



St. Caillin's N.S, Rashina, Ballinahown, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, N37DD59  
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### Newsletter - April 2024

Here is some of the latest news from April –

- We are delighted to have unveiled **our new crest** this month. Thanks to the Student Council, Ms. Moran and parent Katrina for all their work. Great to see an input from all classes in the crest's design!



- Well done to the children from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class on receiving their **First Holy Communion** with Fr. Brendan on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April in St. Colmcille's Church, Ballinahown. They all did so well! Thanks to Ms. Grehan, Ms. Guinan and Louise for all the preparation in advance of the day.



- **Swimming lessons** in Clara are working very well. Children from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes are enjoying their trips to pool this month. All levels are being catered for. All children **visit Clara Library** each week and exchange a library book.

- Big thanks to those from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes who help out with weekly **football training** for Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class! It's great to see so many children developing their skills and enjoying themselves.
- **Gaelic Football tournaments** will take place in school in May, both a Junior and a Senior tournament.
- **Literacy Lift-Off** in Ms. Bryan's Junior Room is into its third week. The children are working well at the stations and reading each night.
- **Handwriting Week** takes place this week 29<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May. All children will display their best handwriting outside the classrooms.
- **Rashina NS Family Fun 5k Walk/ Run** – Save the date – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm! Bring along family and friends. Girls and boys invited to wear fancy dress if they wish!



- **Clothes Collection** on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April raised €440 for the school. €44 was donated to the LauraLynn Children's Charity in the



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- The school played **its first ever hurling match** as Rashina NS this month. The Highstreet NS team was too strong for us on the day but everyone put in a great effort and enjoyed the game. We play Kilcormac/ Broughal on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.



- There is **hurling coaching** for all classes every fortnight with coach and Offaly hurling goalkeeper Mark Troy. Pupils from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class enjoy this.
- The boys represented the school very well at the **FAI 5-aside County Finals** in Tullamore on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. They did not qualify from their group but scored an impressive 9 goals in their three matches.

name of the school. Thanks to the Parents Association for helping promote this.

- The boys and girls wore their own clothes to school before Easter. €155 was raised and presented to the **Irish Cancer Society**.



- **Standardised Testing** will take place on the weeks starting 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- **School uniforms** continue to look well. Pupils are reminded that **navy shorts** are permitted on warm days should they wish to wear them.
- The road outside the school is busy as always, especially at home times. Thanks again to all parents for being **extra vigilant** at these times and ensuring the safety of all.
- Reminder that there will be no school on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** or **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. The school will also be closed on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** as it will be used as a polling station for the Local and European Elections.