

March 29, 2012

Happy Easter to you all.

I hope the weather stays fine and that you all enjoy the break.



*Congratulations to the children who made their first confession. They sang beautifully on the night and are now looking forward to making their communion.*

*Well done to the children making their confirmation. They have attended a ceremony of commitment and a ceremony of light in preparation for their big day.*

#### Parents' Committee

*Many thanks to the parents' committee who organised an Easter egg hunt.*

*I would also like thank them for their continued support and enthusiasm. They have recently contributed to the purchase of a variety of resources for use in the school from new supplementary readers to science equipment.*

#### Fifth class

*Fifth class has been taking part in a cycle proficiency course. They are being trained in how to cycle on the road safely.*



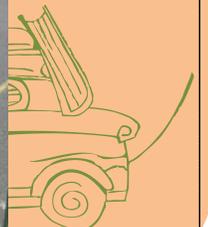
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*We had a busy month. Seachtain na gaeilge was a great success. The school with the help of Breda Gibbons had a whole school céilí in the school yard. This was lots of fun and showed that all the children certainly know how to dance! We were very lucky with the weather. It was a fantastic sight to see with the children dressed in green.*

*Following this the children had a ceolchoirm. The talent was unbelievable. The children really showed tremendous creativity and musical ability.*

*The children had their own radio shows 'as gaeilge!' Ms Farrell taught a dance to the older girls.*

*Many thanks to all who participated and to the teachers who took the time to prepare the children. Well done to Ms McCrudden for coordinating the Gaelge na Seachtaine week.*



### Health and safety

Parents are reminded not to park directly outside of the school gate. There are chevrons on the road to ensure that the space is kept free.

Thank you.

A gentle reminder to everyone that school starts at 9.20 am. Children should be in their lines by 9.20.

### Green Flag

The walk to school will continue every Wednesday.

We are currently working on the theme of climate change as part of our preparation in gaining our fifth flag.

The children are reminded not to litter and are looking at ways they can reduce their carbon footprint by walking as much as possible instead of jumping in the car.

As part of our green school's programme the children with the help of Ms Markham ,Mr Callaghan and Tommy Gallagher have planted seeds and have planted potatoes. The children will now look after these plants until we can harvest our vegetables and have a picnic!



**Ciara, Sarah and Peter.**

### Spanish

Spanish is happening in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. The children had a visitor ,Ana Pacios, who is from Spain living in Balbriggan. The children had the opportunity to listen to a native Spanish speaker.

Ms McCrudden's class has linked with a school in Essex and are busy writing letters to their new penpals. They are hoping to Skype the Essex class on Friday.

Great excitement!



### Homework club

Homework club will not take place in the final term. It was decided that it isn't practical to host this club in the last term as everyone is busy with sport and other activities.

### Sport

#### GAA

The gaelic football season is in full swing. The boys are on a winning streak as are the girls. Both teams are playing very well. The boys are into the semi-finals. Congrats.

#### Tennis

Both the boys and girls have been very successful so far in the tennis league. The boys beat Castleknock and the girls beat Sutton. Ms Rooney was delighted. Many thanks to Mrs Coady , Mrs Duffy and Mrs Carew who are helping out.

#### Futsal

This competition was a great success. The children played many matches and were very successful.

#### Cross Country

There was a great turn out for the cross country race on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. We had many children coming in the top ten. Well done everyone.



#### Easter raffle

The Easter raffle will take place on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. Good luck to everyone who bought a ticket.

#### Dates for your diary

School will close at 12.30 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of March for the Easter holidays. **No uniform day.**

School will reopen on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April.

