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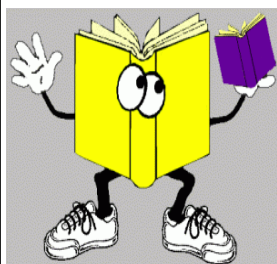
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Dates to remember

- **March 30th - Sunday**
11am -
"Do this in Memory"
- **April 1st - Tuesday**
1st Penance @ 8pm
- **April 11th - Friday**
Easter Holidays - **12noon**
- **April 28th - Monday**
Re-open
- **May 5th - Monday**
Bank Holiday
- **May 10th - Saturday**
First Holy Communion
- **May 23rd - Friday**
Elections - School Closed
- **June 2nd - Monday**
Bank Holiday
- **June 24th - Tuesday**
Summer Holidays



BOOK FAIR

We have been having a Book Fair with Scholastic every 2nd year for the past number of years. This has been very successful and enjoyable and we hope this year's Book Fair will be just as good.



Scholastic will deliver three large book cases full of books to the school on Thursday 27th March and children and staff will get to peruse over them for a few days. Teachers generally bring their classes a couple of times to the hall for children to read and have stories read to them. On **Wednesday 2nd April** all parents are invited to the hall between **1.15pm and 2.30pm** to visit the fair and hopefully to buy a book or two. If you are unable to attend and would like to support it you may send in some money with your child and a teacher and a pupil from 5th or 6th class will buy a book suitable for them. The school gets to buy library books for each classroom with the profits we make from the fair. So the more you buy the more new books your child will have in his/her class library. We hope you will come along next Wednesday 1.15pm - 2.30pm and support our book fair.

W.O.W - Walk On Wednesdays

is back after Easter. As part of our Active Schools we walk to school one day a week, so parents are asked to bring your child to the GAA field for 9.20am **each Wednesday morning** during Term 3 and walk with us to school. Children travelling by bus will be dropped at the GAA field each Wednesday morning. Hopefully the weather will be on our side. Should it be raining heavily we will not walk. However for the past few years we missed very few Wednesdays! **Please note for safety reasons bring your child into the field and please do not obstruct the Boys' School entrance when parking.** Each child will be provided with a hi-vis jacket that must be worn.

SPLIT THE POT...

Congratulations to the recent winners of "Split the Pot"

Feb 24th - €86 - Gavin Ryan (Juniors)

Mar 3rd - €85 - Breda Tarrant (Juniors)

Mar 10th - €83 - Sean O' Neill (Juniors)

Mar 18th - €80 - Caitlin Clifford (2nd Class)

Many thanks for your continued support.

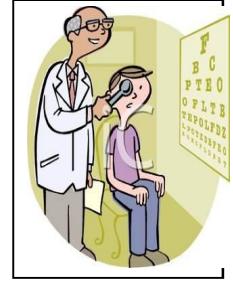


ASAP...

has been continuing every Wednesday @ 3.10pm for children from 1st to 4th class. We have been having great fun with gymnastics before the mid-term and this was followed by dancing now until Easter. Our last ASAP will be on **Wednesday 9th April**.

**VISION AND HEARING...**

Vision and hearing testing for Junior Infants and vision testing for 6th class will take place in the Convent Hall on **Wednesday 9th April**. Please return your consent forms to your child's class teacher as soon as possible

**G.A.A - BASIC SKILLS**

Children from Junior Infants to 1st class have been having "Basic Skills" coaching from the GAA with Brian White and Kevin Halley. This is a six week programme which will run every Thursday until the Easter holidays. The boys and girls are thoroughly enjoying this and are showing great signs of improvement already with basic ball handling and kicking skills. Now would be a great time to enrol your child in the local GAA club if he/she is not already a member. Training for u6 - u10 takes place every Monday @ 7pm in the GAA field.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in 2nd Class are currently busy preparing for 1st Penance and 1st Holy Communion. They will receive their 1st Penance on **Tuesday 1st April** in the Parish Church @ 8pm. This is a very special occasion for them and it is the first time they will have received a sacrament since they were baptised. We hope you will make the time to celebrate on Tuesday evening in some small way with your child!



World Book Day took place on **Thursday 6th March**. It was a very busy day for us in school as we also had camógie training, dancing and confessions! However children did get some time reading with and for other children in school. A big thank you to Mrs. O' Dwyer who arranged a whole pile of books to be given to us on loan from Cashel library for the day. Children also received a token worth €1.50 off a book to be purchased in local bookshops or at our Book Fair. Check out our website for photos from the day!

"BUILDING BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING PROGRAMME"

The girls in Mrs. Ryan's room are currently partaking in the "Building Bridges of Understanding Programme". This is a reading programme where emphasis is on developing strategies to help with comprehension. Our visiting resource teacher from Cashel, also named Mrs. Ryan, is working on this programme with the girls for the next few weeks.

WORLD IRISH DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS - McKayla O' Dwyer (5th) and Aliyah McKenna (3rd) will be competing in the World Irish Dancing Championships in **London on Monday 14th April**. This is a great achievement for the girls and we wish them the best of luck!

SUGGESTED READING

Senior: The Bread Winner by Deborah Ellis, Of Lions and Unicorns by Michael Morpurgo, The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barney Brocket by John Boyne

Middle: Fly Away Home by E. Bunting, Horrid Henry's Nightmare by Francesca Simon, Rainbow Magic: Carly the Schoolfriend Fairy

Junior: The Stickman by Julia Donaldson, George's Dragon goes to School by Claire Freedman & Russell Julian.

Congratulations to the following who celebrated their birthday between 1/1/14 - 31/3/14**Junior Infants**

Will Burke
Catherine Fitzgerald
Molly Lawrence
Sophie Lonergan
Tadhg Lonergan

Senior Infants

Rowan Barrett
Conor Hayes
Cara Hennessy
Derry Matthia
Lilly Mulcahy
Sienna O' Dwyer
Ryan O' Grady

1st Class

Maeve Carroll
Ciara Fitzpatrick
Nathan McDowell
Margaret McGrath
Freya McKenna
Emily McNamara
Anna O' Donoghue

2nd Class

Clara Matthia
3rd Class
Christina Rose Longworth
Lucy Mulcahy

5th Class

Éabha Carroll
Ellie Pollard
Éadaoin Prendergast

4th Class

Eimear O' Brien
Niamh O' Brien

6th Class

Róisín Doyle
Laura O' Gorman
Rachel O' Grady
Róisín Whelan

