

Check out our website to find details of the Easter Ceremonies in the parish.

## Scoil Mhuire Easter Newsletter - April



The **Best Attendance Award** for January and February went to Ms. O'Regan's class in the senior section and Ms. Doyle/Ms. Gilsean's class in the junior section. Well Done!

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 6<sup>th</sup> class celebrated the sacrament of **Confirmation** and were supported by a selection of 4<sup>th</sup> class students who performed in the choir. We'd like to thank Fr. John, Fr. Karl and Ella Doran for helping us prepare for the big day.

**World Book Day** was on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. The Student Council organised a 'Dress Up' day. There were some great costumes! All classes went to the school library for DEAR time and visited the PTA Book Fair. The school earned €1019 worth of books in commission from the Book Fair.

The 13<sup>th</sup> of March was National **Scoot on Wednesday**. 72 children came to school on their scooters!

The theme for this year's **Sheila O' Hora Art Competition** was 'The Future.' The overall winner in the senior section was Saibh Dunne and in the junior section was Cillian O'Hagan. Congratulations to all the winners!

There were lots of activities in the school to celebrate **Seachtain na Gaeilge**. We had great fun dancing at the Céilí with Ms. O'Sullivan and Mrs. McAuliffe. In assembly all classes performed Irish poems and songs. Senior students participated in a tráth na gceist organised by Ms. O'Mara. Well done to the winning team which included Ciarán McCarthy, Aleixa Cojocar, Ettore Greco, Faye Kelly and Calum Doyle.



A number of **American students** from Kentucky visited our school.

Junior Infants showed them how they do stations. Room 3 held a concert, while Room 4 did their morning meeting for them. The student council also met with them to talk about being school representatives.

Dara Wyer from Kildare County Council visited our **Green Schools Committee** to hear about all the work we've done for our seventh flag, Global Citizenship Energy. He was very impressed by the Committee and we now must wait to see if we will be awarded the flag. Many thanks to Ms. Lenfestey for all her work.



The school had two unusual visitors - **Jack and Jill!**

**U.13 Football** training is after school on Tuesdays for boys and Thursdays for girls. There are lots of upcoming matches after Easter against the Leixlip schools

A **Road Safety** talk was given by a Guard and rep from the RSA to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class. They spoke about road, pedestrian and bike safety.

Our school participated in a **Chess Tournament** in Staplestown, Co. Kildare organised by Ficheall.ie. We progressed to the second round and came second overall as a team. We also received three individual prizes. Shane O'Dowd received third place and Lara and Leon Putar received joint first place! Many thanks to Ms. O'Donnell.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2<sup>nd</sup> class made their **First Confession**. A choir from 6<sup>th</sup> class and a selection of 5<sup>th</sup> class students performed at the service.

This is **Active Schools Week** and there are many exciting events happening each day. Many thanks to Ms. O'Grady for organising all the activities.



We wish **Tillie Murphy** a happy retirement after working as a secretary on the Green Lane Campus for 38 years. She will be greatly missed by staff, parents and most of all, the children. A warm welcome to our new secretary **Ms. Fitzpatrick**.

Many thanks to our wonderful **PTA** who presented each school with a cheque for €9500 this week.

## Highlights from Each Class

Ms. Lenfestey's junior infants planted runner beans in the garden. They were also very excited to learn the last set of sounds in Jolly Phonics and finish all ten of their Little Readers.

Mr. Lynch's junior infants are learning all about spring. They planted daffodils in the garden and are growing wild flowers in the classroom. They are also having great fun learning all about capacity.

Ms. McBrearty's senior infants have been learning about the different seasons and in particular, spring. They made beautiful bumble bees out of toilet rolls and created lovely paintings of green fields with sheep.

Ms. Gilsenan/Ms. Doyle's senior infants are growing lettuce, carrots, parsley and basil. They are learning about Time in maths and even made their own clocks!

Ms. Milner's 1<sup>st</sup> class have been exploring different 3D shapes in the classroom and around the school. They have also been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly in science.

Ms. O'Grady's 2<sup>nd</sup> class learned all about trains and even visited the train station. They also made books and entered the Write-a-Book competition for the first time!

Ms. Barrett's 3<sup>rd</sup> class completed science experiments with magnets and forces. In geography, they monitored the different modes of transport and completed a survey with a bar chart

Ms. Cleary's 3<sup>rd</sup> class have been very busy growing lots of plants. They are doing both the 'Sow and Grow' and the 'Incredible Edibles' projects.

Ms. O'Regan's 4<sup>th</sup> class learned about chemical energy by creating lava lamps. They explored the Water Cycle by creating 3D models. They are also working hard on their cursive writing to earn a pen licence.

Ms. McCormack's 4<sup>th</sup> class have learned about rivers and completed a written piece on 'The Journey of the River Shannon.' They also explored how honey is made through their explanation writing.

Ms. O'Donnell's 5<sup>th</sup> class sang as part of the Laudate choir for Radio Maria, a Catholic radio station, at 9.30am mass on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They also completed group projects on different countries.

Ms. O'Mara's 6<sup>th</sup> class have studied WW1 and WW2. They will conclude the film/book initiative with Leixlip Library when they visit the library to watch Wonder on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

Ms. McCarthy's class made feather baby chicks and rainbow art for St. Patrick's Day. They have also been walking every day to get strong and fit.

Ms. Kelly's class have been learning about safety in the home. They also went on a trip into St. Stephen's Green. They had a great time in the playground and enjoyed their picnic.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Half day for the Easter Holidays
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Easter Egg Bingo
April 15 <sup>th</sup> -	April 26 <sup>th</sup> School will be closed for the Easter Holidays
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	First Communion in Leixlip Church at 12.30pm.
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Communion photos
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for Elections
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (Back up day – 31 <sup>st</sup> May)
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	School closed – Holidays
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Intercultural Day
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Mass at 7.30pm
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Cake Sale

**Well done to everyone  
for their hard work and  
good behaviour over the  
last term. Keep it up!  
Enjoy the Easter break!  
Mrs. Mescal and  
Ms. O'Mara**

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