

School Hot Lunches

Our hot lunches began the 2nd of October. The children look forward to them each day. We want to thank our lunch suppliers Mark & Eimear for providing us with fresh healthy meals each day.

Parents' Association

Scoil Bhréainann's Parent Association would like to thank everyone for their support at the bake sale and for your continued support. The children have designed their own Christmas cards and they will be available to purchase via the school. Here's to a start to another great year for all our students.

WSE Inspection

Two inspectors from the Department of Education visited us on Oct 16th and Oct 17th, to conduct a whole school inspection. They observed the teaching and learning in all classrooms. They also spoke to a focus group of children from 3rd-6th Class. The inspection went very well. They were very complimentary towards our school, and the learning that is taking place in all classrooms. They also were very happy with the positive and enthusiastic atmosphere among pupils and staff. A published report will follow this inspection.

External Teachers/Coaches

Day	Activities
Monday	Rugby with Tony
Tuesday	Football with Sarah/P.J. Reidy alternative weeks
Wednesday	Music with Darragh Lynch
Thursday	Gaeilge with Micheal O Sé (5 th & 6 th class)

Cumann na mBunscoil

Well done to all the boys who competed in the 4 teacher competition. We made it to the cup County 1/4 final against Scartaglin and were narrowly beaten. We then went on to play in the shield competition and made it to the semi-final. Despite their determination we lost but we will return next year.

School Assemblies

Each month we gather together as a school and perform songs in our classes. It is a time to celebrate pupils' achievements.

Harvest Mass

Well done to all involved in the Harvest Mass. Thank you to Fr. Patsy for a lovely mass and to Ms Mullarkey and our wonderful school choir for providing the beautiful music.

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*Dear Parent(s), / Guardian(s),
Welcome to the first edition of our new school newsletter. I hope all our new pupils and parents who have recently joined our school community have settled in by now.*

I wish everybody a happy, enjoyable and safe Halloween break. We look forward to continuing our learning journey well rested after Halloween.

*Is mise le meas,
Karen Stenson (Príomh Oide)*

Suggestion – to avoid missing important school information, remember to 'allow/switch on notifications' so that you are alerted to any new message on your Databiz Eolas App



Scan to view our school website

Maths Week

Students took part in a number of exciting events this week to celebrate Maths Week. Children had an opportunity to experience and develop an appreciation of how maths is applied to everyday life. The Infants and 3rd and 4th class worked together on a maths trail around the village. 1st and 2nd enjoyed learning through games and hands on maths activities in stations. 5th and 6th class have been enjoying learning about lines and angles. They have been identifying, measuring and drawing angles and finding angles around the school. They also had great fun engaging in different games and activities during maths stations.

Student Council

On the 2nd of October we had a student council election. All children had the opportunity to vote by secret ballot. They have organised our Spooktacular Halloween Fun day.

Green Schools

We are working towards the global citizenship litter and waste flag. Our newly appointed Green Schools Committee have been working hard to identify ways to help reduce waste in our homes & school.

Attendance

Reminder: Please keep up to date with logging your children's absences on Eolas App or by logging into your account on databiz. This is important as reports of large absences and unexplained absences get sent to Tusla at the end of each year.

List of School Closures and Events

August Wednesday 30 th - School opens	September
October 30 th - 3rd of Nov. Midterm 23 rd -27 th Maths week	November Monday 6 th -return to school 13th-17th Science Week
December 22 nd -2 nd Christmas break	January 8 th -back to school
February 5 th -Bank Holiday 15 th - 16 th Midterm	March 18 th -closed 25 th -5 th Easter Holidays
April 8 th -Return to school	May 6 th - Bank Holiday
June 4 th - Bank Holiday 21 st -School closes	

Diocesan Visit:

On the 24th of October we were visited by a Diocesan advisor. He spoke to each classroom about the importance of practising our faith in school & at home.

Our Class News

Mrs O'Sullivan's class have settled in to school life and they are learning lots of new skills. Infants enjoyed taking part in wellbeing workshops online where we are learning to care for our minds and bodies. We were learning about Autumn. We also met James, a dairy farmer on a Zoom Call. He showed us how he milks his cows using robots.

Mrs Currans class have been learning all about Autumn and creating Autumn pieces. We have learned all about 2d shapes and were using our Maths eyes exploring shapes in our school. 2nd class began their journey to First Holy Communion. We are very proud of 2nd class carrying up the procession gifts at our Harvest Mass.

Mr Daly's class were busy working as historians learning about artefacts from long ago. They are also working hard in Numeracy stations each week learning new maths skills.

Ms Mulvihill's class have been learning about the adventurous life of Tom Crean. We watched videos, listened to stories and examined some photographs. We also used the Chromebooks to find more information to create a fact file all about Tom Crean. We really enjoyed this topic and learned a lot of new information.

Ms Nugent/Ms Mullarkey classes have been busy baking tasty treats including cookies, scones & buns. They have been learning about people that help in our community like the fireman and fisherman. They have enjoyed lots of sensory Halloween activities and learning about 2d & 3d shapes.