



## March Newsletter 2024

### General Reminders:

#### Punctuality

Supervision is provided by staff members from 8.50am-9.00am every morning and class begins at 9am sharp. Please support pupils to be on time for school daily.

#### Attendance

We continue to ask for your support in improving our school attendance for the year ahead. Good attendance and punctuality are important life skills to teach. Under the Education Welfare Act 2000 parents must inform the school if their child will be absent from school on a school day and the reason for the absence. Under current legislation (Education Welfare Act 2000) the school must notify the National Educational Welfare Board (TUSLA) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year.

#### Attendance Campaign - Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow

In an effort to improve our attendance as part of our DEIS planning, we will begin an attendance drive directly after the Easter holidays, with each class working towards full attendance, ultimately leading to a class reward. We would ask all parents to support us in this attendance drive.

#### Collecting a Child from School Early

Children may not be removed early from class unless for HSE appointments or a family emergency. The removal from class causes significant disruption to classes and the running of the school. In the event that a child has a HSE appointment:

1. Inform the school via Aladdin (at least one day in advance).
2. The pupil will be brought to the collection point (green gate).
3. Pupil is signed out by parent.
4. All early removals are recorded on Aladdin.

#### Communication with Teachers/New School Email

Staff members can be contacted by making an appointment through the school office. Please email [secretary@ticknevinns.ie](mailto:secretary@ticknevinns.ie) if you wish to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher or need to pass on a message to a class teacher. If you need to contact the school during the day the most effective method is by emailing the office. Please note that the only emails in use to contact the school are [secretary@ticknevinns.ie](mailto:secretary@ticknevinns.ie) or [office@ticknevinns.ie](mailto:office@ticknevinns.ie) The drop off and collection time is very busy and staff are needed for supervision to ensure the safety of children. Please do not enter the school grounds at this time without a prior appointment.

### Oral Language

During the month of March all classes focused on synonyms for 'little' in their Morning Meeting each morning and continued to focus on our tongue twister and idiom of the week.

### Tag Rugby

Seán Brien, Edenderry CCRO for Leinster Rugby has completed a block of tag rugby sessions with all classes over the last number of weeks as part of weekly PE class. He will complete an additional session after the Easter break.

### World Book Day

It was great to see so many enthusiastic and animated readers sharing their favourite books with friends to celebrate World Book day recently.



### Daffodil Day 2024

We are continuing our tradition of organising a fundraiser for Daffodil Day this year. On Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> we will turn the school yellow for the day and hold a non-uniform day and all are encouraged to wear something yellow. Children can wear yellow t-shirts, socks, ribbons, scarves or whatever yellow item they have at home. A link will be sent out with our Go Fund Me page this week and all proceeds will go to the Irish Cancer Society.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March and all pupils will get the opportunity to take part. Children, in teams, have to use their orienteering skills to find and solve puzzles around the school grounds. A fun-filled hunt is guaranteed!

## Seachtain na Gaeilge & Lá Glas

We had a fantastic celebration of Irish culture last week. All pupils took part in a variety of activity in celebration of Seachtain na Gaeilge. To finish the week it was lovely to see all the pupils in high spirits and dressed in green for Lá Glas. All classes performed in a ceolchoirm and some snippets have been uploaded to our X/Twitter page @brigid\_ns. The junior classes performed Conas atá An Aimsir, Lámh Lámh Eile and an Irish dance they had been learning for Seachtain na Gaeilge. The middle classes performed Ag Canadh sa Bháisteach agus an Haka Gaelach and recited the poem An Seamróg. The senior classes performed Peigín Leitir Móir and Shotgun as Gaeilge on their Ukuleles. We finished off the celebrations with a ceilí and tráth na gceist.





### Green-Schools Big Travel Challenge

Thank you for the huge response we got to 'Our Big Travel Challenge'. It was a huge success and thanks to everyone who got involved for the huge efforts made. It has been lovely to see the children cycling and scooting to school and full use being made of the bike shed and scooter rack. Huge congratulations to the children in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class for winning 'Our Big Travel Challenge' this year. The Green-Schools Committee and Ms McCabe would like to thank everyone for the huge efforts made.



### Gymnastic Lessons-School Fitness Ireland

The pupils from all classes will get the opportunity to take part in a 6 week program, with each of the 3 classrooms getting a 30 minute session weekly. The coach will bring all equipment needed and sessions will take place indoors/outdoors. The cost is €15 per child for the full 6-week program. The dates are as follows: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> . Please note there is no class on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### Living Our Ethos Ceremony of Light

In preparation for their Confirmation our 6<sup>th</sup> class Confirmation candidates recently attended the Ceremony of Light. This is a symbolic service where the Confirmation

candidates and their families came together in the church to make their commitment to continue to grow in faith.

### Confirmation 2024

Congratulations to our wonderful 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 7<sup>th</sup> of March. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you through life.



### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

The Parish Office wishes to inform the parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at the school on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm. The pupils have been busy preparing for this occasion and we wish them the very best of luck.

### Cumann na mBunscol Cross County

Well done to our pupils who represented our school at the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Chill Dara Cross Country Event on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at Rathcoffey GAA.



## Engineers Week 2024/Engineering Competition

To celebrate Engineers Week 2024 we are setting an engineering challenge for the whole school. This year's theme is 'Welcome to the Future' and the challenge is to design and create a house with this year's theme in mind. We encourage children to use recycled materials, materials you already have at home or lego. The younger children will need some help and guidance from adults but we hope it will be a rewarding task to complete together. Children can make their house on their own, with siblings or in a small group. We ask the children in the middle and senior rooms write a small description of their house and how it fits with our theme 'Welcome to the Future'. You can bring your creation to the school any-time before **Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April**. We look forward to seeing our young Engineers develop their scientific, mathematical, and engineering skills through our school competition. Best of Luck!

Our school will close Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 12pm for Easter Holidays and reopens on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Wishing you and your families a very enjoyable Easter break. Thank you to all members of our school community for their continued support of our school. Well done to our pupils throughout this busy term. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir!!

Le gach dea-ghuí  
Nóra Lynch  
Principal-St. Brigid's N.S.

### *\*Child Safeguarding*

*Should you have any concern please note that the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Nóra Lynch and the Acting Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Eilís McCabe.*

