



November Newsletter

DAFFODIL CHALLENGE

Our school has become involved in the 'Daffodil Challenge'. The Daffodil Challenge is a charitable campaign being run by the Irish Cancer Society. In October we welcomed back Mrs Mary Gilsenan (one of our former teachers) to help all our Infant and 6th class pupils plant 400 daffodil bulbs in our garden. It is hoped that in springtime, that our daffodils will be in full bloom and we will be in a position to sell them with all money raised being donated to the Irish Cancer Society. We will keep you posted on the progress of our daffodils but in the meantime photos of the planting can be seen on our school website. Well done to our pupils and their teachers and a big thank you to Mrs Mary Gilsenan for coming back to help us out.



OUR KiVA PROGRAMME



The KiVa programme is underway in the school with pupils from 1st to 6th Class already taking part in the lessons. The pupils in all the classes also took part in their own personal launch events. This included art competitions, a KiVa dance, a digital poster competition and much more. A video from our pupil launch event will be uploaded to our website for all our families to view. A big thank you to all our parents who attended the KiVa parental information evening on Monday. We really hope that you found it beneficial. For those families who were unable to attend we will be sending out a recording of the presentation in the near future. The parental guide on KiVa is available on our website.

MATHS AND SCIENCE WEEKS

Well done to all the children who actively took part in both Maths (October) and Science (November) week. Our pupils took part in a series of fantastic activities which were both interactive and educational. A big thank you to Mr Lyons (Maths Coordinator) and Mrs Rafferty (Science Coordinator) for organising the events. Pictures from Maths and Science week can be viewed on our website shortly.



CLOTHING COLLECTION FUNDRAISER



A big thank you to everyone who supported our clothing collection fundraiser. I am delighted to announce that we raised €1286.50. We will hopefully run another clothing collection next term so if you or anyone that you know is doing a clear out of their wardrobe over the next few months we would really appreciate it if you could hold onto your bags of clothes and donate them to us.

CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to all our pupils and their families who took part in our 'Design a CARD' fundraiser. All cards purchased are due to be delivered around the first week in December.



PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS



Our parent/teacher meetings will take place after Christmas. We were hoping that we would have been in a position to hold some face to face meetings this term had the Department of Education issued updated guidance. However, as of now, the advice remains that parental communication should be in remote format, where possible. Further information regarding our parent teacher meetings will be sent to you at the start of the next term. In the meantime, if any parent feels that they need to contact their child's teacher please either phone the

office to make arrangements or use your child's dedicated remote learning platform (Seesaw/Google Classroom) to contact them directly.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



In order to raise funds for Crumlin Children's Hospital, the school will hold a 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday, the 10th of December. Christmas jumpers do not have to be bought especially for the event as pupils can just as easily decorate a jumper they already have at home themselves. Creativity and individuality are always welcomed here in Scoil Mhuire na nGael so we look forward to seeing the 'Christmas Creations' which our pupils will come up with. We would ask, if possible, that each child would donate €2 towards the charity. To ensure the unnecessary handling of money we will have a collection bucket in each classroom where pupils will simply pop their donations into.

CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to Clara Duffy in Miss Rafferty's 4th Class for winning both the 'Lil Critters' and the Audiology Medical Services Halloween colouring competitions. Well done Clara, keep up the good work!

Congratulations to Ms Sarah Capaldi (2nd Class teacher) and her fellow teammates on becoming Ulster Champions at their recent Ladies GAA football final. Ms Capaldi scored the winning point to bring her Carrickmacross team to victory and was awarded player of the match. Ms Capaldi and her teammates, as Ulster Champions now progress to the All-Ireland Club semi-final.



Well done to Ms Niamh Sloane (Senior Infants teacher) and Ms Laura Connolly (5th Class teacher) who also played in a recent Ladies GAA county final for their club, the Dundalk Gaels. Although their team was not victorious on the day, both teachers made their club very proud.



We also want to wish Ms Lynn Craven (3rd Class teacher) the very best of luck in her upcoming FAI cup final. Ms Craven plays soccer with Wexford Women's Football Club. This is a national final and we really hope that Ms Craven and her teammates are triumphant on Sunday, the 21st of November.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

It is hoped that we can, once again, facilitate our annual Christmas food drive this year whereby our pupils and families would donate items of non-perishable food to the local Soup Kitchen charity. To reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 boxes will be placed in each classroom between the 1st and the 15th of December. We would really appreciate your support with this and hopefully, your contributions, as always, will make a big difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

