



Scoil Naomh Fionán

Easter Newsletter 2022

Catholic School Week 2022

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated from 23rd - 30th January. The theme this year was 'Living Life to the Full with God'. Schools from the diocese were invited to view a special mass on line, celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown in St. Eugene's Cathedral to mark the occasion. Each day began with a 'Thought for the Day'. While we were unable to invite grandparents into the school, they were very much in our thoughts as we prayed for them on Grandparents Day with the theme of 'Celebrating Being Together Again'

Some classes made crosses from rushes on the eve of St. Brigid's Day which was celebrated on February 1st.



Stations of the Cross

Fifth Class reminded us of what Lent is about and delivered the Easter message of hope when they performed their drama- 'The Stations of the Cross' to the senior classes.

Thursday 3rd March- World Book Day

Classes celebrated World Book Day by availing of the online resources, having colouring competitions, creating or colouring bookmarks or designing a cover for a favorite book. The children also received their book tokens.



Safer Internet Day- SID

Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 8th February and the theme this year was: '*Together for a Better Internet' -All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.*

SID is a great time to explore online safety topics. Webwise.ie provides lots of free resources to address issues such as cyberbullying, privacy, respectful online communication, screen time and online wellbeing.

Green Schools

Second class to sixth class took part in the Green School Slogan Competition. Congratulations to Anna Lynch from 4th class whose catchy slogan is now part of our Green School code- *Save the bees, save the seas. Stop food miles and plant more trees - It's how we help Biodiversity!*

Aenghus Kennedy from An Taisce visited the school to assess the renewal of the Food and Biodiversity theme. He was very impressed with the presentation given by the members of the Junior Committee on the work that has been done over the past year and a half.

2nd Class planted onion set and scallions while 6th Class planted an earlier potato seed called 'Premiere'. All other classes have planted a variety of seeds in pots and trays that will be later transplanted into the vegetable beds when the weather gets warmer.



Music

We are delighted to welcome back Helen Haughey to the school after a two year absence due to Covid restrictions. Ms. Haughey has been teaching 5th and 6th Classes this past number of weeks. Melodies such as The Boys from Killybegs and The Fields of Athenry have filled the corridors of the senior end of the school. It's great to hear the children singing again!



World Down Syndrome Day (WDS) is celebrated annually on the 21 March. It is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The date for WDS is the 21st day of the 3rd month. The children joined in on the awareness campaign by wearing colourful, eye-catching and/or mismatched fun socks.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Bhí a lán eachtraí againn i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge Rinne na páistí iarracht an teanga a úsáid chomh minic agus ab fhéidir leo. Bhí cluichí teanga ar súil sna ranganna. Rinne cuid mhaith de na daltaí Tráth na gCeist.

Bhí ceol galánta sa Ghaeilge le cluinstitín timpeall na scoile fosta.

Ar an Chéadaoin, bhí gach páiste gléasta suas don 'Lá Glas'. 560 euros was raised for the Irish Red Cross appeal for Ukraine by parents and children.



Engineers Week 2022

During STEPS Engineers Week, children in 5th Class virtually joined with Microsoft Dream Space and The Garage - to 'THINK LIKE AN ENGINEER'. Through an immersive alternative teaching and learning experience, Dream Space at Microsoft Ireland inspired the children to see technology in exciting new ways, helping them to realise the full potential of what they can achieve. The children enjoyed designing and making a dog house to withstand a natural disaster

Fashion Show

On Monday after the Confirmation, Sixth Class looked stunning in their outfits as they gave three separate and brilliant performances in the school hall to the rest of the classes. They chose quite a variety of songs to dance along to as the audience clapped and cheered them. The grand finale was the dance routine of Mickey Mouse's Hot Dog song and it went down a treat with everyone.

Re-opening of the school library

There was a colouring/drawing competition announced by Janine, our school librarian, to celebrate the re-opening of the school library.

The winners of the competition were:

Junior Infants: Brandon Smith

Senior Infants: Finn Hegarty

1st Class: Quinn Byrne

2nd Class: Eimear Hughes

3rd Class: Holly Nulty

4th Class: Molly Tighe

5th Class: Anna Curran

6th Class: Maia Furci

Congratulations to all our winners and well done to all our budding artists- the standard of entries was really high and it was very difficult to choose a winner in each class.

Active Schools

We hope everyone is doing their Active Schools homework on the day they have their P.E.

Gaelic

On Tuesdays in March, Fifth and Sixth Classes headed up to the pitch at Naomh Pádraig GLC to practice their Gaelic football skills. A very special thank you to Joe and Michael for their dedication and support. The children showed great progress and their confidence in the game increased. The weather was perfect throughout and the children enjoyed the opportunity to be active while out in the fresh air.



Sacraments

Congratulation to the children in 6th Class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 26th March. Fr. Farren was the celebrant and Fr. Mailey was present also at the celebration. A special thank you to Fr. Farren, Fr. Mailey, our readers and the beautiful singing from Patricia Rea. The weather was amazing and we hope they have lovely memories to treasure from their special day.

Children from second class have been busy in recent weeks preparing for their upcoming sacraments. First Confessions will take place on the 25th April in the school and their Holy Communion which will take place on Saturday 30th April in St Columba's Church, Drung. We wish them well in their final preparations.

Child Safety Statement

The Board of Management completed the annual review of the school's Child Safety Statement on 23rd September 2021. Parents can view the Child Safety Statement on the school's website, www.snfionan.com. Parents are invited to contact the school if they have any queries/suggestions in relation to the Child Safety Statement.

**Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh
go léir!**