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March Newsletter 2024

Lots happened in school during March. Here is some of the latest news –

- Well done to all the 6th class children on receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with Bishop Paul Connell on Wednesday 20th March in St. Colmcille’s Church, Ballinahown. Thanks to 5th class pupils for serving and singing. Lovely to see a past pupil help out with the music too!



- World Book Day** took place on Thursday 7th March. There was great colour and costumes on show. Wonderful to see all the characters discuss their books and read them in class! Well done to all the children for on taking part in lots of activities on the day.



- Games Promotion Officer Mark Troy** is currently coaching hurling to all classes.
- Lunchtime **Gaelic Football training** continues for Junior Infants to 2nd Class.

- Literacy Lift-Off** will start for Ms. Bryan’s Junior Room after Easter. The staff is looking forward to working on their literacy skills.
- Student Council** – Entries for the school crest design has closed. The intention is to use a selection of ideas from the three classrooms for the final crest.
- VEX 123 Robotics** - Dean from Offaly County Council spent time in Ms. Bryan’s room introducing the Junior Room to robotics. Looking forward to seeing it in action.
- VEX Robotics tournament** took place in Sacred Heart Secondary School, Tullamore on Thursday 21st March. Well done to the 8 pupils on taking part.
- Snow** covered Rashina on Friday 1st March! All classes got out to enjoy the fun.
- Spring lambs** visited the school. Lots of photos of the two sets of triplets on website.
- ‘Marchathon’** was a great initiative in the Senior Room. Girls and boys ran the equivalent of a marathon with Ms. Moran over the month of March! Great to see all pupils exercising.
- All classes went on **‘Signs of Spring’** walks during March.



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Ms. Moran's Senior Room have been great at ensuring these sessions are successful. Focus on movement, games and **enjoyment**.

- Good to see so many from 3rd to 6th class out at lunchtime **hurling training** for the Spring Cumann na mBunscol league.
- **FAI Schools 5-aside** Boys and Girls Soccer Tournament took place on Tuesday 12th March in Tullamore. Both teams represented the school so well. The girls won their four group games and lost out in the final. The boys won a dramatic penalty shootout and progressed to the **next stage** in Tullamore after Easter.

Rashina Teams – Boys & Girls



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- **All Ireland Football winners** Gallen CS visited us with the cup. Luke and Calum will inspire our current crop to great things.
- **Lá Glas** was a day of dance, colour and comhrá in the school. 😊



- The **Irish Dancing Worlds 2024** will take place in Killarney this weekend. Best of luck to our 3rd class dancer taking part. Everyone is very proud!
- **Infant Hour** with SNA Louise Bennett is going very well. The boys and girls enjoy playing with their friends from 1.40pm – 2.40pm.
- **Swimming for 1st – 6th classes** will begin after Easter on Friday 12th April for 5 weeks.
- End of year **standardised tests** will take place on the weeks of 20th and 27th of May.
- **Clothes Collection Fundraiser** takes place on Wednesday 24th April. Parent Association updates on Aladdin and their Facebook page.
- 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
- The BoM and staff would like to thank all families for their support. Wishing all a nice Easter break. Looking forward to seeing all pupils back to school on **Monday 8th April** at 9am.