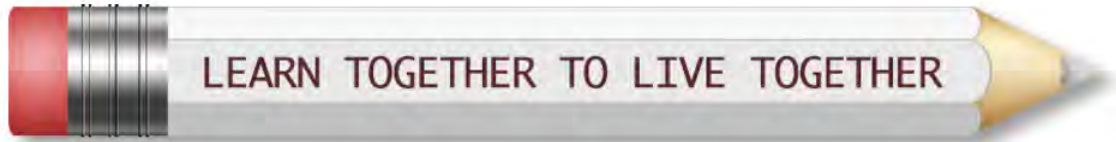




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Newsletter January/February 2024

Dear Parents and Staff,

I hope you enjoyed the midterm break.

Diversity Games

25 children took part in the Diversity Games in Athlone on January 14th and several medals and a trophy came home with them! Well done to Mark, Alex, Kyryl, Max, Orlando, Cillian, Diyah, Jennifer, Mila, Aoibheann and Ugne from 4th Class, Diana, Della, Amelie, Arnas, Omer and Levi from 5th Class and Isobella, Zlata, Paula, Amelia, Damyan, Kristupus and Femi from 6th Class. Thank you to Breda and Shauna for training the children and accompanying them on the day.

Assembly

Our most recent assembly was the January assembly. We honoured the Diversity Games participants at it.

The hand writer award recipients were Junior Infants: Julien and Marija, Senior Infants: Diya, 1st Class: Anna, 2nd Class: Rowan, 3rd Class: Dovydas, 4th Class: Marija, The Arc: Kyryl, 5th Class: Anna and 6th Class: Kate D. Well done to all.

Michelle introduced the Learn Together Programme theme for the month which was Communication. Fionnuala lead 3rd Class in an excellent presentation finishing with the song "It's a Small World" in three languages.

Enrolment September 2024

January 12th was the closing date for school places for September 2024 for mainstream and February 23rd for The Arc. Late applications will go on a waiting list.

Parental Involvement

Thank you to Athanasios who did coding with the 5th and 6th Classes

Athletics Training

Athletics training, provided by Offaly Sports Partnership takes place every Thursday for Junior Infants – Second Class until Easter and for the Senior Classes after Easter.

FAI Blitz Training

Richard has started soccer training with the 5th and 6th Classes after school on Tuesdays in preparation for the FAI blitz on March 13th next. Also a big thank you to Alan Kelly, Chairperson of Tullamore Town Football Club who donated footballs to the school.

Technology Day and Coding

We had technology day on February 14th and the children really enjoyed it.

5th and 6th Class had coding this month. The theme of the coding exercise was ‘The Palaeolithic Age’. The children had to generate sparks to light a fire before the strong winds extinguished it in a game. They also touched on careers in coding and watched a video tour of the Microsoft One Place Office.

Credit Union Quiz

The Credit Union Quiz took place on February 21st in the Tullamore Court Hotel. Well done to the teams that were involved. They represented the school admirably. The members of the Junior Team were Aoibheann, Ugne, Eason, Róisín and Ripley. The members of the senior team were Isobella, Zlata, Erin, Omer and Zarmeen. They were an absolute pleasure to prepare for the quiz. Both teams ranked highly. Thanks to Nancy for helping us out.

GAA

Training has started for Senior Infants to 6th Class on Fridays. The junior classes will concentrate on hurling skills and the senior classes on football skills.

Stay Safe Programme and RSE Programme

The Stay Safe Programme has been rolled out to the Senior Infant, 2nd, 4th and 6th Classes before midterm.

The Relationships Sexuality Education Programme is rolled out to all classes between midterm and Easter. The content of this programme is available on the school website under RSE policy.

Spelling Bee

All the best to Erin D’Arcy who represents the school at the Eason Spelling Bee County Final in Durrow N.S.

Choir

Shauna and Doireann's Friday morning choir has resumed. It takes place in The Arc at 9.00 a.m.

Book Fair and World Book Day

The annual Book Fair starts on March 7th next and coincides with World Book Day. Each child will receive a World Book Day token which they will be able to use at the book fair. We mark the occasion by having a dress up day and we had a special assembly in the yard.

Again this year we hope to have a second-hand sale also so if you have any books to donate for resale we would really appreciate it. We are looking for books in any language so that we can have an international section at the fair. Books can be left with Richard in the office. The book fair will be cash only.

If as a parent you wish to help out please leave your name with Jenny (parent), Fionnuala (teacher) or Richard in the office.

Carpark

In the interest of the safety of your children if you are collecting them in a car you MUST be in a designated set down area or carpark space before your child may enter or exit the car. Expecting children to jump into a moving vehicle is highly dangerous. We would be grateful for your support in this regard.

The passing of invitations and cards must take place outside of school hours. This ensures that no child is excluded or hurt.

The children must wear appropriate footwear for P.E.

School Closure

School is closed to the children on Friday March 1st as there is a training day for teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.

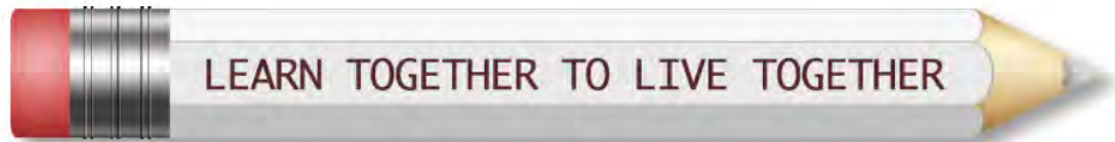
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March/April Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Staff,

Book Fair and World Book Day

The Book Fair was on March 7th and coincided with World Book Day. Each child received a World Book Day token which they were able to use at the bookfair. We marked the occasion by having a dress up day and we had a special assembly in the yard. Many wonderful characters came alive on the day. Prizes (vouchers for a free book at the book fair) for the best costumes went to Rayan and Prayag (Junior Infants) Sreelakshmi (Senior Infants, Tadhg (1st Class), Valeriia (2nd Class), Elena (3rd Class), Wiktor (The Arc) Casey (4th Class), Rhys (5th Class) Aiste (6th Class). We sold over €2000 worth of books which gets us €1200 in free books for our library. A big thank you to Jenny and to Fionnuala for organising the book fair.

Relationships and Sexuality Programme (RSE)

RSE Programme has been rolled out to all classes.

FAI Blitz

We had an FAI Blitz in Leah Victoria Park on March 13th for the 5th and 6th Class children. Although the weather wasn't great the teams did well and they enjoyed the day. Thanks to Richard for training the children and to Shauna and Sarah Cleary for helping out on the day.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a great success! The schedule was as follows:

Monday: Céilí for all classes ;Thursday: Siopa for all classes; Friday: Tráth na gCeist (Quiz) for 3rd- 6th class and Lá Glas (Wear Green Day) for Junior Infants-2nd Classes

Thank you for your baking donations to the siopa (shop).Well done to Shauna and 6th Class for running it. They raised over €800. Prizes were given for the children who made the best effort to speak Irish during this week; for the first three teams in Tráth na gCeist and for the best dressed in green on Lá Glas.

We had a great week!

GAA

Training for Cumann na mBunscol takes place at lunchtime on Mondays. Thanks to Ronan, Ellen and Sarah Cleary. The girls' team has played Boher N.S. and Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Rhode in two competitive games. The boys' team has played Walsh Island N.S. and Gael Scoil Éadan Doire. They won their first game.

Athletics

Breda and Shauna are currently training the children who will be taking part in athletics in the Harriers in May and June.

Assembly

We have had two assemblies since the last newsletter. In the February assembly 2nd Class explored the core value of co-operation in the Learn Together Programme. They explained how co-operation works and benefits us. They sang a lovely song called 'We're all in this Together' and recited a poem called 'Teamwork'. It was a great performance and they were great role models for teamwork!

Winners of the handwriting awards were Sameer and Nikolaiya (Junior Infants), Samskruthi (Senior Infants), Donnacka (1st Class), James (2nd Class), Elena (3rd Class), Max (4th Class), Robert (The Arc), Amber Lilly (5th Class) and Isobella (6th Class).

In the March/April assembly 1st Class explored the theme of friendship. They talked about sowing the seeds of friendship, watering them and watching them blossom. They did an excellent job and finished with a lovely song called 'Seeds of Friendship'.

Winners of the handwriting awards were Iryna and Rayan (Junior Infants), Emellina (Senior Infants), Gvidas (1st Class), Nadia (2nd Class), Megan (3rd Class), Simona (4th Class), Wiktor (The Arc), Diana (5th Class) and Niamh (6th Class)

Parental Involvement

Thank you to the following parents who were involved in school life this month: Jenny, Lisa C, Clara, Airune, Rebekah and Rebecca (Book Fair)

Housekeeping

There is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress. Your co-operation with maintaining high attendance and punctuality is greatly appreciated.

We urge parents to fill in the absence form on Aladdin if their child has missed a day from school.

The passing of invitations and cards must take place outside of school hours. This ensures that no child is excluded or hurt.

The children must wear appropriate footwear for P.E.

School Closure

The school calendar for 2024-2025 has been sent out via Aladdin.

The school is closed on May 6th and 7th for the bank holiday weekend.

We hope you enjoy it.

Cathy