



St Oliver Plunkett's NS Newsletter



February/March 2022



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Welcome to Our Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all well. We have had a challenging few months with Covid in the school. We can look forward to the last term when the weather will allow us to be outdoors more. It has been a fun two months with Friendship Week, World Book Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge and Engineers' Week. The second class made their First Confession and 6th class are in the middle of preparation for their Confirmation. Read on to see more.

Dates for your diary: More important information re change of collection times is at the end of the newsletter.

Friday the 8th of April: Easter holidays. School closes for a half day. Infants go home at 12 and all others leave at 12.15. School reopens on Monday the 25th of April.

Promoting creativity:

Racking chairs by Mr Fahey's Class.



Using our art to design socks to show that we are all different and we are all equal by Ms O'Neill's class as we continue to focus on our Yellow Flag Programme which support our work on inclusion for all.

The theme of food/bia is our Teanga Ó Bhéal/Oral Language whole school theme. Ms Gleeson's class is using Aistear to learn new words.



6th class continue their work on changing the world. They have attended workshops on recycling and on gender equality. Stereotypes were challenged and lots of discussion was held. It was great to hear their opinions on equality.



Congratulations to one of our students for winning first prize for his art work. This student

is very talented so watch this space!



Friendship Week 2022 was eventful with an activity each day from mindfulness to mindful movement. We enjoyed a relay run in the park. Imaginations flowed with our "Inside out day".



Thank you to the Parents' Association who provided the children with croissants, juice and hot chocolate.



Cosy slippers were worn.

Friendship poems were written.



World Book Day: Teachers continuously encourage the pupils to read. We have DEAR time daily. (Drop Everything and Read). This year buddy reading was done outside and book covers were examined.



Seachtain na Gaeilge:

Rinne gach duine iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt. Bhi na paistí ag canadh, ag abair filíocht, ag feachaint ar TG4 agus ag déanamh scits. Fuair paistí éagsúla duais don iarracht so maith thú. (Everyone made a great effort to speak Irish. Children were singing, saying poems and doing scits. Children received prizes for their efforts.)

Bhailíomar €600 don Red Cross. Go raibh míle agaibh go léir!



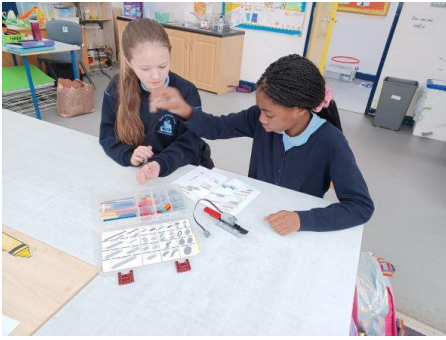
Engineer Week

We enjoyed the various activities this week. Ms O Mahony's did a Transport for the Future workshop while Mr Callaghan's learned to be Climate Heroes.



Budding engineers!

Other classes had a lego workshop putting together a helicopter.



Ms Byrne's class designed playgrounds of the future.



Mr Callaghan's class explored electricity making a simple circuit, a series circuit and exploring light by using a motor and a spinning colour top.



Great day at Cross Country in Newbridge House. The children had a great time and the daily mile is definitely paying off!





Congratulations to our 2nd class on making their First Confession. Well done!

We wish our 6th class the best of luck for their Confirmation tomorrow the 1st of April.

We have returned to one yard time and the children are adjusting to that. From Monday the 25th of April the gate will open at 9.10 as usual and will remain open until 9.20. So there is a window of arrival time. I ask that the children arrive to school within that window and go straight to their classroom. If children arrive after 9.20 they are late. From that same Monday, the 25th of April, the children in infants will leave at 2 pm. The rest of the school will leave at 3pm. I will monitor the traffic congestion at 2pm and 3pm and we may have to revise. Continue to encourage walking, cycling and scootering to school. Less congestion! Always park away from the school even on wet days. A reminder will be scheduled. Thank you.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. I hope you enjoyed it.

Mrs Murphy

