

Scoil Maelruain News

March 2023.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



Principal's Corner

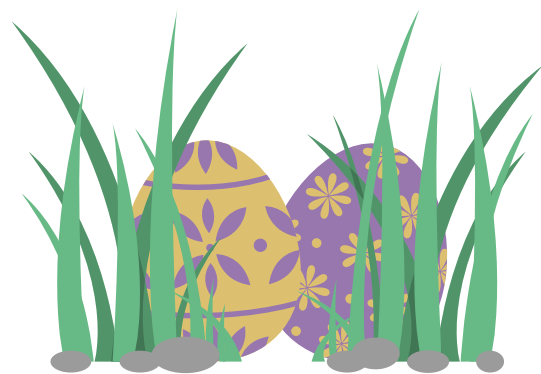
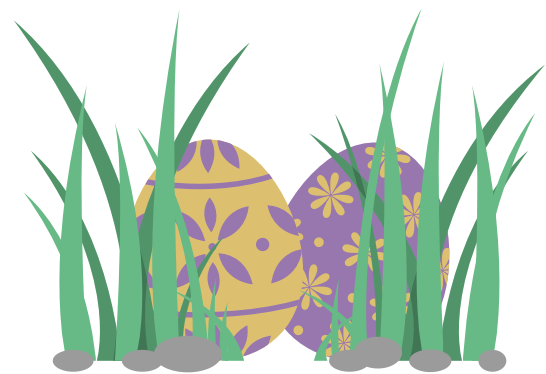
We have had a very busy March! The children had a wonderful two weeks celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge, we had our 'Lá Glas', 'Céilí' agus an 'Trá na gCeist'. It was lovely to hear children chattering 'as Gaeilge' tríd an scoil!

We would like to thank the PA for organising the Readathon for the school. The fundraising will raise much needed funds for school resources.

We would also like to thank the PA and the parents who are helping with our Library every Tuesday and Wednesday. Their support means that our children get to visit the school library weekly. Children are borrowing and returning books of their choice to read at school and at home.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

Mrs. Claire Durr.



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Health & Safety for Spring 2023.

We are delighted that over the Mid-Term we were able to get the pathways widened. We now have room for parents to walk both to and from the school on the paths.

We would like to thank those parents who continue to use the pathways when walking their children through the school grounds.

We appreciate your continued support!



Important Dates.



Easter:

School closes on **Friday 31st March @ 12.00pm** and re-opens on Monday 17th April.

May 2023:

1st & 2nd May: School is closed both days.

12th May: School will close for a half day to facilitate teacher training. **School will close at 12pm .**

13th May: Communions for all four 2nd classes.

10am: Ms. O'Sullivan and Mr. Brady's classes.

12.30pm: Ms. McGrath and Ms. Bradley/Ms. White's classes.

19th May: School is closed for teacher training for the **full day on the 19th May.**

24th May-Senior Infant Tour.

31st May-Junior Infant Tour.

June 2023:

5th & 6th June: School is closed on both days.

7th June-First Class Tour.

8th June-Second Class Tour.

30th June: School will close at 12pm for the Summer Holidays.

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First Holy Communion

2nd class children will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May.

There will be two Communion Masses on the day.

The ceremony for Ms. O' Sullivan's and Mr. Brady's class will commence at 10am while the ceremony for Ms. McGrath's and Ms. Bradley/Mrs. White's class will commence at 12.30pm.

The PA will host tea and coffee in the school after each ceremony. We send the children, parents and teachers our best wishes as they continue to prepare for their special day.



A reminder about School Tracksuits.



All school tracksuits will be available from:

'Sisters' in Tallaght Village Green.

The school will no longer be selling them from the office.



Irish Dance Classes

The Mowlds Academy of Irish Dancing will re-commence Irish dance classes in the school every Wednesday at 2.30pm after the Easter break.

Irish dance teacher, Natalie Mowlds has twenty years experience and has been holding classes in Scoil Maelruain for the last twelve years.

Through the classes, Natalie encourages each child's natural ability to move and dance while in turn teaching basic Irish dancing steps in a fun way.

For further details, contact Natalie on 087 7471957.



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Happy Campers at Easter.

Best of luck to all the children participating in the 'Happy Campers' Easter Camp next week.

The camp will run from Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th April inclusive with lots of fun activities planned for all participants!

We hope you all have a great time!



Aldi Sports Equipment Competition.

A big 'thank you' to all our school community who continue to send in tokens from Aldi to be in with a chance to win some sports equipment for our school.

Aldi are offering the chance for a school to win €50,000 of equipment if we can fill a poster with 300 spaces with tokens customers receive when the shop instore.

We need 300. Tokens are rewarded for €25 spent in an Aldi store.

We once again thank you for your efforts with this initiative!



The School Library

There has been a great a buzz in the school lately with the re-launch of the 'School Library.'

Each week, classes get to go the school library, browse through the vast collection and choose a book to borrow for reading at home.

We look forward to hearing about all the exciting stories being read by the children over the next few months!



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Seachtain na Gaeilge 2023.

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge from 1st - 17th March. The children enjoyed daily activities through Gaeilge such as popular songs, traditional poems, dances and co-operative games.

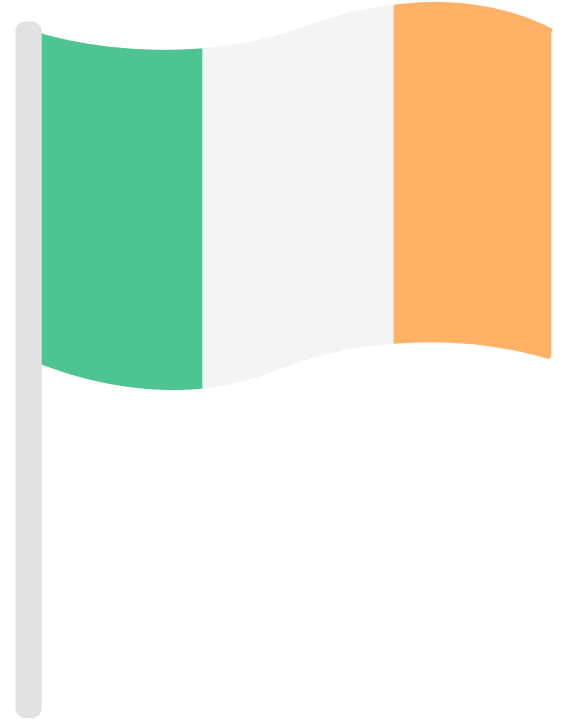
Our particular focus was on Gaeilge neamhfhoirmiúl (informal Irish) - to foster and encourage the use of Gaeilge throughout the day in a practical, yet fun way.

We continue to use Gaeilge in this positive and enjoyable way.

Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh siad!

Mrs. Ciara Byrne.

Acting Gaeilge Co-ordinator



News from Room 15.

In Ms. Mitchell's room this term, the children have been very busy with the 'Lift Off To Literacy' programme each morning. The children have loved working with the other teachers and have had a wonderful opportunity to learn and develop their reading and writing skills. Ms. Mitchell is very impressed with their progress!

They have also been working in Maths Stations to make sure they all get a chance to play small group games with Ms. Mitchell each day. They especially love to play on the large whiteboard and then practice new games on Fridays!

They have been learning about changes in Spring and even grew some vegetables. The boys and girls can't wait to eat them!

Ms. E. Mitchell.



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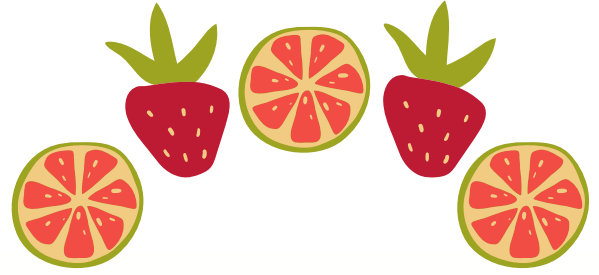
Food Dudes

From next month, Scoil Maelruain Junior is participating in the *Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme*.

This programme aims to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables. The Department of Health recommends that children (and adults) eat 5 - 7 portions of fruit and vegetables each day. However, many children currently eat less than this. The programme is managed in Ireland by Bord Bia and receives financial support from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the European Union through the School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme.

The aim of the programme is to encourage children to try fruit and vegetables and come to enjoy the taste of the foods. They also come to think of themselves as healthy eaters who enjoy fruit and vegetables. The programme takes only a small amount of time in school but will result in health benefits for all who participate.

We look forward to seeing all all the lovely fruit in our school next month!



School Tours 2023

The children will be delighted to hear that the dates for our School Tours have been announced!

Junior Infants-Wednesday 31st May-Glenroe Farm.

Senior Infants-Wednesday 24th May-Airfield Estate.

First Class-Wednesday 7th June-Lullymore Heritage Centre.

Second Class-Thursday 8th June-Dublin Zoo.

We are asking for Garda Vetted Parents to volunteer to come along to assist on school tour days. If you would like to volunteer and have availability on the above days, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.



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Parents' Association



Fundraising:

Readathon – February 2023.

The Readathon held during the February mid-term break raised €3,795. Thank you so much for this amazing generosity. These funds will go towards buying Giant Polytron equipment for use in the school yards.

Pre-Loved Uniforms – June 2023.

This year we will arrange a pre-loved uniforms sale in June 2023. We want to normalise the reusing of clothing, which has two benefits:

1. Making it possible for parents to buy second hand uniforms and help with the increased cost of living.
2. Reduce our environmental footprint as a Green School and teach our children by supporting a recycling culture directly within the school family.

We will be looking for uniforms that families are finished with to setup a pop up shop in June.

Volunteers' Needed 13th May - Communion Refreshments.

As you will have seen earlier in the newsletter, Communions are taking place on the 13th May and the Parents' Association will be hosting the traditional Communion Gathering for children and their families after each Communion Mass. This will include tea, coffee and maybe something sweet.

We will also have a photographer in the school to take family photos. Payment will be directly between parents and the photographer.

To host this event, we will need volunteers to help out on the morning, any time you can between 9.30am and 2.00pm. If you can help on the day, please contact scoilmaelruainjrpa@gmail.com

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