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March 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 16 th March	Lá Glas
Friday 17 th March	St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday 21 st March	Lots of Socks Day
Thursday 23 rd March	First Confession
Friday 31 st March	School closes @ 13:50 / 14:50 for Easter Holiday
Saturday 22 nd April	Cash for Clobber Collection Day

School Wellbeing Survey for Parents / Guardians

Sincere appreciation to all parents and guardians who completed and submitted the School Wellbeing Survey recently.

We very much welcome your thoughts and suggestions, which will be taken into consideration, as we work together for the good of the children, our school and our community in developing our Wellbeing Policy and Framework for Practice.

Lá Glas - Thursday 16th March

March 1st to March 17th is designated as Seachtain na Gaeilge in all schools.

As well as encouraging the children to use the cúpla focail, informally in the classroom, in the playground and at home, we are proposing to host a **Lá Glas on Thursday 16th March** when children may wear a green item of clothing. This may include green socks, shamrocks, hats, bows/ribbons, t-shirts or hoodies. It is very important to stress that you are not required to purchase anything specifically for the Lá Glas. The children will engage in fun activities such as quizzes and games, as Gaeilge, during Seachtain na Gaeilge but in particular on Lá Glas, to promote our culture and heritage and to have a little bit of fun!!

Ceolchoirm – Wednesday 15th March

Also as part of our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations, we have organised a ceolchoirm for next Wednesday, 15th March. Classes will participate and will perform a range of poems, songs and dramas as Gaeilge. This is a great way to encourage and promote the use of Gaeilge in a fun, interactive and creative way. We are really looking forward to being entertained by all our talented pupils!

Lots of Socks Day – Tuesday 21st March

As you may be aware, Monday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day.

As a school, we have been delighted to take part in this campaign and it has been very successful over the last few years. This is just one additional way to bring about an awareness and to celebrate our inclusiveness as a school.

Therefore, on Tuesday 21st March, we invite all pupils and staff to wear ‘**Lots of Socks**’ to support the local Down Syndrome branch.

Donations will be accepted on the day, which will go towards the local Down Syndrome branch.

Cash for Clobber – Parent’s Association

As part of the 2023 fundraising efforts, the Parent’s Association are having a “Cash for Clobber” event again this year.

This involves getting all of our old clothes, shoes and handbags, sheets, towels and bedclothes together and a company pays by weight for them. This has been a very successful event in the last number of years.

The “clobber” will be collected on Saturday April 22nd from the community centre.

Further details to follow.

Enrolment for New Pupils 2023

Offers of places and Acceptance forms are being sent out this week.

The Acceptance forms should be returned at your earliest convenience but no later than 15th March.

First Confession – Thursday 23rd March

The sacrament of First Confession will be celebrated on Thursday 23rd March @ 11.20am in an Halla Spóirt in the school.

RSE

The first of the nine RSE lessons was delivered yesterday, Tuesday. The remaining eight lessons will be taught over the next eight consecutive Tuesdays. The class teacher will deliver the content appropriate to each of the class levels.

As Third Class is a split class, the Third Class pupils will be brought together for RSE and the programme will be taught by Mrs. McKenna and Mrs. McLaughlin.

PE Programme

Beginning on Monday April 17th for 4 Mondays, the following PE lessons will take place:

- Junior Infants - First Class will take part in Little Athletics
- Second Class - Sixth Class – Volleyball

These lessons will be delivered by coaches from Monaghan Sports Partnership.

Science Blast

On Monday 27th February, The boys and girls in rang a cúig represented Scoil Mhuire at the ESB Science Blast in the RDS with their investigation into the question ‘Is there a difference in the taste of branded and non branded foods?’ The Science Blast is a non-competitive educational programme that allowed the boys and girls to engage with their STEM skills within the classroom in a fun filled, interactive and child-led way. They spent the day presenting their project, exploring the exhibitor area, going to science shows and even learning about all the other projects that 4,000 boys and girls across Ireland had created. After putting in a huge amount of work into their project, the boys and girls were delighted to receive brilliant feedback and a trophy from the adjudicator, food scientist Niamh Burke. Well done to all the pupils in rang a cúig!

Creative Clusters

The pupils in Fifth Class participated in the following workshops on Friday 10th February in the Iontas: Centre, Castleblayney.

- Creative Writing with David Maine
- Physical Theatre with Fiona Keenan
- Visual Arts with Joanne Behan

The pupils had a great day working with pupils from Annyalla N.S., Beech Hill College and Castleblayney College which culminated in them having a discussion and giving feedback on how they would like to work together in the future. The next stage of the project will be in Term 3.

Credit Union Quiz

Following much quizzing in school the following pupils represented our school in the recent Credit Union Quiz.

Section A: Aaron Rooney, Colm Fanthorpe, Daithí Casey McSkeane, Emily Johnson, Ethan Coyle, Fionn Brennan, Isla Mc Kenna & Meabh Kirk

Section B: Eoin Clerkin, Isabella McCaughey, Jack McNamee, Katie Mone, Lauren Moen, Sean O'Connor, Shay Corey & Tara McCabe

Congratulations to all the pupils involved.

A special word of congratulations to Tara, Isabella, Eoin & Jack who after a tiebreaker secured a third place in what was a very high scoring and close quiz. Many thanks to all the parents and families who came along on the night to give support.

Cumann na mBunscol Quiz

Congratulations to the two teams, who represented our school in the Cumann na mBunscol Schools Quiz.

Team A: Colm Fanthorpe, Fionn Brennan, Kayla Gormley & Tommie Smyth

Team B: Ethan Coyle, Daithí Casey McSkeane, Ruairí Leonard & Shay Corey

Well done all, you deserve much praise!

A special word of congratulations to Shay, Ethan, Ruairí & Daithí who qualified for the County Final and again did themselves proud.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you all for your continuing support of our school.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance to you or if you wish any further clarification regarding the information above at office@scoilmhuireclontibret.ie.

I wish you and your family a peaceful and enjoyable St. Patrick's weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Moorehead
Principal.