

# 'Scoil Ghormáin Naofa' Newsletter

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Welcome to our  
Newsletter!  
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## Welcome note from the Principal.....

We can hardly believe that Easter is near! **Lent** has been a **meaningful time** for us in school with our Lenten promises being collected and held at our **Sacred Space**. I have admired the willpower of students who have stuck to their promises. Our sacrament classes have continued to prepare in earnest for their special celebrations in Term 3 and I am grateful to all staff involved in preparing the children for this special time in their life. Each week in **Assembly**, we offer collective prayers for topical issues and for those around us.

Again, we have had a busy and productive term and I am most grateful for the **energy and enthusiasm** of our staff in delivering a jam packed term full of fun and learning. I believe that learning should be fun as it **piques the interest of the child** thus removing the fear of new challenges. We have certainly **delivered the curriculum** in a fun way this term. Elements of **Drama, Music, English, SPHE and PE** were meaningfully covered during the Arklow Music Festival preparation and performance. **PE** is certainly fulfilled through our **Active School endeavours**; this term we have had a **skipathon, climbed the heights** and enjoyed **Sosa dancing**. **Literacy** was greatly explored via **World Book Day**, **Gaeilge** was fleshed out in great detail over **Seachtain na Gaeilge** and **SPHE** was a great vehicle for **Grandparents' Day**. Many of these initiatives have been made possible by **members of our school community** who go out of their way to support us. **Sosa dancing** has been paid for by the fundraising efforts of our **Parents' Association** and **Shane Prendergast**, of Sprint Fitness and father of Robyn and Graeme, is coaching the circuit classes. **Grandparents' Day** would not have been as successful as it was were it not for the efforts of our **Parents' Association volunteers** who decorated the reception area beautifully and provided delicious refreshments.

We had a very successful enrolment night and I was delighted to welcome parents who are new to our school. I was very grateful to **Kate Walsh** and **Mary Allen** for their **wonderful endorsement** of our school during their speeches reflecting Parents' perspectives and to **Margaret Tallon** for representing the wonderful work of our PA. I am also grateful to the **staff** for representing our school so well. **Aedin, Usha and Kitt** entertained our visitors at reception with their beautiful music.

I wish you all the joys of Spring as we break for Easter and look forward to welcoming everyone back for our summer term. Emer Russell



Information Brochures  
About Germany - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Class



Confirmation Preparation  
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class

## Reflection

### Our Easter Prayer

*God, give us eyes to see  
the beauty of the Spring,  
And to behold Your majesty  
in every living thing -*

*And may we see in lacy leaves  
and every budding flower  
The Hand that rules the universe  
with gentleness and power -*

*And may this Easter grandeur  
that Spring lavishly imparts  
Awaken faded flowers of faith  
lying dormant in our hearts,*

*And give us ears to hear, dear God  
the Springtime song of birds  
With messages more meaningful  
than man's often empty words*

*Telling harried human beings  
who are lost in dark despair -  
'Be like us and do not worry  
for God has you in His care.'*

-Author; Helen Steiner Rice

## Dates to Remember



19th May; First Holy Communion  
27th May-31st May; Active Week  
31st May; Croghan Walk  
3rd June; 7th June Mid-term break  
15th June; Confirmation  
21st June; Sports Day  
24th June; 3rd-6th class school tour  
26th June; Jnr-2nd class school tour  
26th June; Graduation 6th Class  
28th June; School Summer Holidays

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## Class News:

### Ms Whittle – Junior/Senior Infants

Since our last newsletter entry, junior and senior infants have really stepped up their **listening and learning**!! The class are well settled to school life at this stage so we have been engaging in lots more hands-on learning activities. In English, we continue to learn how to read and write but we are now playing **tricky word games**. This will hopefully help us learn these trickier words while having fun. The Senior Infants were a great help in teaching the Juniors how to play these games.



The infant class took part in **Engineers Week** this year by building bridges. Groups learned from each other's **successes and failures** and by the end of the week we were building well-structured bridges which the children loved driving cars along! In Science, we are learning about the **life cycle of a butterfly**. We have real life caterpillars growing in our class which we hope to see develop into butterflies soon. Two of our **Aistear themes** since Christmas have been the **Clothes Shop** and the **Hairdresser**. As part of the Clothes Shop, children were working in the shop, responding to the story "The Smartest Giant in Town" and using the water tray. It was messy, but the children loved it!

### Mrs. Carroll – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Class

This term has been very busy with the preparations for the **Arklow Music Festival**. It was our best performance and we did very well to get a certificate for Very Highly Commended! In Gaeilge we finished our **Éadaí theme** with some éadaí art. As part of **Safer Internet Day**, we researched China using a safe and child friendly search engine, **Kiddle**. Our **spring theme** has been a part of many subjects, including art in which we made 3D flowers. As part of **The Big Grow**, we planted pea seeds and our pea plants are doing well. Massive thank you to Carmel for her expertise! We measure them each week and document the different stages of growth.



We are delighted to have some brilliant coaches in this term, including Sosa dancing with Laura and circuits lead by Robyn's dad, Shane. We improved our skipping skills while completing the Climb the Heights challenge and taking part in the Valentine's Day Skipathon. **Overall we climbed 13 mountains**, a combined 12,893 metres! A number of students had their **First Reconciliation** in February and are busy preparing for their **First Holy Communion** next term.

## Curriculum News

We celebrated **Seachtain na Gaeilge** in March and the school was awash with green! Children were commended daily for special **efforts in using Irish**, we had a **céilí** for all and a **tráth na gceist** for senior classes! Inclement weather did not deter our céilí enthusiasts and we held it indoors along the corridor. It was heartwarming to see the **buddy system** in operation between junior and senior students as they engaged in the **Balla Luimní** under the direction of a very enthusiastic Ms. Ní Shuilleabháin! Our senior table quiz was a success with all children enjoying the team work element of it.



In **English**, we have been focusing on the genre of **Recount** for the term. This will culminate in prizes being given for the best in each class level. The **competition** requires each child to produce a recount piece based on their experience of Arklow Music Festival. It is wonderful to see the **development of our writers** as they explore each genre.

**Science:** We are continuing to engage with the **Discover Primary Science** award and training. Our **student council** wrote to me requesting more materials for **interactive science experiments**. Our student voice has spoken and we have listened! More info in the Student Council section of the newsletter!

### Paired Reading

**Hearing children read is a crucial** component of supporting them as they **develop as readers and learners**. It is this **explicit listening on a one-to-one basis** that is so fundamental in fostering both good reading and a love of reading. In Scoil Ghormáin Naofa, we are delighted to host paired reading between **parents and students** from junior-2<sup>nd</sup> class. From September, we would love to extend this to include senior classes. If you can spare an hour a week/fortnight for this project, we would **love to hear from you**.



## Class News contd.:

### Ms Ní Shúilleabháin – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class

It has been a great term in **Ms. Ní Shúilleabháin's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class!** Here are some of the highlights from the past few months.

In **Geography**, we learned all about **Co. Wexford** and the **local Natural Environment**. We enjoyed map-work, learning about bays, beaches and headlands from **Kilmicheal Point to Hook Head!** We also did a research project about **Germany**, its geography and culture. The class used the iPads to learn about German food, its cities and industry.

In **History** learned about **The Celts**, which inspired our Recount Writing "A day in the life of a Celt". Our artistic **Celtic crosses** stand proudly on display. The children have produced **beautiful artwork** this term. In January, we worked on the strand of **Drawing**. We created many **portraits** of ourselves and famous people. We also drew portraits of **colourful cats** inspired by the artist **Paul Klee!** Once springtime arrived, we painted **Irish Landscapes** and got creative with colour- mixing.



We have been lucky enough to enjoy **SOSA dancing, Aquatics and Circuit Training** this term in PE, keeping us fit and healthy! We had so much fun preparing our poem "**There's a Monster in the Garden**" with Mr. Breen's Class in drama for **The Arklow Music Festival**. All the children gave 100% of their energy and talent! We have been **writing recounts** of our experience this week also.

We enjoyed listening to **Irish Traditional Music** this term and learned about the many different instruments and tunes. Our **Céilí Mór for Seachtain na Gaeilge** was a great success also!

This week we are discussing **Climate Change** and **Global Citizenship** in class. We are designing posters for Ms. Mc Devitt and currently investigating how we can reduce our **carbon footprint** and **save the planet** for future generations... Wish us luck!

Happy Easter Everyone!

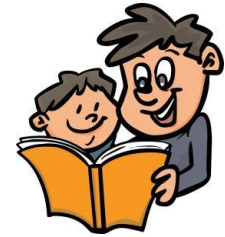
### Mr. Breen – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Class

Hello from Mr. Breen's classroom. It is very hard to believe that another term has passed. We have been kept quite busy throughout with many new activities and various topics. The class wrote spectacular **recounts of famous people** from around the world and about our Arklow Festival experience during English. Maths proved to be rather fascinating with topics such as chance and fractions. Our chance games in groups turned out to be **challenging but also lots of fun**. After Christmas their **fitness levels** were certainly tested as the class took part in weekly circuits along with our very successful skipathon.



Sosa dancing and swimming were also very popular activities. During Geography we examined Germany in great detail along with all its physical features. **Medieval Kilkenny** and **Our Homes** were popular topics during history. The class have also been keeping track of their lent promises on a daily basis, whether it is giving up or taking up something and have certainly tried very hard to keep their promises, well done! Our class novel **Headbomz** was a huge hit and turned out to be a real page turner! The boys and girls also truly enjoyed performing at the Arklow Festival with all classes performing flawlessly. Finally I would like to thank you and wish you all a **happy and healthy Easter!**

## Paired Reading Contd.



**Grandparents** are also welcome. Parents who are currently involved love the process! The garda vetting process is quicker than it used to be and Siobhan has kindly offered to support anyone with the process. Please let us know if you would like any more information.

## GAA News

It has been very busy with regards to **school competitions** since Christmas with the Mini 7s and Rackard League hurling and camogie back in full swing. Both the hurling and camogie teams are proving to be very competitive in their group games with wins over Craanford, Kilrush and Monageer and the boys qualifying for the A quarter final. Over the past several weeks, Coolgreaney, Tara Hill and Castletown are running **our own hurling blitz** for 4th to 6th class boys and will be completed after the Easter break. It is proving to be a great success and very enjoyable. Each game is very competitive and we can see the **level of skill and team work improving** as the weeks pass. The girls also took part in a **fun football blitz** in March in the Chris Murray Arena. The blitz was organised by **Berney White and Castletown GAA club**. It proved to be a great success. Thanks to those who helped organise the blitz.



Our **Tríona Byrne Kelly Memorial Blitz** also took place in January and as always it was a great occasion for all involved. St. Joseph's NS, Gorey came out on top against Kilanerin in the A final while Castletown claimed the B title. Finally, a **huge thank you** must go to the parents and to the children for their efforts and dedication to make each game, blitz and training session, without this **commitment** none of this would be possible.

## Class News contd.:

### Ms. Byrne – 6<sup>th</sup> Class

This has been a very busy term for 6<sup>th</sup> class, with our entry in the **Arklow Music Festival** and our **J.E.P. Showcase Day**. I must begin by acknowledging the hard work of the students in both endeavours. The students were truly amazing in their rendition of **Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs** and the clarity, diction and stage presence were all outstanding. **Our Junior Entrepreneur Journey** reached a climax on Showcase Day and the hard work paid off with a profit of over €1, 200 being raised. Money raised goes to school funds, Trócaire and of course, a treat for the entrepreneurs themselves. I am very aware of the hard work of parents in this venture too and believe me, it does not go unnoticed. **Grandparents' Day** was very enjoyable and we loved sharing our art, music, drama and prayers with our loving and supportive grandparents, who play such an active role in our lives. We are always thinking of those grandparents who are no longer with us.



In **P.E.**, we enjoyed skipping and the **Skipathon Day** was great fun. We are so lucky to have such a **hard – working and fun active committee**. We also enjoy getting out for a game of rounders when the weather permits. In **Maths** we learned how to draw circles and construct angles and we are very thankful to the **Students' Council** who are raising funds for a maths set that can be used on the white board. This will be a very welcome gift in 6<sup>th</sup> class. In **English**, recount writing has been our main focus for term two. We await the results of the Easter competition. In **Irish** we have begun illustrating short stories. In term 3, we will begin to write them, making use of the 11 irregular verbs that we have learned. Our main focus in **Geography** has been Europe's countries and capitals and in **History** we are currently focusing on 1916. 6<sup>th</sup> class wrote newspaper reports based on the events of Easter Monday 1916. It is incredible to see what our country went through in order to become an independent republic. Children are currently completing projects based on famous historians or scientists.....people who have made a difference to our lives today. **Art** has been fun, as we explored colour mixing in **our Irish landscapes** art. We enjoyed working with clay and hope our mothers like their pots. I am interested to see if all chocolates actually made it home that day? We have enjoyed working with 5<sup>th</sup> class in preparation for **Confirmation** and in covering the **S.P.H.E.** curriculum. Sensitive issues such as touches and bullying were covered and students were **very mature** during class discussions. Well done! We look forward to the final term for our 6<sup>th</sup> class students, let's make it the best one yet!

### Ms. Morris' Class

We had a great term here in the Ahare room. The boys are working really hard on their **station time**, working both independently and in groups. At group time the boys are making excellent creations with the **new Lego and stick-a-bricks**. Some of the boys are **learning how to play chess** and they will soon be able to teach the adults!! At group time the boys are also enjoying water play and sand play. The kinetic sand is a big hit with all of the boys and I am under orders to buy more!!

We had a taster class of **tennis** with the coach when he visited and the sporting skills on display were amazing. We have had one session of **circuits** so far and once again the boys showed their sporting ability. They are really looking forward to the rest of their time doing circuits and it is a great way to start a Monday morning, getting some exercise outside in the fresh air, blowing off the cobwebs from the weekend. Some of the boys tried **Sosa** dancing and showed off some great moves!

The class showed the love to their Mammies on **Mother's Day** and brought them home a handmade bouquet of flowers!

The boys have worked extremely well since Christmas and they thoroughly deserve their Easter holiday. Wishing you all a lovely and peaceful Easter.



*Earl made some great creations using junk art!*



*All the boys loved pyjama day and think it should be a regular occurrence!*

## Arklow Music Festival

I was **immensely proud** of all our participants in the recent Arklow Music Festival, with each class being placed and receiving great praise for their efforts. I **congratulate** Mr. Breen and Ms. Ní Shuilleabhain on coming first with 91 marks in their Action Poem competition. My own **fondest memories** from school are those of the Arklow Music festival; the comradery, the learning of lines and actions, mistakes made, laughs had, and the rooting around for bits and pieces for costumes and props! Performing in front of a captive audience was **both thrilling and daunting**!

I would like to think that all our children gained enjoyment from the experience. As a school, it was important that children of **all needs and abilities** be enabled to take part and I noted the **sensitivity and inclusion** of teachers around children with special needs and anxiety. Whilst it is super to win, I hope that the children **enjoyed the whole process** as much as the product. We are not all solo artists but each child played their part in creating a wonderful performance and I am extremely proud of each one of them. I hope that, like me, they will remember it for years to come. Emer Russell



# Grandparent's Day



Once again, Grandparents' Day was a triumph! How lovely it was to meet **so many adoring grandparents!** Some had travelled from far afield and it was wonderful to see the **special connection** between them and their grandchildren. We acknowledge the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren and the influence that they have on their grandchildren's character. A **beautiful mass** was concelebrated by **Fr. John and Fr. David** who joined us for refreshments afterwards. We **remembered beloved grandparents who have died** both during Mass prayers and with a lit candle in school that day. After Mass, there was a delicious spread for families and grandparents were invited to see performances in each room. We enjoyed chatting to all the lovely visitors who were so kind in their praise of our school.



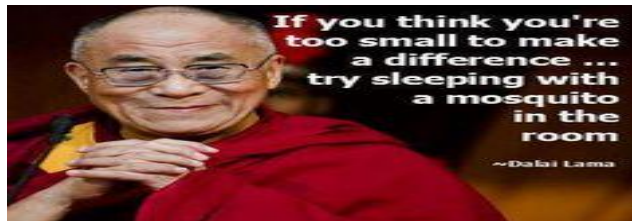
## Green School Flag

It is with a **great sense of pride** that we launched our **new school water bottle!** Initially this was **Mikey Kinsella's idea** as part of **Junior Entrepreneur** and we have been so impressed that we will extend the project to incorporate the bottle as part of **school uniform**.

As a **green school**, we are mindful of the **damage** that excess plastic is causing in our environments, in oceans and to our wildlife. We would like to play a small part in saving the planet. To this end, we sourced a bottle that is made from recycled materials and we are hopeful that it will **reduce 'one-use' plastic bottles** in our school. Bottles are available from school throughout the year from the office at a cost of €4. **Scoil Ghormáin Naofa – don't use plastic, be fantastic!**

We are working hard on our **Global Citizenship flag** now. We are all beginning to learning the meaning of being a global citizen. We are beginning to understand that even the littlest change by us can make a big difference to the whole world. We also need to work towards being **better local citizens**. So this may mean becoming involved in our local area in local cleanups or when we go to the beach in our beautiful local area to pick up at least one piece of rubbish. We are currently working on our Global Citizenship motto and understand that this is linked to our **carbon footprint**, making a change, being caring; reduce, reuse and recycle to name a few. We are also learning about the **17 Global Goals** all the important world leaders have promised to undertake in the world over the coming years. In summary they have promised to **end extreme poverty, fight inequality and fix climate change**. We are becoming more aware of the world around us and the effects of us not treating this beautiful planet in the way we should and we have promised to do our little bit. This flag also involves us working on how we deal **with litter in our school** so we have completed a **litter and waste audit** and have written up a new litter policy for our school. Watch this space!

**Ms. Mc. Devitt and The Green School Committee.**



## Student Council

Hello parents, students and the whole school community! We are the Students Council and we would like to tell you about the activities we have run so far this year.

Firstly, last Friday saw a great day for all the school. We held a **Pyjama Day!** We saw some funky, cool, creative pyjamas. It was amazing! We raised an astonishing €222.75! With the money raised from this day we are going to purchase much needed **science equipment** for the school. We are also hoping to buy a present to welcome Ms. Morris' class to our school. Our aim is to **make learning more fun** in our school and we think more science equipment will help!

On Pyjama Day, we also helped Carmel organise a **Breakfast Morning** as part of our World Book Day celebration. The students were lucky as there was a massive selection of fruit and cereals to choose from!

Secondly, as we go to press we are organising an extraordinary **Easter Egg Hunt** in school. The Students Council feel it is unfair that the older classes do not get to have a hunt. We believe you never grow out of the Easter Spirit so we decided to do a little **orienteering hunt**. This links in with the P.E. curriculum perfectly! It was great fun to organise and we look forward to everyone taking part!

Lastly, we have spent the whole year listening to suggestions from the student body. We have tried our best in accomplishing all the items that were suggested by our peers. We linked in with the **other committees** in the school and we even worked on behalf of the teachers too!! We wrote letters to Ms. Russell and have had meetings with her to discuss the issues raised by the students of Scoil Ghormáin Naofa. As you can see, we have been extremely busy and have worked extremely hard!

Thank you for reading our little piece in this newsletter. We hope to make the rest of the school year as amazing as it has been so far! **Student Council**

# A Reflection on Meditation

This year the school has introduced **meditation** into all our classes. We see it as a relaxing, **stress reducing break** from the daily routine. So, twice a week, our meditation bell rings to **call us all to quieten** for a few minutes of our day. I recently started doing meditation with a few children in small groups. These **focused sessions** allow for a more **personalised experience** using guided meditation. We have found this to be enjoyable and beneficial and to my surprise the children seem up to continuing this into the future. **Finola Quirke, SNA**

# World Book Day Celebrations!

We deferred the celebrations for **World Book Day** as they clashed with Arklow Music Festival and we wanted to do it justice! And we sure did! With **fantastic coordination** from Carmel, Finola and Ms. Whittle, the school was awash with book activity! The walls were adorned with book cover posters and there was a **range of activity for each child** during the day. One highlight was the **buddy reading** between senior and junior students.



Ms. Byrne had them well prepped; they read with sensitivity and enthusiasm, really **capturing the interest of the juniors**. To celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **'We're going on a Bear Hunt'**, by **Michael Rosen**, 6<sup>th</sup> class dramatised the book for younger classes. Well done 6<sup>th</sup> class! I spoke to 6<sup>th</sup> class recently about the importance of **'giving back'**, and it is clear that they have done so here. Laura Hope **designed and formatted a beautiful poster** to commemorate World Book Day, perhaps a career in graphic design awaits!



*Buddy reading, pyjamas wearing, cereal eating kind of day!*

# Credit Union Table Quiz



Congratulations to our super Credit Union table quiz teams for their outstanding performances both at school and chapter level! They worked so well as teams and we are immensely proud of them!

# Thank You

We would like to express thanks to **Ruth Proctor** who has come to the end of her tenure looking after **school uniforms** for us. Both myself and the PA are most **grateful** for the seamless operation that Ruth ran and thank her for her dedication. Ruth hands over the reins to **Éilis Kavanagh** and we wish Éilis well with the position.







## Active School Flag

**Please keep informed on all Active Flag activities on our website**

We are presently busy preparing our line-up for **Active School Week which runs from 27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May**. It will be active and fun!!! Lots of details to follow in Term 3.

### Curriculum Focus

We in Scoil Ghormáin Naofa are currently focusing on improving our **gymnastics strand**. This is a challenging area for us as we have no hall however, we love a challenge and we will try our best to develop some basic gymnastic skills.

During this term we have been fortunate to have a qualified Kidding Around Yoga Instructor on staff. Ms.Gregan has taken students for a 4 week programme. Children have been working on the core, strength, flexibility, posture, focus and balance.

We are also lucky to have the expertise of Shane Prendergast parent of Graeme and Robyn. He will be doing circuit and gym based activities with our students in the coming weeks.

### Other physical Activities

**Basketball** lunchtime league March- April for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> mixed boys and girls is running every Wednesday in the run up to Easter.

**Sosa dancing:** keeping in line with all the great work done on dance in the past, children are learning Sosa dancing. As well as this all classes were practising their Irish dancing for An Céilí Mór on 14<sup>th</sup> March for Seachtáin na Gaeilge (see photo in Curriculum News)

**Tennis-** we enjoyed a tennis demonstration on the 14<sup>th</sup> March and an after school tennis club is running for the next weeks.

**Active Homework** will be given at least once a week this term and next.

The Active Flag Committee compiled a '**What club are you in survey?**' The results are on the active notice board.

**Skipathon/Climb the heights-** January -February all classes were involved in this skipping challenge to climb different mountains around Europe. We held a skipathon also to raise much needed funds for P.E equipment such as benches, gym mats, long jump, hurdles, variety of balls etc.... These have been ordered and should be here for after Easter.

**The Active Survey for parents and pupils** was given to each household in January and the committee rigorously went through what was returned. 49/96 families answered and returned the surveys. There was mostly very positive feedback and nice suggestions.

A summary of the **results** are as follows (✓ shows what we have implemented):

Parents and pupils loved Active Week, esp the Croghan Walk, Wake up shake up, Run Around Europe, playground leaders but not every day, active motto, different lunch time blitz' (Mini World Cup, GAA, basketball), all PE, coaches, dance, sports day.

Parents and pupils suggested: Display the flag, more competitive games, more P.E, climbing frames and swings, tag rugby blitz, yoga✓, bubbles, drain the field for more time on grass, astro turf pitch and hall (keep doing the lotto!!!),

Active homework throughout the year, tennis afterschool✓, more equipment on the yard at break times✓ (added long skipping ropes and basketballs as well as tournament. For health and safety reasons we are restricted in this area), more information (see our website for all updates) longer breaks (these are set times given by the Department).

Finally we look forward to our **Active Easter Egg Hunt thanks to the Parents Association!!!**

**Ms. D'Arcy and The Active School Committee.**



## A word from our Board of Management

Our board of management has been informed of our school plan for the **Digital Learning Framework**. Ms. Russell and Ms. Ní Shuilleabháin attended **professional development training** in the area of building a digital strategy for the school and the board fully supports this. With the recent receipt of our IT grant, it is intended that we will invest in some more **IT resources**, such as ipads, to support learning through digital media. Teachers and students in school completed surveys around digital learning and this informed the compilation of our digital learning policy. For updates on board of management meetings, check our website for **agreed reports**. *The board of management would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.*

## A word from our Parents' Association



We would like to wish our children, teachers and parents a very **Happy Easter**. We kicked off the year with "**Pancake Tuesday**" on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, where some of our parents kindly donated their time and pancake making skills and made lots of pancakes for our students and teachers. On the 15<sup>th</sup> March, we held another successful **Grandparents' Day** and we were absolutely delighted with the turnout. Thank you to all the grandparents and parents who attended on the day and for all the **food donations**.

Because of our continued funding raising efforts, we were able to support **Sosa dancing** classes which the kids really enjoyed!

We still have lots of **events to look forward to** for the remainder of the year such as the upcoming:

**Easter Egg Hunt, Communion Celebrations, Croghan Walk, Confirmation Celebrations, Sports Day** (see dates in "Dates to Remember" on Page 1).

Again we would really **welcome the continued support** from all of our parents during these events. Finally a big **thank you** to Emer and the teaching staff for all their continued help and support. **Mags Tallon, Chairperson**





### **Some Easter Jokes for you!**

**Q. Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?**

A. He was having a bad hare day!

**Q. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a good joke?**

A. It might crack up!

**Q. What did one colored egg say to the other?**

A. Heard any good yolks lately?

**Q. How many chocolate bunnies can you put into an empty Easter basket?**

A. Only one because after that, it's not empty!

**Q. What kind of beans never grow in a garden?**

A. Jelly beans!