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Dates for your diary

Friday 10 th Feb	Break for mid-term ; school closes at normal time
Monday 20 th Feb	School re-opens
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Thursday 16 th March	Lá Glas – break for St Patrick’s Day weekend
Friday 17 th March	St Patrick’s Day – school closed
Friday 31 st March	School closes for Easter Holidays – 12.30pm
Monday 17 th April	Schools reopens for Summer Term

Maths Week

We celebrate our annual Maths week this week. Our classes are very active practising their Maths in fun activities. There are Maths trails around the school, some are measuring the corridors in steps and with trundle wheels, problem solving and a host of other maths related activities.

Thursday 9th February was our 100th day of school this year. Some classes decorated tee-shirts with 100 stickers or drawings; other classes timed themselves doing various activities for 100 seconds. Pictured are some of our classes using our ipads for their Maths activities.



Art in OLBNS

Our school looks fabulous at the moment with signs of Spring both inside and out. There are displays of Spring art and St Bridget’s Day crosses all over the school. Pictured below are two examples from our first and fourth classes.



Green Schools News



Our Walk on Wednesday (WOW) is going strong. For those of you who are not familiar with this, it means that the school actively encourages families to make an effort to walk or cycle to school on Wednesday. Our Green School committee collect results from the classes and the golden boot is awarded weekly to one senior class (3rd up to 6th) and one junior class (Junior Infants up to 2nd). If you have to drive to school, we encourage you to park and stride – park your car near the school and walk the remaining distance.

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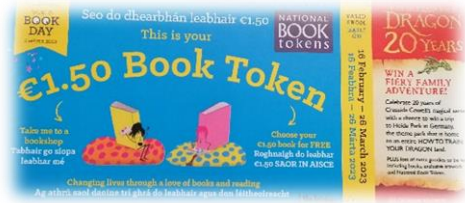
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Sports News

We are delighted to be taking part in Cumann na mBunscoil again. Our senior classes will have hurling training starting after the mid-term break with matches due to start after the Easter break. We wish them the best of luck in the tournament.

In other sports news our boys are getting great opportunities in our school to try out all sorts of different sports. At the moment, hockey, rugby and gymnastics are provided by the school to all our classes in turn.

World Book Day



Like many other schools we celebrate our love of reading every year. Our annual book week will take place after the Easter holidays but keep an eye out for the World Book Day book token which will be sent home very soon.

This token entitles the bearer €1.50 off the price of a book in one of the main books shops eg Eason, Opening Minds etc. Alternatively, there are special World Book Day books on sale in the shops for the price of the voucher. Thursday 2nd March is the official World Book Day.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

After the half term break we will celebrate our culture, heritage and language during Seachtain na Gaeilge. This will give our boys an opportunity to learn some Irish songs and tunes and practice their Gaelge as much as possible.

On the 16th March we will have a Lá Glas where the boys can come to school in their green jerseys, tops, tracksuit tops etc. We will have a ceolchoirm on this day also, when the classes get the opportunity to perform an Irish song or tune. This is an annual event in our school calendar and one we all really enjoy.



SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Nature Walks

Our Junior and Senior Infants enjoyed a nature walk to Marlay park recently. Ms Dooley's class have been enjoying a weekly walk to Marlay park for their weekly 'Walk on Wednesday'.



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Active School News

Our Active School Committee have been busy lately. They ran a whole school competition for our new Active Flag slogan. There were loads of entries and they had a difficult task deciding on the winners. Thank you and well done to everyone who entered the competition. The winners were Harry in 5th class (1st place), Jack in 6th class (2nd place) and Max in 4th class (3rd place).



1st place



2nd place



3rd place



In other Active Flag news, if you are doing your shopping in Aldi don't forget to take the stickers to add to our wall poster. Once we fill the poster our school could be in with a chance of winning sports prizes for our school.

Construction projects

Ms McGeachy's 6th class have been busy building this term. They have made a wonderful display of their work for everyone to see. Pictured are just some of their projects.



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4th class cycle training

Our 2 fourth classes have started an 8 week programme of cycle training. This takes place once a week on the school grounds in our main yard. The cycle trainers have been coming to our school for many years and have had great success with teaching our boys to cycle a bike, care for it and all about staying safe on the roads. The boys are having a great time.



End of Term

Well it's been a very fast half-term and the boys have working really hard. As you can see from the newsletter all of our classes have been busy. Our Active Schools committee have done a great job in getting us all moving and then we also have our hockey, gymnastics and rugby coaches coming in. We had some super entries for the Active Slogan Competition. Congratulations to our winner Harry Ryan (5th class) who won with the memorable slogan "Your heart needs to beat so get up on your feet".

After mid-term we will have plenty of hard-work and activity to look forward to. 4th + 5th classes will be taking part in the Big Sing. We will celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge + Book week. We will all be very busy. I hope everyone enjoys midterm break and comes back refreshed and ready for another busy half term.

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