 and he is also completing 6 weeks of lessons with second, third and fourth classes. All the children are learning lots of new skills and are really enjoying these fun sessions!

Fifth and Sixth Class have been diligently practising for their **National Children's Choir** performance and have had two practices with other schools in the last six weeks. They are very excited for the performance on April 27th in the National Basketball Arena, Tallaght. They hope as many parents as possible will join them on the night. Tickets are available to purchase on the Aladdin App.

This week is **Friendship Week** (March 27th - 31st) Fifth and first class went for a spring walk around Leixlip and made one another friendship bracelets. Fourth Class and Senior Infants completed activities on the Ipads together. Third class and Junior infants did art, P.E. and paired reading together. Sixth and second class completed activities on the Ipads and played games outside. Third class also completed a number of fun activities with the children in rooms 3 and 4.