

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 8th March: School Closed - Polling Station for Referendum
- Tuesday 20th March: PTA AGM - please come along if you are free!
- 22nd March: Half day closure for Easter Holidays (11:45am and 12pm)
- Thursday 25th April: SETNS Open Evening - all of our school community are welcome to attend
- Monday 29th April: School Closed as teachers receive training in the new Primary Maths Curriculum

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- As our building is now over 12 years old, we are finding that some of our equipment and resources have seen better days! We take great pride in maintaining our school and keeping it the bright and inviting place that visitors often comment on! We also endeavour to provide our children with up-to-date, relevant and interesting resources which complement their learning. None of this is possible without your support in the form of annual fees, voluntary contributions and various fundraising events throughout the year. With this in mind, we are planning some small fun events over the next few months where we will ask the children to bring in a coin or two and we will use any monies received to buy something that they will directly benefit from. Watch this space for more info...!
- Our PTA will hold their AGM on Tuesday 19th March at 7:30pm. It would be wonderful to see lots of our parents and guardians supporting their wonderful work in our school by coming along and hearing about all the things they get up to! We value their contribution hugely! Of course a PTA cannot function without volunteers and we are very aware of how busy everybody is these days and how it may seem impossible to commit to anything extra. There are many opportunities to help out, some of which may only involve a few hours once or twice during the school year! Even if you know that you cannot commit any time, it would still be lovely to see you on the night of the AGM! More info to follow...
- A little note about morning time...Our official school start time is 8:30am. *At the moment*, we have capacity amongst our staff to facilitate the children entering the building from 8:20am. We must remind you that up until the gates

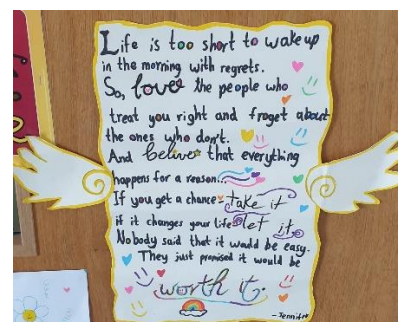
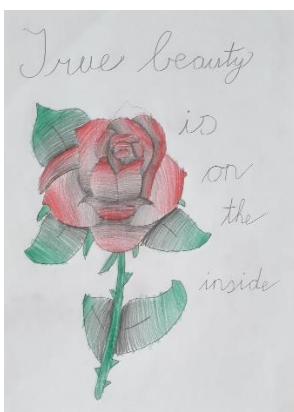
open at 8:20 and the children have entered on to school grounds, parents/guardians are responsible for their children. If your child is coming to school by themselves or being dropped off by car, please be aware that they are not supervised by school staff until 8:20am. You could also remind them that once the gates open they should come in to school rather than hang around the community centre or elsewhere on the campus. Thanks for your support!

- We'd like to remind you to be vigilant around some of the bugs/viruses/illnesses going around. The HSE have sent information regarding measles which we circulated to you last week. We have had some cases of slapped cheek, as well as the usual coughs, cold and tummy bugs. It might be no harm to revisit handwashing and cough etiquette to keep the germs at bay!
- Lost property is building up again and will be brought to charity shop soon if not claimed!



- And now for the children!! See photos below of some of the things they have been up to:

We celebrated Children's Wellbeing Week. 4th class made some fabulous posters. We also spent the week revising our Lámh signs.



Our Student Council met with the Student Council from our neighbours, Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe. Le chéile, they are planning a series of joint events for the month of March, to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge!



The whole school took part in a Frisbee Workshop last week (another event made possible by your generous support!):



1st Class have been exploring all things Mexican! They studied Mexican food, music, animals and the location of Mexico on the globe in comparison to Ireland. They also created their own ponchos!



A girls team from 4th class proudly represented us at a Schools Climbing Competition on Tuesday 27th after school. Boys from 1st Class will compete on Friday 8th. Well done to all!



5th Class had a really enjoyable educational tour to Collins' Barracks on Tuesday.



1st Class visited Botanic Gardens yesterday.



And....3rd Class have just returned from their trip to the National Museum of Ireland!



We also had Rachel from Sing, Dance, Act with our junior classes today. And some of our 5th & 6th Class took part in the Fingal Athletics League today in Newbridge!

What a busy school we have 😊

As always, thank for all your support!