

Scoil Shride Easter 2023



St Brigid's 1500th Celebration

St. Brigid's 1500th will officially be marked in 2024. We kick started the celebration of St Brigid's 1500th year with the theme of 'Strong Inspirational Women in the Past and in Modern Day. Children from all classes helped decorate the hall with pictures, poems of St Brigid, and more significantly children completed projects on an inspirational female. Some projects were completed on their Mammy, their aunt, Paula our school secretary, both Hayley Nolan and Lauren Walsh two local sporting heroes were well documented and were displayed alongside the likes of Kellie Harrington, Rachel Blackmore, Katie Taylor, Michelle Obama, Mary Robinson and Stephanie Roche. The reaction from the children to this was exceptional! They really enjoyed researching and documenting their findings. Click on the link to get a glimpse of the hall

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Children from 4th class to 6th class took part in Cross making workshops with ladies from the local Parish Group. They really enjoyed this and were so enthusiastic the following day during a short prayer service to have their crosses officially blessed by Fr O'Byrne. It was during this prayer service that the whole school attended to officially mark the beginning of the celebrations of St Brigid's 1500th year. Shonagh Purcell concluded the service with a powerful rendition of 'Girl on Fire' before Stefan McCartney and Keela Watts planted two apples to mark the occasion.



Some senior classes were also very fortunate to hold a zoom call with an inspirational person. Some of these included Jacqui Hurley (4th Class), Rachel Blackmore(4th), Louise Quinn(3rd), Katie Walsh(5th), Lauren Walsh(5th) and Ursula Jacob (5th). We were also lucky to have Louise Nealon(author) visit 6th class and Lea Heart perform for the whole school in the hall. Finally, after long discussions and tough competition Sadhbh Doyle was chosen to design a wall mural of St Brigid at the front of the school. We envisage every child in the school will paint part of the wall and it will be completed fully before 1st February 2024.



Junior Infant News

Junior Infants have had a busy few months. We learned about Hot and Cold in Science and enjoyed cosy hot chocolates in January. We loved learning about Space and playing in our Space centre during Aistear. We learned about 2D and 3D shapes in Maths and went on a shape hunt around the school and made shape robots. Bhí an spraoi againn i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge, go háirithe ag an gcéilí. We enjoyed learning how to make pancakes on Pancake Tuesday and loved dressing in green for Lá Glas! We loved learning about Spring and explored the seasonal changes on a lovely Spring walk. We are really looking forward to Easter and the Easter bunny coming!



Senior Infant News

We have had a great second term in Senior Infants. We had lots of fun celebrating and learning all about St Brigid and St Patrick. We particularly enjoyed the Seachtain na Gaeilge activities such as the Céilí and Cluichí Sport i nGaeilge. We are delighted that it is spring and we have been busy exploring 'The Garden Centre' in Aistear. We really are budding gardeners as we learned all about the parts of a flower, planted and grew some cress and created some beautiful flowers in art. We have been working really hard on our reading and we have started doing shared reading with some of the older children in the school. We have also started hurling/camogie this week. It's so much fun! We are so excited for a well-deserved Easter break after all our hard work and effort this term.



1st Class News



First class had lots of fun during seachtain na Gaeilge. The children were thrilled to participate in all the Irish activities that occurred throughout the week thanks to Mr Gallagher. They particularly enjoyed learning to Irish dance and participating in cluichí Gaeilge. Additionally, the children just started hurling training with Kelly. It's safe to say there are lots of promising young hurlers in first class. The children have been learning about springtime and even got to go on a nature walk around the school grounds, looking out for signs of spring! The children had great fun dressing up all in green for St Patrick's Day. They loved getting to celebrate their Irish roots.



2nd Class News

We have had a very special and very busy term. We really enjoyed the build up to St Brigid's Day where we took time to appreciate and learn about all the motivational women in our lives, some of which happened to be special Aunties and Mammies. The children enjoyed their time up in the computer room where they researched and completed these projects.

The boys and girls also made their First Penance on the 9th of March. This was a special evening and the girls and boys did the school and their parents proud.



We also really enjoyed all the activities during Seachtain na Gaeilge; we had a Lá Bingo, a Lá Scannáin, a Céilí, a Ceolchoirm and Cluichí Sport i nGaeilge. The children were very busy

This week was finished off nicely with Grandparents Day on the 15th of March. It was so nice meeting all the lovely Grandparents and the children really enjoyed showing off their classroom and school work and performing some lovely poems and songs.

We are now looking forward to Easter and getting ready for our next big event in May when we make our First Holy Communion. We hope everyone has a happy and safe Easter!!



Green-Schools

We are currently working on our 7th Green Flag Global Citizenship – Energy. The Green Schools Committee have put a huge effort into reducing the amount of energy we are using in our school. We are continuing to notice a great amount of litter around the bike rack area. Please remember to reduce, reuse and recycle. Don't drop your litter, bin it!



A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Turkey and Syria in February causing widespread damage and devastation. For our 'Lá Glas' this year, we raised €760 for the Red Cross Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal. Maith sibh féin!



Mr Kelly's 6th class have planted some plum, apple and pear trees along the side of the basketball courts on the way to the teacher's carpark. Keep an eye out for the harvest of all the fruits!

We are also taking part in the WEEE Battery Recycling challenge. Thanks again to everyone who has recycled batteries with our school. Well done everyone and have a wonderful Easter!

Ross and Maria's Class

We had a very enjoyable and busy term. We celebrated the 99th day of the school year with an ice cream party (99s!) We had lots of fun on the 100th day of school and for the 101st day of school we had a 101 Dalmations themed party. We also made (and ate!) delicious pancakes on pancake Tuesday. We welcomed Spring by going on a spring scavenger hunt through the village. We saw birds' nests, blossom trees and lots of beautiful spring flowers.

Many of our grandparents visited the class in March for grandparents' day. It was lovely for the grandparents to meet each other, spend time with their grandchildren and of course, enjoy some tea and cake!

For Seachtain na Gaeilge we went to the hall for a Céilí and enjoyed the concert put on by Kiltel Comhaltas. We have some great dancers in the class.

Speaking of great dancers, we are also doing dance lessons every Wednesday with Harrison's mum Anne, maybe we might have even more exciting news next term. Watch this space....





Third Class News

During this term we have covered a lot of topics. One of our favourites has been learning about the building and sinking of the Titanic. We enjoyed reading 'Kasper: Prince of Cats' by Michael Murpurgo which brought us on a journey across the Atlantic with Kasper the cat. It told us about his journey to survival.

Another popular topic has been learning about Ancient Egypt. We have investigate life in Ancient Egypt, pharaohs, tombs, pyramids and how to write like an Egyptian.

We have also enjoyed writing letters to people we admire. Some recipients of letters include Ronaldo, Marcus Rashford, YouTubers, Eddie Murphy, Simone Biles, Billy Dardis, Chloe McGee, Liam O'Brien and James Mc Clean.

Ms Feeney and Ms O'Reilly's classes have both completed swimming lessons in K-Leisure. This was a great chance to enhance our swimming skills. We also enjoyed a sing-song on the way to and from the pool! Mr Carty's class have been busy in the garden planting potatoes and sunflower seeds.

During February we completed projects on inspirational women for our celebration in the hall on St. Brigid's day. There were many wonderful women chosen, including Coco Chanel, Jenna Ortega, Jill Scott, Millie Bobby Brown, Emmeline Pankhurst and Ellen Keane.

Choir News

Thank you to the 5th class choir children who gave up so much of their time to sing at the 2 confirmation ceremonies on March 3rd. They did such a great job! We are looking forward to hearing the current 6th class choir members sing at the 3 communion ceremonies in May. Thank you for all the hard work!



We are continuing choir practises every Tuesday at lunch time and having great fun. Ms Moynihan, Mr Maguire, Ms Collier and Ms Brady

4th Class News by Ms. Tushy's Class



4th Class have worked hard on our narrative writing stories. We have really enjoyed typing our stories in the computer room.

Lea Harte came to perform at school which was inspiring to us.

We went swimming for the first time as we had missed out because of Covid. This was lots of fun! We learned about the Vikings in history and did research projects on them. We also designed our

own Viking shields in art.

We finished the novel 'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams. It was a very funny book, and then we compared the book and movie. We liked the book better! We also read the novel 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have been learning to use pastels in art, and created some lovely pictures of lighthouses and delicious cakes inspired by Wayne Thiebaud.

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a great success. There were plenty of fun activities like bingo, dancing and a table quiz.

We are looking forward to the weather getting better after Easter so we can do more outdoor learning.



5th class News

We have been very busy in 5th class over the past few weeks. Ms. Purcell and Ms. Jameson's class held a European country fair in which the children researched a country and brought in some food from that country. We had lots of fun tasting new foods and learning something different about certain countries.





5th Class recently completed the cycling course. We learned all about road safety, how to test our bikes, helmets and clothes as well as having fun and cycling around Earl's Court.



As Spring approached, we planted some seeds across all classes. We can't wait to take them home over Easter and continue to look after them.



Ms.Purcell's class began "Paired talking" as Gaeilge with Ms.Finnegan's 6th class, and Ms. Jameson's are paired with Ms. Holland's class. This went down a really well and we look forward to continuing to improve our Gaeilge.



Ms.Farry’s class did their first ever Assembly. They composed a rap based on the theme of inspirational women. The rap was dedicated to Lauren Crowley Walsh. Lauren is a dedicated golfer who happens to be a past pupil of Kill. The class were delighted to perform it for her on the zoom call.

Take a look!

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Bike and Scooter Safety

It is great to see so many children using bicycles or scooters to travel to school. Please ensure all children are wearing helmets. Drivers please be conscious of the children using bikes and scooters using the pedestrian crossing at the main entrance to the school. Thank you.



Camogie Mini 7s Competition



Well done to the girls Camogie Team who played in a blitz in Straffan last Wednesday. They beat Prosperous, Sallins and Naas before beating Straffan in a thrilling final. The girls played exceptionally well and showed great team spirit. They will now go on to compete in the regional finals after Easter Holidays.

6th Class News

It has been a very busy term in 6th Class. We were very busy preparing for our Confirmation with our Ceremony of Light in February and our retreat in Mount Saint Anne’s which we thoroughly enjoyed. Our Confirmation Day was on Friday March 3rd. It went great and we all had brilliant weekends of celebrating.



Lea Heart, Katie Walsh and Louise Nealon visited our classes in February as part of our Inspirational Women celebrations. We enjoyed all the activities surrounding the topic. We loved Seachtain na Gaeilge leading up to St. Patrick’s Day. Bhíomar go léir ag caint as Gaeilge ar scoil agus bhí an craic againn!



Our Grandparents loved their visit to see us in school on Wednesday 15th of March. We made special memories with them that morning. We have also been lucky to have Kelly doing GAA training with us on Tuesdays.



One of the best things that happened this term was receiving our hoodies. We love them and they look great! Thank you Scoil Bhríde!!!!



Sports News

The 2023 school sports season has commenced with the Mini 7's Competitions for both girls and boys in Hurling , football and Camogie. Mr. Kelly and the boys hurling team went to Rathmore for their blitz and had a great day out. Ms. Christian and Ms. Wright's camogie girls won their regional section and will compete in the county final after Easter. Ms. Flatley and Ms. Purcell's girls football team were narrowly defeated in their prospective regional final. Mr. Kelly brought the boys team all the way to the county final this week narrow losing out despite heroic displays from the all the lads.

We participated in the F.A. I. National 5-aside Competition in Lexlip this week. We brought over fifty children on the day with the vast majority being from our 6th classes. I must give a huge thanks to Mr. Carty and Ms. Stynes who looked after all the teams on the day. This was a fantastic experience for all the children. We are also this week have four teams attending the Kildare Schools Cross Country competition being held in Rathcoffey G.A.A. and wish those children the very best of luck along with Ms. Stynes who has been training the children for this event. Our Senior Infants and First classes are availing of our in school G.A.A. coaching with Kellie in camogie and hurling for the next few weeks thanks to Kill G.A.A.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank all the teachers in the school for their support and give a special mention to Mr. Kelleher who promotes a strong sporting ethos in our school . It would not be possible without the dedication and huge commitment given by the teachers mentioned above who are involved with all our teams. Finally a massive thanks to all the parents who give of their time to drive the children to these sporting occasions.



Spar F.A.I. National 5-aside Competition

Compliments again to the vast majority of parents who drive safely and with awareness and care. Please see our website for traffic management in the school. Please be vigilant as some drivers are parking precariously and driving selfishly. Upset and congestion is being caused by those parking behind middle row even though there are numerous parking spaces available. In particular parking near the very top of middle row as this is impacting the flow of cars into car park.

Remember the receptionist aspect is only a small part of our school secretary's job. She is often on school business out of the office. Please leave a message and we will endeavour to deal with it. The office is unattended from 10.30 to 10.45 and from 12.00 to 12.25.

Please walk to school. If you are cycling, **wear a helmet**. If you are driving please do not idle your car's engine and remember we have 82 car parking spaces only ☹️ Research around schools in the U.K. have demonstrated decrease in air quality attributed to car engines running idle while in the school grounds. Our playgrounds are **NO IDLING ZONES !!** Drop off and leave from the drop-off area in the carpark. Use the Church car park and develop healthy habits with your child. Please respect our neighbours and do not use Earl's Court or the laneway beside the school as parking area.

Single use plastic: Just a reminder to remember to continue to use reusable drink bottles in school and **no single use plastic bottles!**

It is important to note that when the school is not open for pupils, it is out of bounds to the public. This means no access to the basketball court, All Weather Pitch or grounds in general. This applies to weekends and after school without specific permission of the Board of Management. It is trespassing to be on the premises without permission.

Thanks to Ms. Moynihan, all the contributors and Paula for helping with this newsletter.

Happy Easter everybody 😊

Brendan Kelleher and Staff and **see you all on** Monday 17th April 2023 for 9 am....