

# Nuacht ó Gharrán Mhuire

## Aibreán 2022

Beannachtaí Cásca oraibh go léir!



It is great to see so many children back in school. For the first time in over two years, it genuinely feels like we are coming out of the pandemic and we are enjoying the return of so many activities that were cancelled during Covid.

To mark the end of a very enjoyable and action-packed term, the children were invited to contribute to our newsletter. We hope you enjoy their contributions.

I wish to thank parents and staff for your support and patience during the challenging times. We hope to build on our success in Term 3.

### Winners of the OLG Easter Handwriting Competition:

**1st:** Faye and Heather **2nd:** Kei and Jamie

**3rd:** Harriet and Charlie **4th:** Anna and Alice

**5th:** Lucy and Sophie **6th:** Lou-Lou and Isobel

**7th:** Chloe and Laura

**8th:** Maeve, Sophia and Ella

### Junior Infants

In Junior Infants we are having lots of fun learning about firefighters, construction workers and other people who help us during our Aistear sessions.



### Senior Infants

*Room 3* enjoy learning all of their GAA skills with Padraic from Kilmacud Crokes. They have been working hard at practicing their throwing, catching, kicking and passing.



This is the great work *Room 4* are doing during our Literacy Lift Off programme. All the children are working hard at their literacy skills.



### 1st Class -Room 5 - Harriet



Every Wednesday Niall from Kilmacud Crokes comes to our school to coach First Class Hurling and Camogie. He teaches us lots of skills like the lock position and the ready position. We also play lots of fun games.

### 2nd Class- Room 7& 8

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of March Second Class made their First Reconciliation at Holy Cross Church Dundrum. Fr. John led the service. Their teachers and Fr. Liam were there to help too. It was a lovely evening, and the children are looking forward to making their First Holy Communion in May.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Class News – Sophie

It has been very busy term in 3<sup>rd</sup> class. Each week, the children are looking forward to playing soccer on the secondary school's hockey pitch. For the first time ever, the pupils of 3<sup>rd</sup> class finally started swimming at UCD pool. Everyone was very excited and enjoyed getting on and off the bus. The pupils have



also written down their time capsules for the census. They will be kept until the year 2122. Two students from each 3<sup>rd</sup> class even read out their time capsule during the senior assembly!



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Class News - Room 11- Aoife



Room Eleven has been very busy these past few weeks. Last week we wrote Time Capsules for the Census and at assembly, two people from every class got to read their pieces. Last Friday, we went to Rosemount Green for P.E. and we brought hula

hoops, footballs, hurdles, batons, rubber rings and skipping ropes. Yesterday, we went swimming in U.C.D. for forty-five minutes. It was so much fun! Every big break we get to play basketball. We have five teams; three girls teams and two boys teams.

A few weeks ago, we did craft projects on Ancient Egypt. My table was 'Food and Fashion' so for the craft project we made two neck collars, a ring, two bracelets and eye paint made from black cardboard, pasta, toilet rolls and gems.

This Friday, the prizes for the Student Council handwriting contest are being awarded at assembly.

Haruka, in our class, is leaving this Friday and we all are going to be very sad to see her go. That is all from Room Eleven! Slán!

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Class - Room 12 - Olivia, Ceola, Cormac and Lucy

This term 4<sup>th</sup> Class Room twelve have been up to a lot of fun! We have done many great activities this school year and are more than happy to share them with you. We have been doing all sorts from science experiments to fun games down in the Halla. Our favourite activities so far have probably been all of the amaz-



ing pieces of art we have created throughout the school year and all of our fantastic athletic games and activities, for example: soccer on the secondary school's hockey pitch, swimming in UCD and even just basketball on the yard. Recently, we have been writing Census time capsule pieces. The pieces include life right now, Covid-19, medicine and other advancements in the tech world. The pieces aim to capture a snapshot of life right now, so people in the year 2122 can see how life is right now and how it has changed. The pieces were written on the Census forms last week. Every Tuesday starting from the 5<sup>th</sup> of April to the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, swimming lessons will take place in UCD for P.E. in Fourth class. This Tuesday was our very first day of swimming. We got the bus from the School to UCD. We hope that every student will enjoy the lessons.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Class - Cycling - Room 13 -Cillian

In our first cycling safety session, Peter came into the classroom to give us an introduction to the cycling safety programme. Peter told us the right clothes to wear as well as footwear. He also taught us about how to check our bikes and helmets to make sure they are safe for the road. In the second session, we learnt about hand signals and how to turn safely. Then we played a few cycling games. It was great fun!



#### 6<sup>th</sup> Class News - Sadie and Jane

Since Christmas, the girl's hockey team have played lots of hockey matches against different schools and we were overjoyed to make it all the way to the final last week. We absolutely played our very best and it was very close. Unfortunately, Scoil San Treasa won 3 goals to 1. We are all so proud to have come 2<sup>nd</sup> in all of Leinster. It was an experience that I will always remember.



The girls in sixth and fifth class have been playing a lot of hockey matches and we made it through to the Leinster Primary Schools Hockey Final. We were in the two team division which was a lot of fun.

It means that we had two teams playing at the same time and the combined score of both teams counted. On the day of the final we all had our hair in plaits with blue ribbons and we got to leave school early, at 12 o' clock. The final was held in Three Rock Rovers and we played Scoil San Treasa. Overall we lost 3 – 1. All the players on the day got medals, if we won we would have gotten a trophy as well. We all had a lot of fun training and playing all the matches during the year and it was so exciting to be able to play in the final. Best of luck to next year's team – I hope they win the final!

#### Motus Learning

6<sup>th</sup> class took part in Motus Learning workshop. It was a fun educational day. We learned about feelings, emotions, wellbeing and how to deal with certain situations. We also discussed the emotional brain and thinking brain. That when you feel a negative emotion like anger, jealousy or sadness it can be hard for the two to work together. We also learned that we need emotions to survive and that our ancestors had to use them to survive. We took part in different activities throughout the day including role play, games and group discussion.



A role play was one of the activities our class did. We were split into groups and given a situation to act out. At the end of the performance, you stated the feelings and emotions you thought the character felt. Group discussions were spread out during the workshop which helped us to hear other points of view. Another activity was where we were given a paper plate and had to mark out different sections such as emotion, situation, body changes and behaviours. We would choose an emoji at random and then had to write down a situation where we might experience this emotion and how that situation lead to body changes, how it impacted our thoughts and how our thoughts shaped our behaviours.