

Scoil an Chuileannaigh

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## Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Non Scholae Sed Vitae Discimus



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### School Closings:

Monday next 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day Public Holiday

Easter Holidays : – 14<sup>th</sup> April – 25<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.

European & Local Elections – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014



Happy St. Patrick's Day

AS  
Gaeilge

### Seachtain na Gaeilge:

Gaeilge agus Fáilte sa scoil (10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Márta)  
(Irish is welcome in our school anytime)

Tá Seachtain na Gaeilge ar súil arís an tseachtain seo. Tá imeachtaí áraithe ar súil ag na ranganna éagsúla. We are encouraging the children to take an active part in speaking Irish both at school and at home. Merit awards, tokens, etc will be presented to the children throughout the week. We will end the week with a Céilí Mór sa halla. We hope that this will generate an enthusiasm for the language and thus stimulate a positive attitude towards Irish in general.

Mar a deir an seanfhocail '**Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí**' '**Encourage youth and reap the rewards**'.

### Parents Association / Astellas



The Parents Association have come on board to bring 2 major curriculum strands to life in our classrooms – 'The Environment' and 'The Japanese Culture' This was done in association with Astellas Ireland Co., Ltd. Kerry Plant, Killorglin.

**Guest Speaker No 1 Rory Ferguson** spoke extensively on Energy Conservation and the environment.

**Guest Speaker No 2 Kenichi Inushima** from Japan shared aspects of his culture and the Japanese way of life, with us. Both speakers imparted invaluable information on our children.

Míle buíochas to Denis O'Donnell Chairperson of the Parents Association and to Astellas Ireland Co., Ltd.

### Tidy Towns Committee and Cullina National School working together.

Children from Junior Infants to 3<sup>rd</sup> class had a pleasant day painting and designing with Nikki Roberts. We wish to thank Beaufort Tidy Towns Committee and especially Christine Farrell for affording us the opportunity to work alongside a professional Artist for a whole day. All expenses were covered by the Tidy Towns Committee as a reward to the children in the school who prepared and displayed a variety of projects based on Heritage and Local Geographical Themes.

We hope to have Nikki back again in the near future to work on some Outdoor play yard Murals. This time the Senior Classes will be working with Nikki Roberts

### Be Active – Be Alive!

We hope to keep the theme of 'Staying Active' alive in our school for the coming weeks.

It is of the utmost importance to us that the children in our school develop and maintain active lifestyles. For that reason we have a full program of events for everyone both Outdoor and Indoor. The school has invested in extra P.E. equipment – Footballs, Basketballs, skipping ropes. Please encourage a lifestyle that is pro-active at home also.

alive!



# SPORTS



## Sporting Features

- **Hurling** training starting in April
- **Killarney Cougars Basketball League**  
Killarney Cougars Basketball Club have once again organised a schools inter basketball league for all participating schools. Further details to follow shortly. In the meantime – keep practising.  
**Practise for all participating members will take place in the school hall tomorrow evening Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- **Golf Lessons** continue on Monday evenings 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. with Professional Golf Coach Kieran Crehan
- **Rugby Training** continues during school hours for a 6 week period
- Our final block of **Swimming Lessons** have started for 5<sup>th</sup> class and will continue for a block of 6 weeks.
- **Rainy Day Activities** for Senior Classes in our P.E. Hall (Table Tennis, Badminton and Golf)

## Boys Mini 7's

The boys mini 7's will take place shortly followed by the girls mini 7's later in the term. Trials will be held shortly by Mr. Fitzgerald for the upcoming competitions. Further details to follow.

## Green Flag

We are delighted to announce that we had a very successful renewal visit from Fiona Barry of An Taisce. This visit was part of our application process for our **7<sup>th</sup> Green Flag 'Global Citizenship, Litter & Waste'**.

Fiona interviewed the Green School Committee team and discovered that we have successfully completed all the seven steps of the Green School Programme. Fiona praised the dedication of the committee, the colourful noticeboards and the whole school participation in this project. Our entry has now been submitted so all we have to do is wait and see if we receive yet another Green Flag and hopefully attend the Awards Ceremony in Cork in May 2014. We feel optimistic!!



## New I-pads

Thanks to your kind generosity and sponsorship during Operation Transformation Week and Run we have now secured a further three I-pads for the school.

## Used Clothes Collection

We are accepting bags of clothes in the school between now and **next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. You may drop the bags in the school – this is a separate collection from the Clothes Bin in the car park.

## First Communion

**First Communion class take note –**

First Confessions this **Thursday night 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Mary's Parish Church Beaufort  
First Communion – **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 a.m.** in St. Mary's Parish Church Beaufort

## Mass for Grandparents of First Holy Communion children

Fr. Donal O'Connor will be celebrating mass for grandparents of First Holy Communion children (only) in the school hall on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00 a.m.** A memorable morning for both children and grandparents is anticipated by all.



# Killarney Musical Society Outing **Jesus Christ Superstar** the musical

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class are in for a musical treat on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April in the I.N.E.C. Killarney when they will experience a fantastic Musical Extravaganza performed by the Killarney Musical Society.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Conferring Day in U.C.C.

U.C.C. will be the venue for our 6<sup>th</sup> Class Conferring Tour and will take place next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

The tours which are an initiative of UCC Visitors' Centre are a focused effort to get 6<sup>th</sup> class children interacting with the University in a fun and educational manner and to inspire our youngest scholars to explore the notion of third level education.

A school tour comprises of a visit to the Aula Maxima, the Stone Corridor and a visit to the newly refurbished Crawford Observatory.

The Children are dressed in junior conferring robes and each tour concludes with a junior conferring ceremony where each child is awarded a junior graduation scroll to record their visit to the University. All classes receive a children's pack on the completion of their visit and a DVD slide show of their visit to UCC to keep as a memento of their visit.

It is hoped that over time a children's tour visit to UCC will become part of the curriculum of all primary schools.



**Lá le Pádraig shona do chách.**

*Máire Bn Uí Chrocinín*

*Príomhoide*

