



# NUACHTLITIR Ó SCOIL NÁISIÚNTA CHOLMCILLE NAOFA



Aibreán 2016

## > Dates for your Diary

*Crazy Hair Day—  
Friday 13th May*

*Sponsored Walk—  
Friday 20th May*

*City Sports—Tuesday  
24th May*

*FAI Blitz Africa Day—  
Wednesday 25th May*

*Dina Schools Gradua-  
tion—Monday 13th  
June*

*New Junior Infants—  
Wednesday 15th June*

*6th Class Graduation  
Mass—Friday 24th  
June*

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## Ní neart go cur le chéile



This has been a very busy month in Castlegar NS, with lots going on in every class. The sacraments of Penance, Communion and Confirmation have all been celebrated and everyone involved worked so hard to make these important events in the children's lives so special.

As the weather improves, we have been more active outside. Our camogie, hurling, soccer and handball teams are training hard as there is lots coming up. Well

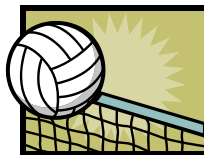
## SPORTS NEWS... ..

There is a lot of good news to report this month in Sports News. The children have been very active and also very successful and we are very proud of them.

Well done to the boys in 5th & 6th Classes who played in the recent local hurling blitz in Renmore. The boys won two matches and drew one. This is a great result and shows how the training is paying off for us.

In the Handball tournament in Claregalway, the children enjoyed

great success. Patrick Delaney was Runner Up in the Under 13s boys, Wonu Sanyaolu was Runner Up in the Under 13s girls, Maebh Madden was Runner Up in the Under 11s, Caoimhe Callaghan and Caoimhe Madden were Runners Up in the girls' doubles and Ify Asogu and John Mongan were Runners Up in the boys' doubles. Well done to all involved and to Ms Gaughan for organising the teams.



Our soccer team were Runners Up also in the Spar Cup in Drom in March.

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## SCHOOL NEWS...

### Parents Classes in your local area

The Eastside Local Education Committee has organised a **Health & Wellness Programme for Parents and Grandparents.**

The Programme is taking place in the Ballybane Library every Wednesday morning from 10-12 noon. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to go.

So far, we have welcomed parents to Make up, Hair & Nail Care and Healthy Heart classes. The attendance has been very high and we hope that people will continue to enjoy the Programme.

Upcoming events include jewellery making, decoupage and a trip to the Eye Cinema.

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If you are interested in joining a class in your local area, please contact Ms Doherty on 087 9403984—there are Computer, English, Cookery,

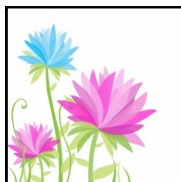
**Junior & Senior Infants**—Mrs O'Connor's class have been very busy continuing their learning theme of Homes this month. The children read and dramatized the story of the Three Little Pigs and they even have a construction site to build the pigs' homes! In their RSE programme, the children are learning how to care of their bodies and they learnt also how to give baby a bath.



**1st & 2nd Class**—the children in Mrs McCormack's class have been studying about butterflies. They have learnt about their life cycle and how they live.. Come see the lovely display outside their room. The children have designed their own shopping centres, using maths concepts to look at shape, plans, dimensions etc. They are most impressive!



**3rd & 4th Class**—Roald Dahl is author of the month in 3rd & 4th Class. The children are reading classics like Matilda, The BFG, The Twits and loads more. They really love them. In art, Ms Kelly has shown the class how to do yarn printing—dip the yarn in paint and make shapes on the paper. It's very cool.



**5th Class**—Ms Gaughan has been doing a lot of nature work with the children. They have planted flowers and vegetables and it will be fun to see them when they are grown. The children have been learning how to sketch in art and they have made some very fine drawings. Long division and long multiplication in maths are being revised and the children love it!



**6th Class**—The boys and girls in Ms Winston's class are learning about the various countries in Scandinavia and their famous cities. They are learning the lovely song See You Again by Wiz Khalifa and Charlie Puth in music. They have done some fabulous summer faces in art using pastels and paint. Come take a look.



### *Aistear in the Junior & Senior Infant Classroom*

The learning theme for the month of June is The Airport. Mrs O'Connor is collecting any unwanted items you may have that is connected to airports, flying, going on holidays etc. If you have old passports, tickets, boarding passes or similar and do not want them, please drop them in to us. We use them to build vocabulary and to make experiences real for the children



**Remember to  
keep checking  
our school  
website  
[www.castlegarns.  
ie](http://www.castlegarns.ie)**



### *Student placement from the University of Cantabria*

Since last February, we have had the very great pleasure of hosting a Spanish student from the University of Cantabria here in the school. Elisa is studying to be a teacher in Spain and as part of her course, chose Galway to carry out her work experience. Elisa has taught in all the classes and the children love her. As well as engaging in teaching mainstream lessons, Elisa has taught the children Spanish vocabulary, songs, games, grammar etc. The children love her and it is a great opportunity to have her here with us. Thanks Elisa!

## Uí neart go cur le chéile



Homes as part of this month's Aistear theme



We have introduced new games on the yard for break times and lunch times. Play Leaders are nominated to help monitor the games so each child can join in different games if they wish. The system is working really well and the children love the new games. Thanks to the older boys and girls who are the Play

### FOGRAÍ



We will be holding a our Junior Infant Intake morning for children coming to us in September on Wednesday 15th June. All incoming Junior Infants will be invited to attend.

As part of the 1916-2016 Easter Rising Centenary Celebrations, the children

have put together a Time Capsule. The Time Capsule contains photos, stories and memories and it is a snapshot of the children's lives in April



2016. It will be opened in ten year's time.

Huge thanks to the students who came to our school through the ALIVE Volunteer Programme in NUI Galway. The students came every week to help with the Homework Club after school on Wednesdays. We hope to link in with the ALIVE programme again next year.

Our annual Sponsored Racecourse Walk will be taking place on Friday 20th May. As always, we get great support from all



An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach  
Child and Family Agency

### Attendance!

School starts at 8:50am. We request that children come to school on time as frequent latecomers disturb classes that are already in progress and they miss vital class time themselves.

We require an explanation as to why your child has missed school upon their return to school after an absence.

Linda Quinn, Educational Welfare Officer visits the school on a monthly basis and reviews and monitors all unexplained or unsatisfactory absences. We are required by law to furnish her with these details.

At the end of year school Mass, we will be recognising the best overall attendance, the five days or less children, the best class attendance and the best improved class attendance. It is important to recognise good attendance and so pro-



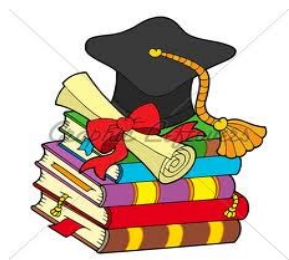
mote it within the school on a the children and families and everyone looks forward to the yearly event. All are welcome, come join in the fun!

One session of swimming lessons is arranged for the children 6th for in 3rd-classes





## Celebrating Communion and Confirmation in Castlegar NS



**SN Cholmcille  
Naofa**



Seanfhocal na seachtaine  
**Ná comhair do chuid sicíní  
sula dtagann said amach**



*Communion Class 2016*



*Confirmation Class 2016*



### Parents' Association

At the end of year school Mass, we will be holding a Raffle here in the school. Lots of fun prizes will be raffled. The tickets will be available for all children and families who wish to take part. Thanks from the Parents' Association to all the families for their support over the past year. It is wonderful to have such supportive parents and the PA looks forward to organising



### STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

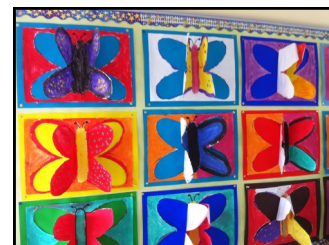


The Student Council are enjoying a very busy few weeks, organising two very important events in the school calendar—Crazy Hair Day and the C Factor!

Crazy Hair Day will take place on Friday 13th May, with money raised being donated to Crumlin Children's Hospital Please support this very worthy cause that is great fun too.

The C Factor Talent Show will take place in June and children are practicing their acts

### Art in Castlegar NS



### *The life cycle of a butterfly*

