

Welcome to our Easter Newsletter which is packed full of news. As you read, keep an eye out for hidden Easter eggs....

### Healthy Lunches

Thank you to parents, staff and pupils for supporting the Healthy Eating policy. In a recent survey carried out by Rang 6, we discovered that most pupils eat at least one piece of fruit a day in school and many eat two or more pieces of fruit in school daily. Among the most popular fruit for lunches are apples, grapes mandarin oranges, bananas and strawberries. An interesting finding was that many pupils eat fruit at breakfast, especially bananas, grapes and strawberries.

Our yard games initiative is also adding to our health, fitness and fun! Pupils enjoy playing with PE equipment such as skipping ropes, hula hoops and pompoms during breaks. Thank you to Ms. Helen Skehan and her team who oversee the project. Thank you also to those who volunteer to turn the ropes for the younger children.

### Flying High

To gain our first Green Flag, we took on the challenge of managing our waste by focusing on the three Rs - reduce, reuse, recycle. Achieving the second Green Flag was no small feat as it involved maintaining our high levels of waste management and working on a new theme, that of energy conservation. Congratulations to the Ms. Claire Keane and her team who led the way and guided us towards meeting the targets required by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce. The effort involved was challenging so we are delighted to see our two green flags flying at the school gate.

The Little Red Kettle Theatre performed the incredible play “Rory McLory and the Story that Would not Stop”, earlier this term. As always, we thoroughly enjoyed the play with its imaginative plot and funny twists. The actors randomly chose pupils from those who volunteered and the new cast was amazingly good. Take my word for it, we were rolling in the aisles!

A whole week of fun was had during Seachtain na Gaeilge, with many activities and games to encourage pupils to use their “cúpla focail”. Each class performed a song, dance, rhyme or instrumental piece. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as an gceolchoirm.

### Whizzes at quizzes

Congratulations to senior pupils Vivienne Canty, Lauren Egan, Megan Fitzgerald and Rachel Ryan and 4<sup>th</sup> Class pupils Michelle Coyle, Síne Landers, Emily Ryan and Aoife Walsh who represented the school in the Credit Union Primary Schools Quiz during the second term. The girls and their families enjoyed a great night.

Congratulations to the following winners in the Children’s Book Week Festival:  
Weronika Bergier, Archie Clements, Kayden Darcy, Darragh Kennedy, Sophie Lambe, Sarah Jane O’ Reilly and Chase Taylor.

Congratulations to the following winners in the Community Games Art Competition:  
Mariam Adesokan,

Ki-Kelsey Brannigan, Eimear Gavigan, Patrycja Kaznowska, Róisín Nolan, Rebecca O’Reilly, Marta Poniedzialek, Olivia Tobin and Aoife Walsh. Best wishes to the following who will represent St. Mary’s Parish in the Community Games All-Ireland finals next month. Jemimah Orias (handwriting), Eimear Gavigan, Sarah Last, Christina Tobin and Maggie Varas (project) and Ms Conway’s Choir group.

Well done to the girls in 4<sup>th</sup> Class for raising over 187 euro in the recent Jumble Sale. The money will be donated to Juna Rose’s ongoing education in the Philippines.

The Junior and Senior Language Class performed their annual concert for parents and families last week. The entertainment was followed by afternoon tea – a perfect recipe!

Cultural diversity  
The highlight of this month was surely our Multicultural Day. Our day got off to an incredible start when we found a barrel top wagon in our playground. Later Nonie and Paddy O’Reilly talked to us

about Traveller customs and traditions. We were then joined by some of our Indian families at Assembly, where we were treated to displays of Indian dancing. Many parents from other countries visited during the day, sharing their costumes, language and sometimes their food with us. We were delighted to learn about and celebrate our diversity. At noon we gathered together to form a human chain and circle as a symbol that we are united. It was wonderful fun!

*"Peace requires everyone to be in the circle – wholeness, inclusion."*

-- Isabel Allende

Q:How long do chickens work?

A: Around the cluck!

Q:Why did the chick disappoint his mother?

A: He wasn't what he was cracked up to be!

Q:Why did the rooster cross the road?

A: To cock-a-doodle do something!

Why did the chicken cross the basketball court ?

He heard the referee calling fowls

*Happy Easter everyone!  
(Easter 2011)*

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