



NUACHTLITIR Ó SCOIL NÁISIÚNTA CHOLMCILLE NAOFA



Feabhra/Márta 2016



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> Dates for your Diary

*Service of Light, Confirmation class—
Wednesday 9th March
7pm*

*Confirmation Mass—
Tuesday 15th March
11am*

*Easter Holidays, school
closing—Wednesday
16th March 12pm*

*School reopens—
Monday 4th April*

*Communion Mass—
Saturday 9th April
10am*

*Book Fair in school—
22nd-29th April*

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Say hello to spring!

Spring has finally arrived! Mornings are brighter and evenings are a little bit longer. The feeling of growth and new life is all around at this time of year. We look forward to nicer weather and fun times outside in the fresh air. Come in and see our school garden and look at all the budding flowers and plants. Spring is finally here!

SPORTS NEWS... ..

As always, there are lots of physical activities ongoing in Castlegar NS.

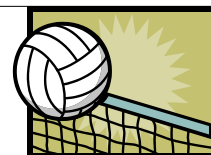


On the 8th and 10th March, the Spar FAI soccer blitz will be taking place in Drom for the older classes. Girls

will be playing on the 8th March and boys on the 10th March. Please ensure that your child has the proper gear.

The children are still practicing their handball skills at lunch breaks. The handball tournaments will be taking place after the Easter holidays, in the last term.

Hurling training is still ongoing with Tom every Friday. The children are also practicing



ing on the pitch for PE and during breaks.

Unfortunately, the Cross Country championships scheduled for early March has been postponed due to ground conditions in Renmore. It is not known yet if the run can be rescheduled just yet.

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 classes around the local area, Ballybane, Tirellan and more, all offering interesting activities for adults.

If you are interested in joining a class in your local area, please contact Ms Doherty on 087 9403984—there are Computer, English, Cookery, Woodwork and many others to choose from.

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



Junior & Senior Infants—Mrs O'Connor's children have been learning about the season of spring and all about the new life in the plant and animal kingdom. They have been learning spring poems and songs to go with this theme. Come in and see their new house in the classroom—it's very cosy!

1st & 2nd Class—Ms Seagrave's class has been working hard learning all about fractions and they are even able to add and subtract them! They have also been learning about all types of houses and homes—bungalows, cottages, two-storey, mobiles. It is amazing to see all the different places we can live in.

3rd & 4th Class—the children in Ms Kelly's class have done some very cool works of geometric art. They have put all sorts of shapes together and the result is very impressive. They have also written some very good diary entries from Famine times in their personal writing classes.

5th Class—Ms Gaughan's class were learning all about space and the solar system and they made some fabulous rockets from recycled material—they are out of this world! They also learnt

about the Aztec people and there are lovely Aztec faces outside their room.



6th Class—the children in 6th class have been very busy preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Best of luck to them on their big day, which is taking place on 15th March. They have been learning about the Americas too—from north to central to south America—they know all about them!



Confirmation Celebrations

We wish the children in 6th Class well as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have been preparing for the last number of weeks, learning hymns and prayers and reflecting on their own consciences. All children attended a Retreat in Esker Monastery to further aid their preparation and there will be a final Service of Light on Wednesday 9th March at 7pm in Castlegar Church.

The Confirmation Mass will take place in Castlegar Church on Tuesday 15th March at 11am.

Hola!

We are very lucky to have been chosen by the University of Cantabria in northern Spain to host a student in our school for two months.



We are delighted to welcome Elisa, our student, who will work with all classes throughout the school. Elisa will teach Spanish to the older children and she will broaden her teaching experience by observing here in the school also.

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Spring art in Castlegar NS...



Galway 1916 Experience

The children from 5th & 6th Classes have been invited to the Mick Lally Theatre in Druid Lane in the city to participate in a special 1916 centenary commemorative event. Dave Swift, renowned archaeologist, will host the event, giving the children an opportunity

to experience life in early 20th Century Ireland. A large display of weaponry, uniforms, ceramics, coinage and glassware will be available for the children to see. Dave will also provide an overview of events of the Easter Rising at a local and national level.



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Aistear tutor

Congratulations to Mrs O'Connor who is becoming an Aistear tutor with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. This means that Mrs O'Connor will be advising other Junior & Senior Infants teachers on how to implement the Aistear curriculum in their

schools. Aistear is the new way of working in junior classrooms, allowing the children to discover and learn about the world around them through experiential play. Well done Mrs O'Connor!

Punctuality

We would like to remind parents about getting children to school on time for 8:50am for the start of school. We are aware that the current roadworks may cause

a delay but we urge you to be as punctual as possible. When children are constantly arriving late to class, it causes disruptions for other children and indeed for their own learning if they miss class every morning.



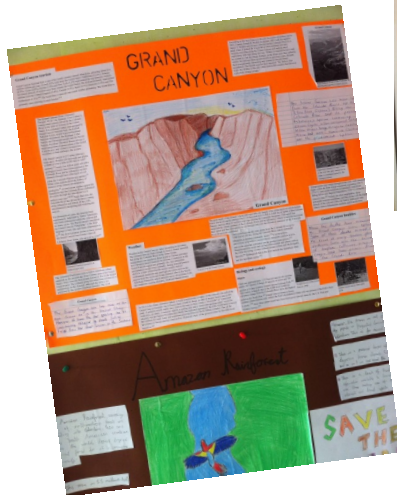
Absences

Should your child be absent from school, we remind you

to please bring in a note to explain the absence. The Educational Welfare Officer with Tusla, Linda Quinn, visits our school regularly to monitor children's attendance. We are required to give statistics on absenteeism and also reasons for this. The onus is on the parents to ensure that we pass on the correct information. Please give your child an explanatory note upon his/her return to school.



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*Project work and art
from around the
school...*



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council are busy preparing for the upcoming Lá Ghlas, which celebrates all things Irish—our Irish language, culture, dance, song etc. We will be celebrating our Lá Ghlas just in time for St Patrick's day so there will be lots of green to be seen!



Condolences

The staff and children of Castlegar NS offer their sincere sympathies to Ms Coleman, whose mum recently passed away, We are thinking of her and her family, especially as the celebrations of Mothers Day takes place.



Hello and Goodbye!

We would like to wish Ms Seagrave all the very best for the future as her time with 1st & 2nd Class comes to an end. The children had a wonderful time with Ms Seagrave since she started last September and she will be missed very much.



We look forward to welcoming Mrs McCormack back to Castlegar NS after her maternity leave. It's hard to believe it has passed so quickly!

