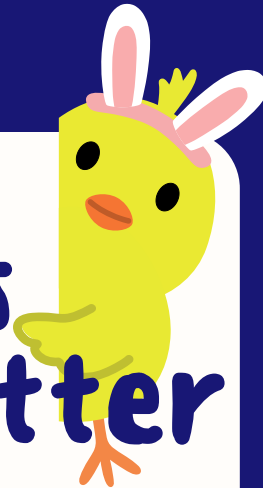




Cloonliffen Ns Easter Newsletter



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Headlines LIVE

Engineers Week

Lots of fun challenges completed in all the classrooms. Paper Planes & Rockets, Lollipop Stick Bridges in the Junior Room. Marble Mazes & Coding activities on Scratch in the middle room and creating Balloon powered cars in the senior room!

Sports Quiz

Well done to Catharine, Thomas, Luke & Isobelle who represented the school in the South Mayo Cumann na mBunscol Sports Quiz in February.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge with lots of dánta, amhráin, drámaíocht & damhsa! The Junior Room enjoyed listening to and acting out 'An Tornapa Mór' & 'An Fear Sinséar'. 'Na Trí Gabhar' & 'An Béar Mór agus an Béar Beag' were great fun in the Middle Room and the Senior room learned An Dreoilín. We are also fully prepared to sing Amhrán na bhFiann at the upcoming League Final!

School News



Wellness Week

Our first Wellness week was huge success & was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school community. The children enjoyed getting to chat to a new 'buddy' each day on our wellness walks & had great fun at the Drumadóir workshops. We rounded off the week with a fantastic Bake Sale full of lots of delicious homemade treats!

Food Dudes

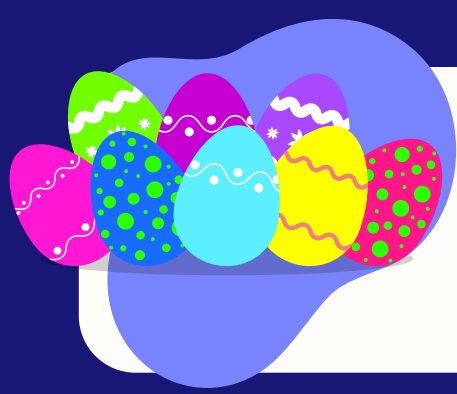


After all the Easter eggs are eaten the school will be participating in the Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme. This initiative is aimed at increasing consumption of fruit & vegetables in primary school children. The programme is based on repeated tasting and rewards and is fully funded by the Dept of Agriculture, Food & the Marine. It will run for 8 days in senior classes and 16 in the junior classes.

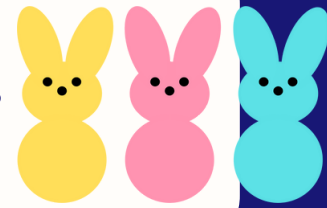
Dates for the Diary



- Active Schools Week May 2nd-5th
- First Holy Communion- May 20th
- Ukuele Concert - Tues May 23rd
- Closure for PLC Training- Fri May 26th
- Senior Room Tour - Thurs June 1st
- Jun Infants Induction- Tues June 13th
- 6th Class Graduation- Thurs June 22nd
- Junior/Middle Room Tour - Fri June 23rd



News from the Classrooms



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Junior Room



The Junior room enjoyed making and eating pancakes on Pancake Tuesday. As part of our SESE lessons in February we explored the topic of places. We focused on Spain and learned lots of facts about Spain and the Spanish festivals. For March we focused on the topic of Spring. We discussed farm animals & their babies, learned poems about Spring, created Spring artwork and even went on a Nature walk to identify signs of Spring in the local environment. We have also been working hard on report writing and have written reports on the cow, the pig and the horse. All pencil cases will be sent home on Friday. Please check your child's pencil case to make sure they have adequate supplies of pencils, rubbers, toppers, colours, glue and scissors.



Middle Room



The children in 2nd & 3rd class have been busy learning about homes in the past and comparing them with their own homes today. We now have a new found appreciation for running water, central heating, electricity and indoor toilets!! Report writing has been going very well in the middle classes and children have written great reports on their chosen Australian Animal and Sea creature while 3rd class also researched and wrote reports on a country of their choice. We had great fun exploring the dance strand this month and even gave Riverdance a shot during Seachtain na Gaeilge. We are looking forward to our block of swimming lessons starting after Easter. Finally congratulations to 2nd class who made their First Holy Confession on Tuesday March 22nd. We are now busy preparing for the First Holy Communion on May 20th.



Senior Room



In History the senior classes have been busy learning all about the Irish explorer Tom Crean. We have also explored The War of Independence and the creation of the First Dáil. In science we learned about volcanoes & even created our own volcanic explosions! During Wellness Week we enjoyed a trip to the Lakeside for some fun games & activities. We are so proud of our girls 5 a side soccer team who won the South Mayo Regional Finals and progress to the next round in Milebush, Castlebar on Thursday May 4th. Well done girls!! With Easter around the corner we are busy making sock bunnies for Easter and are preparing for the Mayo Music Generation Ukulele Concert in May.

