

## Part 2: What have the classes been up to ...

**6th Class** have begun basketball training after school in preparation for the annual campus tournament. They received the RSE talk from ACCORD on March 7th. They have been learning about the World Wars in history and are preparing for class debates. They visited Leixlip Castle and received a tour of the castle and gardens.



Through SESE and Art, **5th Class** have been learning about and constructing some of the famous landmarks around Europe, such as the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben and Newgrange. They look great! In maths they made 3d shapes with card and created beautiful Mother's Day cards in Art.



Both **4th Classes** went for a walk along the river Liffey with Mr. Brennan as part of their SESE studies this month. They learned a lot about the local river. They have been studying Rocks in Geography. They went on a rock hunt in the school garden and completed rock reports on their findings.

In S.E.S.E **3rd Class** have been learning all about dairy farming and where our milk comes from. They watched videos from a Dairy Farm in Kildare which explored how a milking-parlour is operated and they also engaged in a Zoom with Agri-Aware on 'Dairy Farming Through the Seasons.'

**2nd Class** learned about Birds in SESE and really enjoyed listening to the different bird songs that can be heard in Ireland. They have been learning about different Saints and entered the CPSMA art competition. They got to choose their favourite saint and represent them through paint, drawing or using fabric for their competition entry.

**1st class** had great fun learning new GAA skills with Coach Ciarán in February. In science, they made their own butter using fresh cream, a jar and lots of shaking. They welcomed Ms. Barry to their classroom in March. She helped them to make 3D shapes using toothpicks and mini-marshmallows.

Both **Senior Infant Classes** have been exploring the Aistear theme of the Garden centre and have enjoyed planting potatoes and strawberries, investigating how plants drink water and learning the poem 'Maytime Magic.' They have also been learning to use the iPads in their classrooms.

Both **Junior Infant Classes** have been learning about the Farmer's Market and the great work of the Vet. They had their own Vet's Surgery and took great care of all their patients. They planted cress seeds and looked at all the changes happening in the garden during Spring.

**Ms. Irwin's Class** have been trying some new fruit and vegetables. They made a lovely St. Patrick's Day rainbow using a wide variety of fruit and vegetables. The children have been working very hard on their clock skills. They also have learned some wonderful tennis skills and will miss their weekly lessons!



**Ms. Kelly's Class** have all really improved their hand/eye coordination skills and learned lots of new tennis and GAA skills this term. They all participated in the World Book Day events and their own class 'Show and Tell.' Well done to all the boys and girls who completed some beautiful paintings for the Sheila O'Hora Art Competition.

### **A Message from Mrs. Mescal**

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the second term and what a busy term it has been! We have had lots of singing, art, sport and Gaeilge this term and we had a lovely week this week for our Friendship and Wellbeing Week with classes meeting up with their 'buddy classes' for all sorts of activities. Of course, today we have our Talent Show, which the whole school are looking forward to watching. Many thanks to our wonderful Student Council for organising this exciting new initiative in the school. Well done to all our pupils and staff on their hard work this term. Keep it up! School will reopen on Monday April 17 th and we are looking forward to the busy term ahead.

***Beannachtaí na Cásca! Enjoy this Easter time with your families!***



Our school website is updated regularly, so be sure to check it out!

[www.scoilmhuireleixlip.net](http://www.scoilmhuireleixlip.net)

Remember to check the class pages as well as the home page.

*Newsletter Edited by Ms. Dowling*

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

March 30th	School Talent Show - hosted by the Student Council
March 31st	Half Day for Easter Holidays at 12.30
April 17th	School Reopens after Easter Holidays
April 26th & 27th	Junior Infant Hearing Tests
April 26th	Newbridge Soccer Tournament - select number from 5th & 6th
April 26th	5th and 6th - Choir Rehearsal in the National Basketball Arena
April 27th	National Children's Choir Concert 8-10 pm
May 1st and 2nd	School Closed - May Bank Holiday
May 3rd	Half Day - Staff Inservice for Primary Language
May 6th	First Holy Communion at 11am
May 8th	First Holy Communion Photos
May 8th - 26th	Standardised Testing - English and Maths
May 29th - June 2nd	Active Schools Week
May 31st	*Sports Day - Weather permitting
June 5th and 6th	School Closed - June Bank Holiday
June 13th	Intercultural Day
June 15th	3rd Class School Tour
June 20th	2nd Class School Tour
June 22nd	6th Class Graduation
June 23rd	1st Class School Tour
June 26th	Junior Infant School Tour
June 27th	4th Class School Tour
June 28th	6th Class School Tour
June 28th	Senior Infants School Tour
June 30th	Half Day for Summer Holidays at 12.30

### **Other Notices**

**Leixlip Library** has a range of wonderful events (including cookery workshops, storytime, arts and crafts) organised for the month of April. You can find a list of these events through their website and book into them by contacting them on: (01) 6060050 or [leixliplib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:leixliplib@kildarecoco.ie)