



## Newsletter/ Nuacht Litir – February/Feabhra



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### School Closures to note:

**Mid-Term Break** – *The school will be closed on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February.*

**St. Patrick's Day** – *The school will be closed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.*



### Look back – January/February

**Gymnastics** – We are delighted to welcome back ACE Gymnastics from Tuam. All pupils had a wonderful first day of learning about their bodies, movement, teamwork and coordination. Gerry is a fantastic coach and we know the next 5 weeks will be very beneficial, fun and enjoyable. It is great to be back using our beautiful Halla again, how we have missed it!

**Safer Internet Day 2022** - We had a very important day of learning and information about how to use the internet safely. 'Safer Internet Day 2022' is held across Europe to inform and empower children, young people and adults in how best to interact and protect themselves when online. It celebrates the many wonderful benefits of using the internet while bringing attention to dangers and how best to protect against them. All classes spent time using lessons provided by Webwise, the internet safety group. First to Sixth Class designed their own internet safety posters and all pupils received a special Safer Internet Day wristband. We remind all our parents of the wonderful information and resources available regarding all things internet and technology, on [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie). We have safe internet usage booklets for parents and hope to circulate these as soon as they are received.

**Write a Book** – First to Sixth Class have been flexing their creative writing muscles over the past few weeks. The Write a Book Project enables primary school children to become real authors as they create their own books by actively engaging in the processes of writing, composing, constructing, designing, illustrating and presenting their work to a wide audience. The project also gave us a great chance to use our iPads and practice our I.T./typing skills. Run by the Galway Education Centre each year, we are delighted at the wonderful pieces of writing our pupils have created, writing they will look back on with pride in the years ahead. We will exchange our books with another school for two weeks and get a chance to enjoy their work and hope they enjoy ours!

**Catholic Schools Weeks** - This is always a special week in Cahergal N.S. Each day the pupils in each classroom learned about different aspects of our faith, kindness, respect and empathy. Third and Fourth Class conducted interviews with their Grandparents about their memories of school and the role of faith in their lives. As a continuation of Catholic Schools Week, we enjoyed learning about St. Brigid, her faith and love of nature. Making St. Brigid's Crosses was great fun for all the classes. A big thank you to Niamh in Third Class for bringing rushes.

**Marathon Kids** – Well done to the pupils in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class, who completed the Galway Sports Partnership "Marathon Kids" programme. The pupils were delighted to be awarded neck warmers, t-shirts and medals for their efforts.

**Welcome to Cahergal** – A huge welcome to Martina Delaney who joins our ancillary staff. Martina is doing a fantastic job keeping our school immaculately clean and cared for.

### Looking forward – February/March

**Art Lessons with Kathy Ross** - We are delighted to welcome the wonderful Kathy Ross (Artist) back to provide Art Lessons after school for First to Sixth Class pupils. Classes will cost €70 per block (€65 for siblings) and will commence on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 3 o'clock and will run for 6 weeks. For further information contact Kathy on 086 1563789 or email [kathyrossart@gmail.com](mailto:kathyrossart@gmail.com) (see flyer attached).

**Parents Association Meeting** – Our Parents Association will hold their next meeting on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, @7pm in the school. This is a lovely way for parents to get involved in the school community and get to know people. New members very welcome. We are continually grateful for the work, support and help of our Parents Association.

**Second Class Sacrament Dates** – *First Confession, Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, in school for pupils only @11.30am*

*First Communion, Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, St. Mary's Church Killererin @12.45pm*

**Confirmation Retreat** – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will spend a day on retreat in Knock Shrine on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February in preparation for their Confirmation. Bus will depart the school at 8.40am sharp and we hope to be back at 3pm. We look forward to a lovely day out. We await a date for the Confirmation ceremony and will communicate this to parents as soon as we can. Cahergal N.S. and Barnaderg N.S. pupils will receive the sacrament together.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge** – We are looking forward to celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Week) from March 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. As always we will place a special emphasis on using our beautiful language in a fun way. **We hope to hold our annual Lá Glas (Green Day) Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, where we encourage our pupils to wear something green** and join our school parade along with enjoying some traditional dances in our Céilí.

**Gaelic Football Training** – Galway GAA Football coach, Jason Tanning, will be visiting the school over the coming weeks to work with 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes.

**Pancake Tuesday** – One of our favourite days and this year it falls on 1<sup>st</sup> March. We hope to have some guests to help us make pancakes for all of our pupils.

**Ash Wednesday** – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, marks the start of Lent and the beginnings of our preparations for the Easter season.

**World Book Day** – We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We invite pupils to bring in their favourite books or talk about the author they most enjoy. A fun filled day will be had.

**Enrolments 2022** – We are inviting applications for next September's Junior Infants Class. If any of our parents have not yet registered your child with us then please use the online Expression of Interest Form on [www.cahergalns.ie](http://www.cahergalns.ie)

**Killereerin Heritage Society** – We are delighted to take part in the Daoine agus Áit/Connecting our Communities project in conjunction with Killereerin Heritage Society. We look forward to corresponding through post card with schools and pupils in other parts of the country and sharing information about the history of our area while learning about theirs.

**Covid -19** – Thank you to all of our families for your continued cooperation as we work to make our school a safe environment for all. There have been many changes to regulations over the past few weeks and at times it has been a little unclear what to do in certain scenarios. The HSE website, <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/> remains the best and most up to date place to get information. Please be vigilant if your child is displaying any of the common symptoms (cough, high temperature, sore throat).

**Teaching Practice Students** – We are delighted to be able to facilitate three student teachers from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Ms. Jessica Flaherty will teach 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and Junior/Senior Infants over the coming weeks. Ms. Cliona Fahy will be on placement with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Ciara Doherty will observe in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, both are past pupils of our school.

**Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day 2022** – We will support this important fundraiser Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, by asking our pupils to wear as much yellow as they can instead of their uniforms, in exchange for a small donation (whatever families are comfortable with, no obligation or pressure).

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