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Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope you are all well and that you had a lovely weekend. As we look forward to warmer weather and brighter evenings, please find below some updates about various events in our school along with news from each of the classes.

Parents Association Visit for Pancake Tuesday

This **Tuesday 4th March**, the Parents Association will be visiting all of the classes to give the children pancakes to mark Pancake Tuesday. The Parents Association are asking for a €2 contribution from each child for this.

World Book Day

On **Thursday 6th March**, we are celebrating World Book Day. The children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a book. There will be a range of prizes and activities taking place throughout the day in the school. Children are asked to contribute €2 for this. Thank you to Ms. Conroy for coordinating events on the day.

FAI Schools Primary 5s

6th class boys have been training over the past few weeks in preparation for the FAI Schools Primary 5s competition. A panel of 8 players has been selected to compete in the competition taking place in Newbridge Town's grounds tomorrow **Tuesday 4th March** during the school day. We wish them every success with this. The children will have a final training session today after school in advance of the blitz tomorrow. Many thanks to Mr. O'Toole for his support with this.

Senior Boys GAA training

Senior Boys Gaelic football training continues after school on **Tuesday 4th March** this week. Thank you again to Ms. Barrett & Mr. Begley for leading this.

GAA Sessions

GAA Sessions will continue on **Friday 7th March** for Ms. Murphy's class. Mr. Begley's 5th class will be starting their sessions this week. Children are reminded to

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wear their school tracksuit for this.

5th & 6th Class Rugby Session

Rugby sessions will be commencing on **Wednesday 5th March** for children in 5th and 6th class. Children are asked to wear their tracksuit for this.

Swimming

5th and 6th class swimming continues today as usual. They will have their final session on **Monday 10th March** next week.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in our school next week with activities scheduled across the week including a Céilí and a Lá Glas. Many thanks to Ms. Killeen for organising these activities.

Confirmation Updates

The Pledge and Penitential Service for all children who are making their Confirmation has been changed to **Monday 10th March** in Allenwood Church at 7.30pm.

The Confirmation will take place on **Friday 14th March** next week. The children will be busy working on art work for the church this week and will have a practice in the church next week in advance of the ceremony.

Glasnevin Cemetery Visit

The children in 5th and 6th class will be visiting Glasnevin Cemetery and taking a guided tour on **Thursday 3rd April**. Permissions and payment will be sent out on Aladdin later today.

STEAM Academy

STEAM Academy after-school classes will continue this week as normal.

Bí Cineálta Inservice

The school will close for a half-day at 12pm on **Wednesday 2nd April** to facilitate Bí Cineálta training for staff. Bí Cineálta is a new set of procedures to help prevent and address bullying behaviour in our school.

Junior Infants - Ms. Monahan's Class

Junior infants have had a fun and busy month! The children enjoyed every minute that they spent with the little chicks and loved holding them. They were very sad

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to see them go!

The children have also been learning about the post office and visited Robertstown Post office where they got to use the post office stamp to stamp their own letters before popping them into the postman's big sack of letters. They then waited eagerly for their letters to arrive at their houses!

Junior infants also had a very special visitor this month, who came in to teach them all about what life was like in



Senior Infants - Ms. McCaffrey & Ms. Kenna's Class

Senior Infants recently enjoyed designing and creating their own construction of Robertstown village using junk Art. A big shout out to Debbie (SNA) for helping the infants put together the bridge for the canal. They have been busy with their hair in the Vets surgery and learning all about different animals and how to look after them.



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First Class - Ms. Lynch

In February, the class was working on Place Value in maths. We can see the children using Dienes blocks in the photos to make numbers from 1-99. Anti-Bullying Week was held in the school during February also so the class was learning about what bullying is and how to deal with it. The boys and girls also prepared some



Freeze Frames for our last assembly such as First Day at School, Trip to the Zoo, Surprise Party, Going on Holidays and Football Final. They can be very proud of their performances. First class also created some beautiful pieces of art for Valentine's Day.



Second/Third Class - Ms.

It has been a busy month in class. The boys and girls have length and area in maths. They how to measure the length, various objects inside and classroom. The students also chicks that had just hatched. see the tiny, fluffy chicks and around. We learned about how the chicks grow and what they need to stay healthy. It was a fun and interesting way for the students to learn about animals and their life cycle. The children also got to hold the chicks. Lastly, the children created paint



Barrett

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monsters in art. They had lots of fun using straws to spread the paint out!



Ms.
This
classes

**Third/Fourth Class -
Murphy**

month 3rd and 4th
wrote some very funny

Limericks. A Limerick is a funny five-lined poem with a rhyme. There's some great creative writing talent in this class. Also, 3rd class hosted 'Grandparents' Day' this month. The turnout was just fantastic, we had a full house with a fun, vibrant atmosphere. There was great competitive spirit during the Kahoot quiz, it's fair to say everyone's general knowledge was very impressive!! It was lovely for the grandparents to see the children's work, visit the classroom, and look at how school life has changed since they were at school. We had some wonderful entertainment in the hall. I would like to extend a massive thanks to Tanisha (gymnastics display) and Oisín, Andrew and Reiltín (Irish dancing) for supporting and participating on the day. I would also like to thank Louise Molloy for all her support in organising the refreshments, and Paul O'Connor and Clare Dunne for organising the hall, it looked great. It was all hands on deck!! Last but not least, Ms Barrett and I must thank 3rd class for making their grandparents feel so welcome and comfortable, you are a credit to your parents and grandparents, and you made the day the success it was. Well done!

Fifth Class - Mr. Begley

St. Brigid's Day: The class learned about the history of St. Brigid and how important it is to celebrate this day. They also made St. Brigid crosses.

Anti-Bullying Day and Cyber Bullying: The class held discussions and watched videos

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on how important it is to tell someone they trust if they are been bullied.

Drama: The class performed 3 short plays during assembly for the whole school.

Football: Football training is on every Tuesday evening after school for 5th and 6th class. Turnout has been brilliant and we hope to bring success to the school this year.

Sixth Class - Ms. Conroy

This month, our sixth-class students delved into the fascinating world of biological adaptations. They researched how various organisms thrive in diverse environments such as deserts, the Arctic, and rainforests, including unique plant adaptations. Their enthusiasm was evident in the detailed projects they presented, showcasing a deep understanding of the subject.

We were fortunate to have two parents enrich our learning experience with insightful presentations. Tommy Mullaney shared his expertise in the forestry industry, discussing different tree species and the impact of recent storms on his forest in Leitrim. Kieran Moore captivated the students with his entrepreneurial journey, offering valuable lessons as part of our Junior Entrepreneur Project.



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