



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020

Grandparents Day

Thank you to all of the grandparents who visited the infant room on the 6th February. The children enjoyed the day immensely and loved performing their songs for their special visitors.

Green Schools

4th, 5th & 6th class had a visit from An Taisce to learn about biodiversity. Pupils created a habitat map and investigated native species of trees and insects in the school grounds. They also had the opportunity to plant oak and willow trees. Photos from the day have been added to the Green Schools Section of our website.

Genius Hour

4th, 5th & 6th class having been working hard over the past number of weeks on their Genius Hour Projects. Genius Hour is a movement that allows students to explore their own passions and encourages creativity in the classroom. There was a wide variety of topics explored and lots of interesting findings.

Pancake Tuesday

Sincere thanks to Cathy Bryant, Jan Pedersen and Pat Coll who did a superb job in the kitchen cooking pancakes for all pupils in the school.

Gratitude Jars

This month we have been promoting wellbeing in the school by focusing on all the things we are grateful for. Each class has created their own gratitude jars which are displayed in the corridor.



Art Exhibition

Well done to all pupils and teachers on a fabulous Art Exhibition as part of our Wellbeing Project. The pupils had a great time designing and creating pieces for the theme 'What Makes me Happy.' A total of €780 was raised on the day.

Policies

The following policies have been reviewed this term: Science, History, Geography, Drama, Whistleblowing, Substance Use, Job Share, Parental Complaints Procedure,

Camogie

3rd-6th class will be participating in Camogie training in school. The training is provided by the GAA. After school camogie training will begin again after the Easter holidays.

New Classroom

The Planning Application for the new classroom build has been submitted to Clare County Council. A decision is expected before the end of March and we look forward to moving the project along to the next stage.

Service Upgrades

The sewage pipes for the toilets were upgraded over the Mid Term break.

Ukulele

4th & 5th class have been learning to play the Ukulele this term with Ms. Tedford. They have learned how to play a number of chords and are really enjoying learning new songs each week.

Cooking All Stars

5th class have been learning lots of new recipes with Lydia as part of the SuperValu Cooking All Stars. They have made omelettes, fajitas, pancakes cookies, stir-fry, rice krispie treats and delicious biscuit cake.

Bag Packing

Sincere thanks to all parents who helped with bag packing in SuperValu which was organised by the Parents Association. A total of €1135.71 was raised. The money raised this term will be used to purchase more iPads and the flooring in 1st/2nd class will be replaced.

Student Council

The Student Council have been busy this term. They have organised more seating for pupils at lunch time. They have also started a suggestion box for all pupils of the school which can be used to make suggestions for activities or initiatives which they would like to see happen. The Student Council will be organising an event on Thursday 12th March. Pupils are asked to wear normal clothes 'Inside Out.' The idea behind this is that while we may look immaculately dressed on the outside this may not reflect what is happening on the inside. As part of our "Wellbeing" project teachers are giving pupils strategies to deal with different emotions in order to promote Wellbeing.

Write a Book

All pupils have been really busy over the past number of books writing their books for the Write a Book challenge in conjunction with Clare Education Centre.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

School will be closed on Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March

Easter holidays: Friday 3rd April at 12:30pm

First Penance: Wednesday 25th March



Parents Association News

The Parents Association has been busy since the last newsletter:

- The month began with bag packing at SuperValu, organised by the PA to raise funds towards teaching resources and iPads for the school. A total of €1135.71 was raised – the PA would like to thank everybody who took part and helped make this such a success.
- The PA regularly provides feedback on new or revised school policies. This month, the policies reviewed were the Job Sharing Policy and Substance Use Policy.
- This week, members of the PA helped cook pancakes for the girls on Shrove Tuesday – a highlight of the year for many of the girls!
- If you would be interested in giving a talk to a class in school about your occupation, the PA would love to hear from you. Examples of talks/workshops given by parents to date include science, flooding and veterinary care. The girls really enjoy parents coming in to give these talks.