

CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SOCCER

On Friday 6th March, our girls and boys soccer teams travelled to Leah Victoria Park in Tullamore to take part in the Spar 5 a side tournament. It was a very enjoyable and successful day with two of our teams taking second place. Well done to all involved!

COACHING

Over the last term many of our classes have received top class Rugby and GAA coaching from Leinster Rugby coach Grainne Vaughn and Edenderry GPO Mairead Daly. We would like to extend a huge thanks to them both for their continued efforts. Many thanks also to the brilliant coaches at Edenderry Swimming Pool as our 2nd and 4th classes made great progress during their 6 week block of lessons.

GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Our Green Schools Committee are undertaking a big garden project this year. With the expertise of our caretaker Frank and the guidance of Ms. Keane and Ms. Fitzmaurice we are building a green house made of recycled materials. This project has been inspired by the Nurture Africa Initiative in Uganda which Ms. Keane visited last year. We can't wait to share the finished project with you.

MUSIC GENERATION

We are delighted to have two tutors from Music Generation coming to teach in our school. 1st and 2nd classes are doing the Kodaly programme, where students learn musical concepts through games. 3rd and 4th classes are learning to play the Ukulele. 5th classes are engaging in the choral programme which will culminate in the Big Sing Event on Thursday May 21st (Hopefully).

RECENT SCHOOL EVENTS

SCIENCE WEEK

This year we combined Science, Maths & Engineers week into a STEAM week. All the classes engaged in STEAM in different ways from maths trails to building robots.

Alma from AgriKids spoke to all class levels about farm safety. The ethos of AgriKids is to engage, educate and empower children to become safety ambassadors. It encouraged them to 'be farm safe and stay farm safe'.

Transition year students from Oakland's Community College and their teachers demonstrated some really cool science experiments. It was a fantastic opportunity for our 4th class to engage with former pupils of the school and to see some amazing experiments.

The week was concluded with members of each class showcasing STEAM (science, technology, engineering and maths) in the halla for the parents and school community. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase what had been learned during the week

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Seachtain na Gaelige took place from the 9th—12th of March and it was a great success. A big thank you to 'The Gypsies' who performed some excellent Irish music. We had our very first radio station as gaeilge.

The students got a taste of the art of storytelling, as a seanchaí story teller visited the school. We also had a lot of other events during the week such as an art competition, table quiz, and a céilí.

Well done to all involved!

AUTHOR VISIT

Jackie Burke author of 'The Secrets of Grindlewood' recently completed workshops with the students in our 3rd and 4th classes. They really enjoyed these sessions. Jackie praised the school and the children for their passion for reading and love of books.

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*Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),
I hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well during these unprecedented times.*

My thoughts are with our students, who I am sure are missing school and especially their friends. We ask that they just do their best when it comes to schoolwork, as the most important thing at the moment is to remain safe and healthy.

Due to the extended school closure until April 19th, we set up Google Classroom as an online learning platform. Digital Learning is a new concept to our staff, students and parents and I would like to commend our school community on their engagement thus far. Indeed, I would like to extend my gratitude in particular to Mrs. Quinn, our IT co-ordinator for successfully arranging the set-up of Google Classroom for our entire school at such short notice.

Our teaching staff and I appreciate that this is an already stressful and anxious time for families. Therefore, I would urge you not to be overwhelmed by the suggested activities posted but to choose what you feel your child will enjoy and benefit from most.

We understand that each family's circumstances are different and the amount of time available to spend on schoolwork will differ greatly from family to family. So please remember that even a little schoolwork a day will go a long way!

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful teaching staff who are doing an excellent job in providing support to our students through Google Classroom.

I hope to see a return to school in the near future and I will continue to keep you updated by text, Aladdin and our social media platforms.

*Wishing you and your family a safe, healthy and happy Easter.
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NOTES FOR PARENTS

SCHOOL SUPPORT

Our school doors may be shut but we are still available to help in any way we can. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us on info@scoilbhrideps.com or tech@scoilbhrideps.com and we will do our very best to assist you.

BUS ÉIREANN TRANSPORT SCHEME

Bus Éireann's online application system for school transport for Primary and Post-Primary students is now open for the 2020/21 school year. The closing date for School Transport Applications is **Friday 24th April 2020**. Apply online at www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport Please visit the Bus Éireann website for further information regarding the School Transport Scheme.

JUNIOR INFANT INDUCTION

Unfortunately due to the current school closure we had to postpone our Induction Day which was scheduled for March 25th. We look forward to welcoming our new students and their parents in the coming months and will be in touch in due course with a revised date.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Our school library co-ordinators are looking for donations of good quality books. However, the books **need** to be on the Accelerated Reading list which can be confirmed using AR Book Finder at www.arbookfind.co.uk. Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book from our library that is at his or her own level. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the school IPADS. Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.

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GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Many of you will have logged onto Google Classroom already. Included below is a reminder of instructions and class codes should you need them.

1. You will need to be logged into your gmail account – if you do not have a gmail email you will need to create one.
2. Once logged into your gmail account type the following into your search bar <https://classroom.google.com/>
3. Click on the plus button on the top right hand corner of the screen which will give you the option to join class.
4. Enter the unique access code here.
5. Any additional resources/links/advice from teachers will be uploaded to the classwork tab.

Junior Infants

Ms. Evans: ibhybyv

Ms. Kerrigan: 4rha6er

Ms. N. Crowley: 7luzugg

Senior Infants

Ms. Fitzmaurice: uklhm4o

Ms. Craig: gmjpgfu

Ms. O'Connor: nadm5l2

1st Class

Ms. Melia: vygjqqg

Mrs. Kearns: udxqm45

Ms. Hevican: kc3k6mu

2nd Class

Ms. O'Toole: d43zhdu

Mr. Walsh: qbd3lb2

Ms. Hastings: yyahiy7

3rd Class

Mrs. Larkin: de6lecc

Ms. Reynolds: azrhkbo

Ms. Lenihan: vnj4ohe

4th Class

Ms. Crowley: rqdefal

Ms. Noone: e3cpj7j

Mr. Richardson: pqhen2a

5th Class

Ms. Gill: rmb1qa2

Ms. Cronin: bfhltoy

Mr. O'Connor: eaw5tnb

6th Class

Mr. Desmond: jawx765

Mr. Swan: tc3mbeq

Mrs. Crampton: nh372ju

Sonas Classes:

Ms. Hurst: cuvko5i

Ms. Morrin: 3vqyfnv

Ms. Maguire: jrvcbkq

Mrs. Blong/Ms. Horan:

zzm25gn

Mr. Heffernan: pru3dl2

Ms. Scully: f6m6szz

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WORLD AUTISM MONTH

April is World Autism Month!

This is a particularly difficult April for individuals with ASD who generally require routine, structure and predictability, none of which is possible at the moment. It would be nice to mark this month with your children in some small way to show that we are still aware and care for every member of our school community. Here are some ideas:

- Your children could wear something blue and encourage their family to also.
- Fly a paper plane for AsIAm This is a fun activity and easy to do at home. <https://asiam.ie/world-autism-month-asiam-flyforautism-campaign/>

Here is the link to a social story in relation to 'Lockdown' to reflect the more up to date situation we are living in. Many pupils will be hearing this word around them and would benefit from a clear explanation of this - [https://asiam.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Lockdown - Social-Story-1.pdf](https://asiam.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Lockdown-Social-Story-1.pdf)

There is lots of useful information on this website especially for parents over the holidays and new resources are being developed all the time. There is a survey for individuals with ASD and a separate survey for parents to complete in relation to how the AsIAm charity can help them during Covid-19 school closures - <https://asiam.ie/>

