



# Presentation Primary School

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## **Presentation Primary School** **Clonmel** **Newsletter – February 2025**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of February and that the mid-term break has come and gone. However, we gladly welcome the brighter mornings and evenings, along with the first signs of spring as the flowers begin to bloom. As always, our students at Presentation Primary School have been engaged in a variety of enriching learning experiences over the past number of weeks.

### **Catholic Schools Week**

From January 20th to 24th, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week, a special occasion that highlights the unique contribution of Catholic schools to education and society. A highlight of this celebration was **Grandparents' Day**, where we were delighted to welcome so many grandparents into our school. It was heartwarming to see them captivated by the lessons and games in each classroom. A special mention goes to those who joined us virtually from other countries—it was wonderful to connect across the miles and share in this meaningful event together.

### **Hockey Lessons**

Our 5th class pupils have been actively participating in a block of hockey lessons with Martin O'Loughlin on the new all-weather pitch. We are thrilled to have access to this state-of-the-art facility, which provides our students with an excellent opportunity to develop their

skills and enjoy outdoor activities in a top-quality setting.

### **Red Kettle Production**

On January 21st, all classes attended the **Red Kettle Production** of *How to Steal the World*. The children really enjoyed the show.

### **Peace Proms**

Our 3rd and 4th class pupils travelled to SETU in Waterford to perform in this year's *Peace Proms* production. They sang in a choir of 900 pupils with a full orchestra. It was a fantastic experience for all involved. We were delighted to see such a great turnout of parents at this event—thank you! A special thanks to Ms. Murphy, Ms. Forristal, and Ms. Walsh for their hard work and preparation. This event would not be possible without our dedicated teachers.

### **Bí Cinéalta**

We are currently working on updating our Anti-Bullying policy and procedures. All staff recently engaged in a training day, and we will be conducting workshops with the children. Thank you to all parents who completed our survey and provided valuable feedback—this is extremely useful to us.

### **Credit Union Quiz**

We submitted two teams to the annual Credit Union Quiz on February 9th at the Talbot Hotel. Well done to Isabelle, Grace, Chrissa, Eve, Ava, Anona, Lily, and Doireann, who represented the school so proudly. One of our teams won a table prize. *Maith thú, cailíní!*



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## Safer Internet Day

On February 11th, our school celebrated Safer Internet Day. Students from 1st to 6th class attended an assembly discussing online safety, being responsible digital citizens, and what to do if something makes them feel uncomfortable. They also participated in classroom lessons on safe device use and internet safety.

## 5th Class Fashion Show

Under the direction of Mrs. Cashman, our 5th class students put on a wonderful fashion show on February 19th, where they showcased their creative hats. We may have some future fashion designers among us!

## PV Panels

On February 26th, we will be installing new PV panels on our school roof to help reduce electricity costs. A monitor will be placed in the school entrance hall, allowing the Green Schools Committee and different classes to track energy usage across months. We anticipate that the panels will cover between a quarter and a third of our overall electricity costs, and we hope to add more in the future.

## Communion and Confirmation

Our Communion class had their first *Do This in Memory* mass on February 16th, with the next scheduled for March 23rd. Their First Holy Communion will take place on May 24th. Meanwhile, our Confirmation class is busy preparing for their *Service of Light* on February 27th at 7:30 pm in St. Mary's Church, with their Confirmation ceremony on March 19th at 11 am.

## Soccer

Our girls' soccer team competed yesterday in the Primary 5's competition in Two-Mile-Borris. They won all their matches and progressed to the County Final, where they faced The Sisters of Charity. The girls triumphed on penalties, winning 2-0, and will now advance to the Munster competition in May. Well done to Ms. Kirwan and Ms. Curran for their excellent coaching and preparation!

## Lip Sync Battle

The Presentation Secondary School is hosting a Lip Sync Battle on March 21st at Hotel Minella to raise funds for the new Sports Complex Development. A group of 12 staff members from our school will be performing. Tickets are available now, and voting will open next week—we would really appreciate your support!

## Upcoming Events and Celebrations

- **Coicís na Gaeilge** (March 3rd - 14th): Ms. Kennedy is organising our annual Lá Glas on March 14th, where students can wear green and participate in a school-wide ceolchoirm (concert) with performances *as Gaeilge*.
- **Challenge to Change** (March 31st - April 4th): Led by Mrs. Prendergast and our Student Council, this year's theme is Valuing Diversity. We will host a Multicultural Week—more details to follow.
- **World Book Day** (March 7th): We will celebrate World Book Day on Friday, March 7th. Children may come to school dressed as their



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favourite book character and bring their favourite book on this date.

- **Social Media:** Stay updated on our school's weekly news and events by following us on **Facebook and Instagram.**

As we move into the next academic month, we look forward to more exciting learning opportunities and activities for our students. Thank you for your continued support in making Presentation Primary School a nurturing and thriving environment for our children.

**Warm regards,**  
**Tanya O'Brien**  
Principal