



Cahergal N.S.
Scoil Náisiúnta an Chathair Shléibh

Newsletter/ Nuacht Litir – February/Feabhra 2024

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School Closures to note:

Referendum Election – Our school is used as a Polling Station and will be closed on Friday 8th March.

St. Patricks Day – The school will be closed on Monday 18th March

Easter Holidays - The school will close at 12.05pm on Friday, 22nd March, and will re-open on Monday 8th, April.

What's happening in Cahergal N.S.

FAI 5 a Side Soccer – Our girls team had a super day on Thursday last, 22nd February in Shiven Rovers in Newbridge. They enjoyed a good win over Creggs NS but lost out to strong opposition from Garrafrans and Annagh Hill. Our boys team will compete in their blitz this Wednesday and look forward to a good day of sport.

Hip Hop Dancing – All classes enjoyed a fantastic time learning Hip Hop with the wonderful Courtney from Fun2Bfit over the past few weeks.

Yoga – Junior/Senior Infants and First/Second Classes have started a 4 week block of free Yoga lessons with Charlotte Farragher. These classes will take place each Friday and we are delighted to welcome Charlotte and thank Tuam Education Centre for the opportunity.

Engineers Week March 4th to 8th – This year we are excited to use some of the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) equipment we have purchased with our STEM grant money, during Engineers Week 2024. We are creating STEM Bins in each classroom and look forward to engaging the children in lots of fun and creative activities. We would be delighted if any members of our parental body who have expertise or a background in engineering (or any STEM area), would like to get involved. This can be as simple as a visit to one classroom for a chat with the pupils. Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you would be in a position to help us out, then please send us an email or give us a call.

Seachtain na Gaeilge – We are looking forward to celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Week) from March 11th to 15th. 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) Friday, 15th March, where we encourage our pupils to wear something green** and join our school parade along with enjoying some traditional dances in the Halla.

Club Development Officer – Ryan Brogan is our new CDO and he will be teaching the skills of Gaelic Football to each class every Monday. A big thank you to Joe King and Killererin GAA club for all their help with this.

Catholic Schools Week – We had a wonderful time celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2024. A big thank you to all those who brought in rushes for the St. Brigid's Crosses. The highlight of the week was Grandparents Day. It was lovely to welcome so many Grandparents into the school for mass and the tea. Huge word of thank you to members of our Parents Association, who helped with refreshments on the day.

Credit Union Quiz – Well done to our representatives at the Credit Union Quiz in Tuam in January. Our Junior Team of Harry, Anna, Ashling and Darragh, and our Senior Team of Dara, Noah, Meaveen and Cathal, did the school proud in what is always a very hotly contested event.

Pancakes – Thank you to members of our Parents Association, who provided and helped with keeping all the Pancake fanatics well looked after on February 13th.

Easter Raffle – Our Parents Association will be running their Easter Raffle Fundraiser again this year. This important fundraiser has received great support over the years. Raffle cards will be distributed to families next week and the draw will be held in the school on Friday, 22nd March.

World Book Day – We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, 7th 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.

Garden help! – If any of our parental body have garden tubs that are old or unused (large ones) or any old troughs they don't need, we are looking to brighten up the back area of the school with some flowers for the spring/summer months and we'd appreciate any donations.

Hurling – We welcome back Ian Murphy from Abbeyknockmoy Hurling Club, Ian will be taking 3rd and 4th class for hurling training every Tuesday.

RV Tom Crean – The boys and girls of Fifth and Sixth class headed to Galway Docks on Tuesday, 27th February, to get a guided tour of the RV Tom Crean one of our national research vessels. The boys and girls learned all about what type of research is carried out by the scientific crews and a bit about life on board the vessel. A big thank you to Alan Berry and all in the Marine Institute for inviting us aboard.

Sacrament Dates - ***First Confession, Thursday 18th April, 11.30am in school***

Confirmation, Thursday 25th April, 12noon in St Mary's Church Killererin

First Holy Communion, Saturday 25th May, 12noon in St Mary's Church Killererin