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7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we approach the last week of our second term, I'd like to thank the whole school community for all their efforts in supporting the teaching and learning of our pupils. It has been a busy term and we hope all of the children have a restful Easter break. Please find below details of upcoming events in our school along with some news from each of our classes.

## **Parents Association Easter Egg Hunt**

The Parents Association will be visiting the school on **Wednesday 9th April** this week and running an Easter Egg hunt for all classes. There will be an Easter egg for every child in the school as part of the event. Many thanks to the Parents Association for their continued hard work and support.

## **Cumann na mBunscol Cross Country Event**

The annual Cumann na mBunscol Cross Country event takes place for boys and girls on **Thursday 10th April** in Rathcoffey. We wish our Boys and Girls teams the very best of luck in their events. Many thanks to Ms. Barrett and Ms. Killeen for their work with this.

## **End of Term Easter Holiday Closure**

The school will be closing on **Friday 11th April** for Easter holidays. Junior and Senior Infants will finish at 11.50 with the remaining classes going home at 12pm.

## **STEAM Academy**

STEAM Academy after school classes continue as normal today **Monday 7th April** for all children signed up to it.

## **Communion Preparation**

There is a Communion mass for children making their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 12th April** at 6.30pm in Allenwood Church.

## **School GAA Sessions**

There will be no GAA sessions on Friday this week.



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## **School Sensory Garden**

During the Easter break, our school sensory garden is due to be installed beside the school's basketball court. We look forward to the children being able to enjoy the garden as we enter the summer months.

## **School Intercom**

Also during the Easter break, Mongey Communications will be installing an intercom in the school. This will be a great support to the office along with allowing us to make general announcements and celebrate pupil and class achievements on a whole school level with ease.

## **School Shorts**

As the weather gets warmer over the next few months, children are allowed to wear plain black or navy knee length shorts on days that they are wearing their school tracksuit. Bicycle shorts are not permitted. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Science Exhibition**

Robertstown NS is running a fun science initiative this month. We are asking pupils to conduct a Science Experiment of their own choosing over the Easter holidays. It can be as simple or ambitious as you like! They will then bring their experiment in to present to a group of judges on **Wednesday 30th April**. A number of experiments from each class will then be selected to take part in our Science Exhibition in the hall that **Friday 2nd May**. This science showcase will be open to parents to visit 1pm- 2:30pm that day. This is an optional activity aiming to encourage the fun that can be had when learning about Science. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

## **Ms. Monahan's Junior Infants**

Junior Infants have had a fun month, filled with lots of playful learning. We celebrated World Book Day, dressed up as our favourite book characters and Ms. Monahan read us some of our favourite stories. We had great fun on Pancake Tuesday too. We explored and experimented with pancake ingredients and practiced making our own batter. We then had a go at flipping some pancakes! Flipping pancakes was lots of fun!

## **Science Needs You!**

**Conduct a science experiment of your choice over the Easter break** 🧪 🍷

**Present it to your class Wednesday 30th April** 🧑🏫

**Win a chance to take part in our Science Exhibition Friday 2nd May** 🧑🏫





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We loved Lá Glas and learned how to dance the Walls of Limerick and An Dreoilín. We learned all about Spring this month too and used all of our new vocabulary in our role play area "The Flower Shop". We also planted some seeds and are now patiently waiting for our colourful flowers to grow.



## **Ms. McCaffrey & Ms. Kenna's Senior Infants**

Senior Infants have been looking out for signs of Spring in the air.

They recently went on a 'Spring hunt' and found some snow drops, daffodils and Ladybirds.

They also spotted some birds building their nests and learned the importance of not disturbing them during this important time. In the classroom they brought in some seedlings and flower buds from their Spring Hunt to identify them in their own Garden Centre during Aistear time.



## **Ms. Lynch's 1st Class**

March has been another busy month in Robertstown National School. The children enjoyed delicious pancakes with various toppings for Shrove Tuesday. A huge thank you to the Parents' Association for this lovely treat. They dressed up as book characters for World Book Day and again for Lá Glas during Seachtain na Gaeilge. They really outdid themselves with their efforts. First Class also learned and performed the dance 'Shoe the Donkey' for our March assembly and enjoyed a 'Céilí' too as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge.





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## Ms. Barrett's 2nd & 3rd Class

World book day: On World Book Day, the children dressed up as their favorite characters from beloved stories, bringing the pages of books to life. Their costumes sparked creativity and imagination, celebrating the joy of reading in a fun and vibrant way. First Confession: The second class children celebrated their First Confession, marking a significant milestone in their faith journey. Green Day: The children celebrated green day. They all dressed up in vibrant green colours. The day was filled with fun as they learned about Irish traditions!



## Ms. Murphy's 3rd & 4th Class

3rd and 4th class threw themselves into World Book Day with great enthusiasm and showcased their amazing costumes. We had a slew of Harry Potter enthusiasts, football players, David Walliams characters, Flobber, Roald Dahl characters, Horrible Histories characters, and Fairy Tale characters galore. The children completed book based activities on the day. They designed their favourite book cover and wrote a book review. Ms Murphy is so very proud of all their hard work and the way they tackle new things with enthusiasm and positivity.







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## **Mr. Begley's 5th Class**

The children have been working on 1916 based projects. They are now displayed in the corridor. 5th Class also visited Glasnevin Cemetery. They really enjoyed the trip and learned lots! For World Book Day, the children dressed up in various characters from books they have read. They were also impressed with the new colour scheme on display in the library.



## **Ms. Conroy's 6th Class**

Sixth Class have truly excelled in recent weeks, demonstrating dedication, enthusiasm, and a wonderful sense of occasion. Their preparation for Confirmation was nothing short of exemplary, and their participation in the ceremony was a joy to witness. From the heartfelt readings to the angelic singing and the presentation of the gifts at the altar, every detail reflected their reverence and commitment. A special mention must go to their impeccable outfits, adding to the sense of celebration as they embraced the gifts of the Holy Spirit.







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Beyond their spiritual journey, Sixth Class have also been making waves in the world of persuasive language. They recently took on Fifth Class in a spirited debate on the hot topic: Should children be paid for doing chores? With passionate arguments, clever rebuttals, and a strong sense of teamwork, they emerged victorious—but Fifth Class are eager for a rematch! Another lively debate is on the horizon in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, history lessons have taken on new depth as the children researched both famous and lesser-known figures buried in Glasnevin Cemetery. Their hard work culminated in a fascinating trip to the cemetery on April 4th, where they stood before the graves of iconic figures such as Daniel O'Connell, Michael Collins, Eamon de Valera, Maud Gonne, and Countess Markievicz. It was a moving and educational experience, bringing history to life in a way that textbooks never could.

With so many achievements already under their belt, we look forward to seeing what this talented and enthusiastic group will accomplish next!

