



EDITION 3

# MERCY CONVENT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

MARCH '25



Hello to all our families,

The school year is really beginning to fly by! March was a productive month with so much taking place. I hope this newsletter allows you a snapshot to some of what has taken place.

I want to acknowledge the inconvenience that our school closures must be on families. We had our Maths day in February, our Bí Cineálta half day and on Monday we had our staff training from the National Council for Special Education. As you may know we opened our first Autism classroom last September and we will open our second this coming September. The training is to ensure we, as a staff, are supporting all children inclusively.

Building work is moving well and construction is on course to finish in July. We will share moving plans closer to the summer but right now, we fully aim to start our next school year in our new campus.

It is great to have the sunny weather for the end of term. The children will dress up on the last day of term, April 11th, should they wish to. Please feel free to join us for the parade around the front of the church, timings will be shared in advance. The 11th will also be a half day closure.

Kind regards,  
**Cathal Ruane**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Senior GAA team vs Celbridge 4th April
- 5th Classes visit Barker & Jones
- Planetarium Visit 1st-4th April-a big thanks to the Parents' Association for this wonderful opportunity
- Creative schools ' week 8th -11th April
- Rugby Blitz 9th April
- Cross country Athletics Rathcoffey 10th April
- Book Drive up to the 11th April
- Easter Parade Dress up 11th April
- Easter Holidays 12pm 11th April

## LÁ GLAS

On the 12th of March we had a Céilí to remember! This was our final Céilí Mór on this yard after eight years of music, dancing and memories! Every class gave it their all on a brisk morning and their smiles said it all. Maith sibh go léir!

As we look forward to our new school campus in September 2025, we celebrate the traditions that will move with us into this exciting chapter! And one where we won't have to worry about the weather!



## SOCCER TEAM

Well done to our school soccer team for taking part in the FAI 5-a-side soccer blitz in Leixlip on the 12th of March. Great effort and teamwork was on display from everyone. Many thanks to Mr. McCabe and Mr. C O'Flynn for coaching the team and bringing them to the Blitz.



## TENNIS TEAM

Our tennis team recently hosted and represented the school so well at Naas Lawn tennis Club. We played against St. Andrews NS from Dublin. Thanks to Ms. Woulfe and Ms. Clancy for coaching the team.



## BOOK DRIVE

### Help fill our School Library!

We're collecting books to stock our brand new school library in the new campus and we need your help! If you have any of the books or series listed in the poster and in good condition, please consider donating them!

Every book donated will help inspire a love of reading in our pupils.

## HANDWRITING COMPETITION



We were amazed with the standard of writing across the school this year and every pupil should be so proud of their work. Every child receive a small token for their effort.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

### AUTHOR VISITS

We had the pleasure of welcoming author Kevin Moran to our school following the recent publication of his book 'The Doomsday Club'.

We also had author and illustrator Paddy Donnelly visit us for World Book Day! He held a superb story and drawing workshop with our second class pupils, who loved every minute!



Our Camogie and football teams are flat out practising for their upcoming Cumann na mBunscol matches and we wish them and our cross country athletes the very best of luck next Thursday!

## Gentle Reminders

- Kindly update Aladdin should your child be absent.
- If absent please cancel Bradbury's hot lunch via the app.
- We have a healthy eating policy and encourage healthy eating. Please click [here](#) for details.
- Punctuality is important and greatly assists with a smooth day.
- Please wear school tracksuit on PE days only. Formal uniform every other day.



## SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from the 8th to the 12th of March and it was a huge success. The pupils engaged enthusiastically in the Toraíocht Leprecháin (Leprechaun Hunt), Ceolchoirm (concerts), Cluichí boird (board games) and Gaeilgeoir an Lae (speaker of the day).

This culminated in a fantastic Céilí Mór where everyone took part with such enthusiasm and energy!



## SPANISH CLUB



### Seeking Host Families

In Naas, Sallins & environs

- Students attend Naas Community College for a term/school year
- Good rate of pay and full support to participating families
- Interviews arranged with interested families
- Personalised matching of suitable students to host families



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your name to  
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callback



Aisling from Spanish Club Kildare in collaboration with Fly your English are looking for Host families.

We have previously enjoyed having Aisling as our Spanish teacher in our school in the Yes to Languages programme.

## DEBATING FINAL

Well done to our 6th Class debating team, who put in a fantastic effort in Kildare Council Chambers. They spoke with confidence, passion and exhibited great teamwork. The result could have gone either way, unfortunately the girls were unlucky not to come away with the win.

A huge thank you to Ms. Kelly, Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Allen for all their work in preparing the girls. We are very proud of their effort and dedication!



## FIRST CONFESSION

Congratulations to the girls in Ms. Treacy's, Ms. Keogh's and Ms. Kiely's classes who completed their Sacrament of First Confession in Ballycane on the 29th of March. They did wonderful preparation and it was a very meaningful occasion.

## BÍ CINEÁLTA

Our teachers had a very worthwhile staff led session on this framework which will replace our current anti-bullying policy. The Bí Cineálta Policy will be in place from September. Many thanks to parents for completing the online questionnaire.

