



## Newsletter

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# March 2025

## School Information

### Solar Panels

We are in the process of receiving tenders for the installation of solar panels on the school roof. The tendering process will be completed in the coming weeks and we are hopeful that the work will be completed by the end of the summer!

### Hot School Meals

As you may be aware, all schools in the country are being given the opportunity to introduce Hot School Meals during the school day. While this is a really exciting initiative, we want to make sure that we choose the correct company to provide nutritious, healthy meals for all children in our school. We have submitted an Expression of Interest for the project and are awaiting funding approval from the Department of Social Protection. A number of companies have visited the school with meal samples and proposals as to how they would deliver meals. We will take time to ensure we choose the best option for RPNS. More details to follow!

### Voluntary Donations

Thank you to those of you who have been in a position to contribute the Voluntary Donation via Aladdin this school year. It is much appreciated and goes a long way to helping school have the level of resources available to all children that we currently have, and developing these into the future. A sincere thank you for this support.

### School Lane and School Gate

A reminder to all about safety on the school lane. Please ensure that all children are supervised at the end of the school lane. Please make sure no children are climbing on the electricity boxes or school gate.

A reminder, too, that children should not come up the school lane until 8.20am in the morning. We have noticed a particular eagerness to get into school early on Wellbeing Wednesdays!



# Events in February and March

## Multicultural Week

Our first ever Multicultural Week was a fantastic success. The classes had a great time learning about their country of choice, before visiting the hall on Friday to get their Passport stamped as they visited each different location! It was great fun and thank you to Ms. Kenny for organising the week.



## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhaineamar taitneamh as Seachtain na Gaeilge! The week was action-packed with the Siopa Gaeilge, storytellers, and Tráth na gCeist, culminating in our Céilí Mór on Friday. Thank you to Mrs. Murphy for leading the week!







## Sports

Lots of sport has been happening around school over the past few weeks. Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st and 3rd class have enjoyed GAA lessons with Jay. 5th and 6th class have taken part in Tag Rugby lessons with Glenn from Leinster Rugby.

On 4th March, 11 6th Class took part in the FAI Primary 5's tournament in Lucan. They performed and represented the school really well - well done all!

On 26th March, 5th and 6th Class took part in the Leinster Schools Orienteering Finals in Cruagh Wood, with brilliant results. Congratulations to Laurel in 5th Class for finishing 1st in her category, and Conor, Jake and Josh in 6th Class for finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in theirs!



## Wellbeing Wednesdays

We have really enjoyed Wellbeing Wednesdays! Starting the day with fresh air, dance and games with friends has been energising and great fun. Thank you to Ms. Storey for organising!



## Léim Thart Skipping

Thank you to Mrs. Correll for organising the Léim Thart skipping workshops for 3rd-6th Class, and to the PTA for funding this initiative. It has been really popular and beneficial for all children in these classes.

## Christchurch Singing Workshops

3rd - 6th Class have resumed the Christchurch Singing Workshops on Thursday afternoons. Following the success of the Christmas concert, the children have the opportunity to lead a concert in Christchurch with other schools on the evening of **13th May**. We would love if all children could attend to showcase what they have been working on. Please keep an eye on Aladdin for more details coming soon.

# Class News

## Junior Infants

Junior Infants enjoyed a lovely trip to the library with their buddies for World Book Day!







## Senior Infants

Senior Infants have been learning about the Sports Shop and practised playing new games. They had great fun in GAA lessons with Jay, playing Gaelic football and hurling!



## 1st Class

1st Class learned about New Zealand during Multicultural Week. They tasted some sweets from New Zealand. Pineapple lumps were their favourite! They went to the library for a science workshop and tasted the strength of Jelly Rings. Their student teacher, Ms. Sheppard, taught the class procedural writing and they created their own recipes! 1st Class were also practicing their touch typing this month, using Dance Mat Typing.







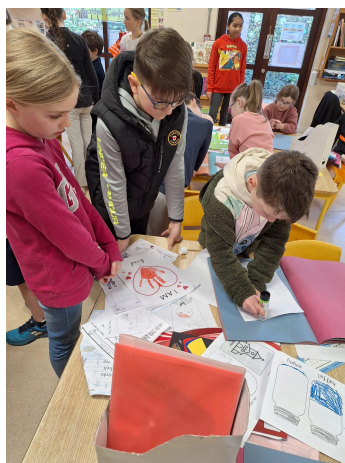
## 2nd Class Forest School

Forest School has been enjoyed by all in 2nd Class. The children had a fantastic time throughout the sessions with Ms. Beardsley, learning outdoors, trying new food and drinks and lots of new experiences. A huge thank you to Ms. Beardsley for the amount of time and effort that has gone into organising these lessons and activities for the class!



## 3rd Class

3rd Class have had a really positive few months. We are thrilled they have been working so hard on their handwriting and that they have started to earn Pen Licences - a really big step in 3rd Class! They have also been preparing to be "Buddies" for next year's Junior Infants by shadowing 5th class buddies and learning what it means to be a buddy. We've no doubt they will make fantastic buddies next year!







## 4th Class

4th Class have been busy learning lines, rehearsing and preparing props and costumes for their school play, **Treasure Island**. Alongside 3rd class, they would like to invite their parents to their performance on **Thursday, 10th April at 9am** in the school hall. We are all looking forward to the show!

## 5th Class

Some new arrivals in 5th class have been very popular this month! Thank you to Ms. Kee and 5th class for looking after our new baby chicks so well!



## 6th Class

6th Class went on a trip to the Classical Museum in UCD as part of Multicultural Week. 6th class were doing projects on Greece, and the Classical Museum had a great collection of Ancient Greek artifacts. The class got to handle pieces of art and tools that were thousands of years old, and learned about the beautiful designs that the ancient Greeks used to decorate their pottery.





# Coming up in April

## Neurodiversity Week

This week in RPNS we are having our 'Celebrating Neurodiversity' week. The idea behind this week (and throughout the year) is that we value difference and we appreciate the individual talents, strengths and gifts that each person brings to our school community. Throughout the week in the classroom and as a whole school we will be doing activities relating to Neurodiversity. Thank you to Mrs. Maxwell for organising the week ahead!

## Other Dates for your Diary!

5th Class trip to MoLi - 30th April

Cyber Safe Kids talk with 3rd - 6th Class - 1st May

4th Class Trip to Dublinia - 6th May

New Junior Infant Induction - 7th May

Christchurch Summer Concert - 13th May

School Photographer - 14th May

School Choir singing at Church Service - 18th May

Rathfarnham Parish Fête - 24th May

Active Week, including Junior and Senior Sports Day - 26th - 30th May

6th Class School Tour to Killary - 3rd - 5th June

5th Class Tour to Alive Outside - 4th June

1st and 2nd Class Tour to Lullymore Heritage Park - 6th June

Junior and Senior Infant School Tour to Causey Farm - 9th June

3rd and 4th Class School Tour to Squirrel Scramble - 10th June

School Choir singing at Church Service - 15th June

6th Class BBQ - 20th June

5th and 6th Class Play - 24th June

End of Year Service - 25th June