



NUACHTLITIR Ó SCOIL NÁISIÚNTA CHOLMCILLE NAOFA



Eanáir 2016

> Dates for your Diary

First Confession 2nd Class—Monday 15th February

School Photographer—Wednesday 17th February

School Closure Mid-term Break—18th & 19th February

School Closure—Polling Day General Election—Friday 26th February

Confirmation 6th Class—Tuesday 15th March

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Welcome back to all children, parents, staff and those who look after us in Castlegar NS. We hope that a happy and peaceful holiday was had by all and we wish everyone the very best for the new year of 2016. We look forward to lots of enjoyable learning activities over the coming

SPORTS NEWS... ..

There is an ongoing Handball tournament for separate boys and girls teams during lunch times for the children in 3rd-6th classes.

Training will start again in the coming weeks for the 5 a side soccer blitz that will be taking place for the children in the older classes.

The postponed Cross Coun-

try Championships will be taking place in Renmore for boys and girls in 3rd-6th classes. Best of luck to all participants.



Camogie training on Fridays



after school will be starting again soon for those interested. Please ensure you have hurl, helmet and boots.

There is ongoing hurling training with Tom from the Club during school hours for the

SCHOOL NEWS

**Parents Classes
in your local area**

The Parents' Health and Wellness Classes in Ballybane Library are still ongoing and are still very successful. There is a new timetable of events planned for the coming months, including mindful yoga, cosmetic nutrition and a trip to the Eye Cinema. The Health and Wellness classes are a great opportunity to get out and about and to have some fun too! All are welcome to come on Wednesday mornings in Ballybane Library from



10am—12pm.

There are more courses and

Junior & Senior Infants—Mrs O'Connor's children have been having great fun learning all about the Arctic, the Antarctic and all the creatures that live in these places. Thanks to all who brought in milk cartons to make the fantastic igloo in the classroom. The children love it!

1st & 2nd Class—The children in Ms Seagrave's room are also learning about creatures at the North and South Pole. They have been studying the explorer Tom Crean and have drawn his portrait. Come take a look, they are very flattering!



3rd & 4th Class—Ms Kelly's children are having great fun making owls from clay. They have been constructed and are now awaiting some paint to brighten them up. Some are very life-like! The children are also learning about procedural writing—they are learning about following instructions, guidelines, recipes etc.

5th Class—The children in 5th class have been working very hard studying all about Irish and local history. They are doing very difficult multiplication and division work in maths but they are well able! Well done!

6th Class—Ms Winston's class are very busy preparing for their upcoming Confirmation celebration. All the children are coming together, practicing the beautiful hymns and songs in the school choir. The One Book One Galway project is ongoing in the class and the children are really enjoying the novel.



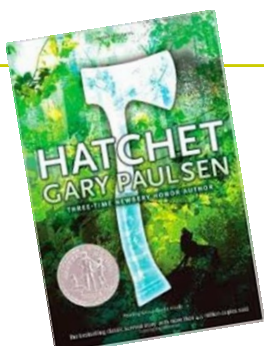
ASD Class—Mrs McMahon's class are doing lots of work on

**Fairy Doors Project in
Castlegar NS**



We are delighted to let everyone know that our Fairy Doors project was a great success for us in Castlegar NS. Our young entrepreneurs loved coming together to get the project off the ground and the doors were a big hit with all the families. We are very grateful to all who made the project possible and for the support of the parents and Parents Association who helped out with the construction and selling. Well done to all!

**Remember to keep
checking our school
website
www.castlegarns.ie**



One Book One Galway

The children in 5th & 6th Classes are participating again this year in the city wide literacy initiative of One Book One Galway. This year, the novel that all children are reading, at the same time, is Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. The novel centres around one boy's quest for survival, after a plane crash in the wilderness. There are various events planned to compliment the children's enjoyment of the

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Our Arctic explorers having fun in the North Pole....



Castlegar NS celebrates 75 years
Castlegar NS recently celebrated its 75th anniversary of providing education to Castlegar and the surrounding areas. Kathy Ross, a local artist, worked with all the children, from Junior Infants up to 6th Class, to plan, create and design a special art project for the anniversary. The art is on display inside the front door for all to see and the children are very proud of their visual memories of Castlegar NS. Thanks also to Fr O'Reilly for the lovely celebratory Mass in Castlegar Church which was attended by everyone in school.



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Board of Management

A new Board of Management has been established for Castlegar NS. A huge thanks to the previous members for all their hard work over the last four years.

The current Board members are: Stephen Hosty, Fr O'Reilly, Ms Winston, Mrs O'Connor, Marie Callaghan, Jason Roache, Christy O'Boyle and Marian Fleming.

The Board will assist in the management and running of the



school and usually meets once per term.

Roadworks on

School Road

Galway City Council will be commencing roadworks on School Road in mid January and these will continue until April. This is to facilitate the upgrading of sewerage and waste water systems for the school and nursing home. Diversions are in place to accommodate traffic for the area.

School building works

There is ongoing work and negotiations taking place with the Department of Education, the City Council and the school to progress the construction of the new ASD and mainstream classrooms and drop off point for school





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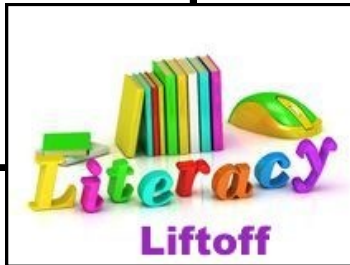
Arctic art from around the school...

Literacy Lift Off Power Hour

We are inviting any interested parents into Ms Seagrave's class to work with the children for the Power Hour—they are asked to listen to children read in groups.

This takes place Tuesday to Friday from 9:30-

Beautiful handwriting! Well done!



Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association is still in operation and we are, as always, looking for ideas to improve the school and increase parental participation. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved, please feel free to let us know. We would love to have you on board!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council will be getting very active coming into spring time. There are lots of activities planned for Seachtain na Gaeilge in March and the Student Council will be assisting with these. Ms Kelly will be supporting the children in organising events for La Glas and other days.



Enrolments for 2016-2017

We are now open for enrolment for the coming school year. If you are interested in sending your child to school here in Castlegar NS, please request an enrolment form from Kathleen and also take a look at our enrolment policy on the school website, www.castlegarns.ie.

