

March 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of March. This has been a very busy month for our pupils, with many sporting and extra-curricular opportunities. I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the parents who provide lifts—without your support, it would not be possible to participate in these events. Your continued support is truly appreciated. Also thank you to our staff who give so generously of their time so that the children can participate in a wide range of activities.

Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to this month, not to mention all the fantastic work happening in each and every classroom. I have also attached a calendar of events from now until the end of the year to keep you informed about upcoming activities.

Kind regards,
Marian



Mini 7 Boys

Congratulations to all the boys who participated in this year's Mini Sevens GAA competition. Unfortunately, it was not our year, but it will serve as great preparation for the upcoming Senior Boys GAA. A big thank you to Mr. Corcoran for organising and accompanying the boys.

Mini 7 Girls

Well done to all the girls who took part in the Mini Sevens Girls' competition in Eadestown GAA. They faced some tough opposition along the way, but they played brilliantly and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout.



Basketball: Girls

Well done to our Sixth-Class girls who participated in the Basketball Blitz with Ms. Cassidy at Scoil Na Naomh Uilig in Newbridge. There were some very close and exciting games in their pool.

Basketball: Boys

Congratulations to our Sixth Class boys who also participated in the Basketball Blitz at Scoil Na Naomh Uilig. A big thank you to Mr. Sheehan for accompanying them.

Girls Tennis

Our girls faced tough opposition in the doubles competition in Castleknock. Well done to Sofia, Maddie, Isla Mae, Chloe, Ella and Annabel. Wishing them the best of luck in their next games.



Boys Tennis

The boy's doubles teams continue to have success. Well done to Conor, Hugo, Jiuwen, Charlie, Larry and Lorcan. We wish you continued success in the upcoming rounds.



Boys FAI Soccer Round Two

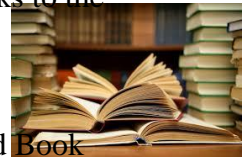
Well done to our senior boys who progressed to the second round of the competition in Newbridge Town FC. There was tough opposition from many teams but we managed a draw with Two Mile House in our last game. Well done to all the boys and Mr Sheehan.

Funathon – A Great Success!

Our Funathon was a fantastic success, raising just under €1200! Well done to all our pupils, both stallholders and shoppers. All money raised on the day will go towards paying off our loan for our Astro pitch.

Confirmation

Congratulations to all pupils in 6th Class who received their Confirmation on 1st March. A special thank you to Mr Sheehan and Ms Cassidy for preparing the children. Thanks to the parents of 5th class pupils for preparing the hall for the refreshments afterwards.



World Book Week

March kicked off with our Second-Class students opening the assembly for World Book Week. They dressed as their favourite book characters and spoke about the importance of reading. Various competitions took place across the school, and we had many visitors, including storytellers from the library and authors visiting the Senior Classes. 5th class also had a fantastic workshop with author and parent Claire Coughlan during book week. They loved learning about Claire's life and we think she has inspired some young minds to become future authors!

- **Junior and Senior Infants:** Drew their favourite book characters. Winners: Elena, Elliott, Nicholas, and Tanvi.
- **First and Second Classes:** Designed book covers. Winners: Aoibhinn, Devinas, Cameron, and Darcy.
- **Third and Fourth Classes:** Wrote book reviews. Winners: Lottie, Eric, Tilly, and Selim.
- **Fifth and Sixth Classes:** Wrote short stories. Winners: Ella, Alannah, Evie, and Conor.

Prizes were presented at the assembly. Well done to all who entered, and a special thanks to Ms. McLoughlin for coordinating all of the Book Week activities.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí na páistí ag déanamh a ndícheall Gaeilge a labhairt! Our pupils made a great effort to use their cúpla focal throughout Seachtain na Gaeilge. It is lovely to see some of them continue this on the pedestrian crossing in the mornings. There was an impressive display of song and poetry at the Taispeántas. Well done to Mr. Sheehan for coordinating all the activities during Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Lá Glas and Crazy Hair Day

Our Lá Glas event was a huge success, raising a fantastic €357.45. Well done to all the children who wore their Irish colours and participated in some very creative and crazy

hairstyles on the day. A special thanks to the Parents' Association for organising this fun event.

Book Fair

The Book Fair has been in full swing over the past few days. A big thank you to everyone who generously contributed by purchasing books. The commission earned will be used to buy new library books and class sets of novels. The total amount of commission received is still being finalised, we will let you know the total very soon. Thanks to Ms O' Connor for organising this and to all the staff who worked at it at various times over the past few days.

Junior Entrepreneur Project

5th class have started to produce their fantastic JEP product 'Blooming bookmarks'. Made from recycled paper from the school, the children have been designing personalised bookmarks with wildflower seeds within the paper. They are hoping to start selling before the Easter break. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and participation in all of our school events.

Special Assembly

We held a special assembly on Thursday 27th March to officially mark the retirement of one of our SNAs Ms. Collette Kirwan. Collette has worked in Killashee for over 20 years. She received a great send off from all of the pupils and staff, with her very own personalised song Slán Ms Kirwan (sang to the tune of Sweet Caroline!). A special thanks to Eoin the first pupil Collette ever worked with at Killashee who returned to make a special presentation to her. We wish Collette every health and happiness in her retirement.

Dates for your diary

Calendar of Events March – June 2025

Date	Activity
	March
21/03/2025- 26/03/2025	Book fair
26/03/2025	Boys FAI Soccer Round Two
27/03/2025	Girls Tennis- Castleknock
31/03/2025	First Confession TMH Church 6.30pm
31/03/2025	Girls Tennis Naas
	April
1/4/2025	Senior Boys GAA

2/4/2025	Girls GAA
3/4/2025	U10 Boys GAA
	Tennis Fixtures for Boys TBC
7/4/2025	Friendship Week
9/04/2025	Easter Egg Hunt
10/04/2025	Cross Country Running
11/04/2025	Drama Performance- Junior Infants at 10am (Closing for Easter Holidays, half day)
14 th - 25 th April	Easter Holidays
29/04/2025	Senior Boys GAA
30/04/2025	Girls GAA
29 th April 6 th , 13 th , 20 th 27 th May	Swimming (Tuesdays) 2 nd & 3 rd Classes 4 th & 5 th Classes
	May
01/0/2025	U10 Boys GAA
02/05/2025	Bake Sale PA Fundraiser hosted by 6 th Class
05/05/2025	Drumcondra English during the week beginning 05/05/25
06/05/2025	Senior Boys GAA
07/05/2025	Girls GAA
08/05/2025	U10 Boys GAA
10/05/2025	First Communion
13/05/2025	Moat Rehearsal
14/05/2025	Moat Performance 3 rd , 4 th & 6 th Classes
18/05/2025	Race Day Fundraiser
19/05/2025	SIGMA-T during the week beginning 19/05/2025
29/05/2025	International Day
	June
2 nd -6 th June	Holidays
13/06/2025	Sports Day
13 th -19 th	Active School Week
19/06/202	1 st & 2 nd Class Tour
23/06/2025	6 th Class Tour
24/06/2025	3 rd /4 th /5 th Class Tour
25/06/2025	Junior & Senior Infants Tour
25/06/2025	6 th Class Graduation Time TBC
27/06/2025	Half Day Closing for Summer Holidays

Please note all dates for GAA matches are provisional, venues and times still to be confirmed and agreed with other schools. We are still awaiting confirmation of dates for the boy's tennis. Timings for some events have still to be decided upon.