

February 28, 2013

Dear parents and children,

Spring is definitely in the air and at long last the weather has picked up. The gardens in the school are beginning to awaken thanks to Tommy Gallagher's continuous work and interest.

Lots of the children have spotted frogspawn in various places and these sightings are logged onto the Greenwave website and bring us one step closer to getting our Discover Science and Maths award. Keep up the good work children.

We are continuing our work on the Yellow Flag. We intend to host a cultural day on Friday the 12th of April. Details to follow nearer the time.

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to get themselves Garda Vetted. Lots of forms have been sent in and now it's a waiting game as it seems to take a long time for the vetting to come through.

Again I would encourage all children to be on time for school.

Please let the office know if your child is sick or if you feel that your child may have slap cheek. This will help to keep the school community informed.

Remember to check your child for head lice and let the office/class teacher know if your child has been treated for head lice. The system is that the class receives a general letter to alert other parents. This can prevent the spread of head lice.

Please take the time to look at our website to see all the activities that have been going on. Ms O Mahony's class had an interesting science activity. Check it out!

Mrs Murphy.

Please note that the enrolment policy has been updated on the school website.

#### Dates for your Diary:

School will be closed on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> and will close on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12.30 for the Easter holidays.

First Confession: Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March @ 7pm in the church.

Read on and see what has been happening this month.

#### Sport

##### GAA

The boys' football is in full swing. They had a good win in a friendly match against Lusk and were narrowly beaten by 1 point against St Teresa's. The boys are coached by two experienced ladies both of whom have played for their county. Ms Moore and Ms Taylor So watch this space! Next match is against Réalt na Mara in O' Dwyers at 2.30 pm.

The girls played a friendly match against Bracken ETNS. They lost but are very optimistic about the upcoming league. Ms Coyle and Ms O Mahony are the coaches.

##### Soccer

The boys played a friendly match against St Teresa's and won 2-1. They have a match next Wednesday against Castleknock ET. A note will be sent out on Monday next. Mr Callaghan is the coach.

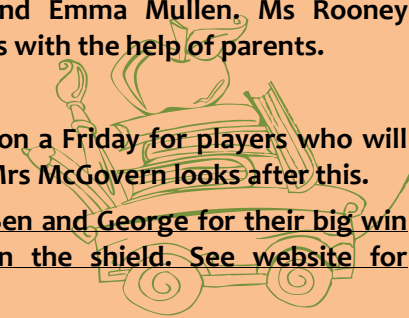
##### Tennis

The school is entering a girls' team in the Primary Schools tennis league. Players and subs are Laura Cristea, Emer Elworthy, Chloe Kiernan, Lara McKeown, Ciara Duffy, Fiona Redmond, Olivia Cody, Sarah Hawkshaw and Emma Mullen. Ms Rooney looks after the tennis with the help of parents.

##### Cricket

Coaching continues on a Friday for players who will enter competition. Mrs McGovern looks after this.

Congrats to Dylan, Ben and George for their big win in rugby. They won the shield. See website for photo.



## The yellow flag:

The committee met on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February to decide when we will hold our cultural day. It was decided that Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of April was a good day. We will be inviting parents to get involved. All classes will have a display table on which they show their project work. Their project work will be based on a country that they have researched. We would like to have food from different countries. A letter will go out before the Easter holidays so if anyone has any ideas or can offer anything to us on that day please let Ms Coyle, Mrs McGovern or Mrs Murphy know.

We invited Bracken ETNS to our school. The children played chess and soccer. It was a lovely afternoon. We will visit Bracken ETNS also.



## Green Flag

The green flag committee would like to remind you to pick up litter if you see it in school. Remember to save energy and money by unplugging televisions and all game consoles etc before going to bed. If left plugged in they can use 2/3 of the energy required and you are asleep in your bed!!! Walk or cycle to school.

## Knitting

Mrs Callaghan's class is learning how to knit. The experienced Mrs Carew has come back to share this skill. The children are becoming addicted!

Lunchtime clubs/activities: Irish dancing, debating club, library club, basketball tournament, stacking and skipping.



## Engineer's Week

The 25<sup>th</sup> of February to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March is Engineer's week. Ms Taylor's class and Ms Farrell's class carried out experiments on how different materials react and how materials can change.

Ms Farrell's class put some mentos into a bottle of diet coke. The effect was explosive!



Can you predict what will happen to this egg which has been immersed in vinegar?



## Upcoming events: The Easter raffle.

1 ticket 50 cent    5 tickets €2

Prizes: Easter Eggs (small and large), books and some spot prizes.

This year proceeds will go to Bóthar. We hope to buy an animal of some sort depending on how much money we make.

Parents' Committee will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

