

Scoil Maelruain News

March 2024.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



A message from our Principal.

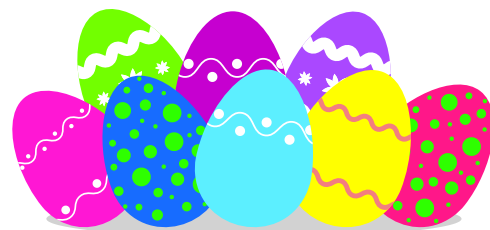
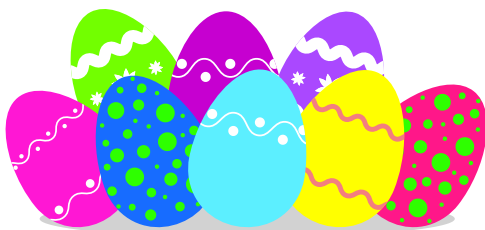
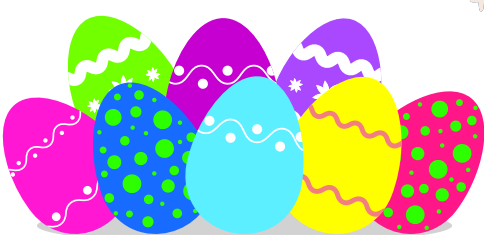
Happy Easter to all our families. I would like to give a big well done to our children in completing another term. They have been busy! They have been learning lots of interesting things about Spring,

Our 1st and 2nd classes are working with Stephen to learn some hurling skills and we had a fantastic week celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back for our third and final term of 2024 in April.

Have a happy and healthy Easter Holiday Break!

Mrs. Claire Durr.



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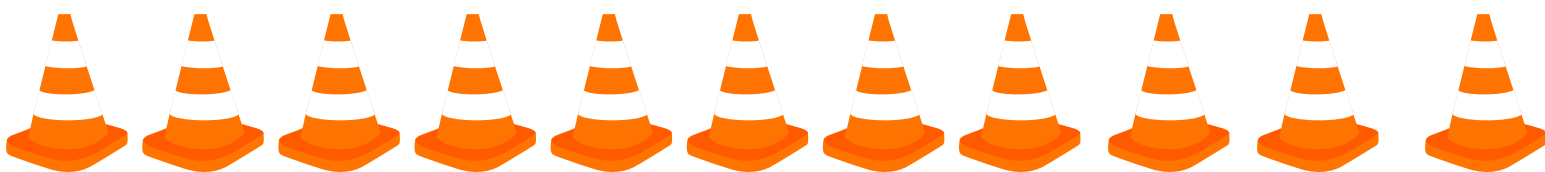
Health & Safety Information.

Thanks so much to those parents and students that are using the school pathways to enter the school grounds. We would also like to thank parents and students for making sure that gates are closed during school hours. We really appreciate your efforts to keep our students safe.

We have a few health and safety reminders that we would like to bring to your attention.

- **Parents using the car park for drop off and pick up for after school activities are asked to reverse park and accompany children through the car park.**
- Dogs are **not allowed** on school premises.
- We would encourage all parents to enter and exit the school grounds through the gate closest to the playground and not to use the gate by the car park.
- If you need to access the grounds during the school hours please ensure that the gates are left closed behind you.
- We would ask that children **dismount** their 'vehicles' at the school gates and **walk** them through the school grounds.

Your children's safety is paramount, and we appreciate your support with these measures.



Parent-Teacher Communication.

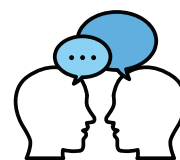
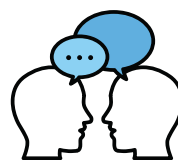
Teachers are unable to speak with parents at the doors in the morning.

Communication with teachers is done through the **Aladdin Connect App**. Teachers will review their notifications at the end of the school day. For this reason they may not be answered immediately.

For urgent communication please contact the office by phone 01-4510706 or by email scoilmaelruainjunior@gmail.com

Parents can also record reasons for absences both before and after through the **Aladdin Connect App**.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



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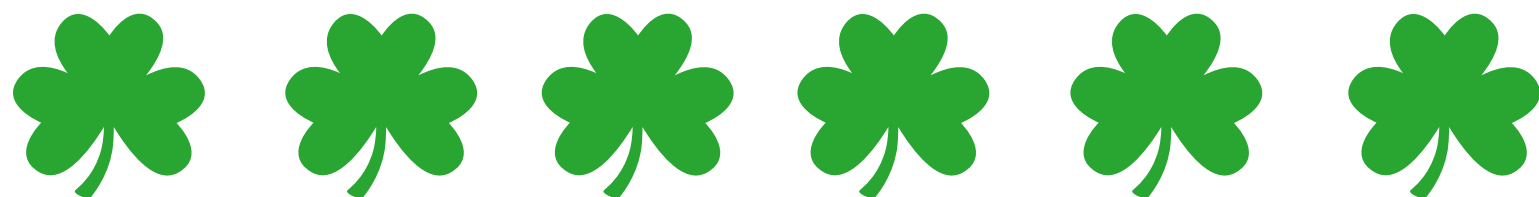
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Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Last week our school celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge! The children had great fun learning lots of new things, partaking in quizzes, activities, colouring competitions, listening to Irish stories and music to name just a few.

We even had a visit from a very special sporting visitor with two cups!

Well done to all the boys and girls for their participation!



Helping Hands.



We are once again looking for Parent Helping Hands.

We would like parents to help out with the following:

- To accompany children to and from the church;
- To accompany children on school tours;
- To accompany children to sporting events.
- To help with Maths activities;
- To help out with Literacy activities;

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

How do I get involved?

All Parent Helping Hands need to be Garda Vetted through the school. You need to bring in proof of address and a photo ID (Passport/Drivers license) to the school and fill in an Application Form at the office ASAP.

We need to submit a form to Archbishop's House. They will then email you an e-form which you must return within 7 days otherwise the form will expire and you will need to begin the process all over again. When the 'Vetting' comes through you will be informed by Archbishop's House and the Declaration will also be sent to the school.



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Irish Dancing.

The Mowlds Academy of Irish Dancing are continuing to hold Irish dance classes after school.

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.



School Closures

March 2024:

School is closed Monday 18th March

School will close on Friday 22nd March at 12.00pm

School is closed from Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April.

May 2024

School is closed from Monday 6th - Friday 10th May inclusive

School Tours:

1st Class Tour 6th June

2nd Class Tour 7th June



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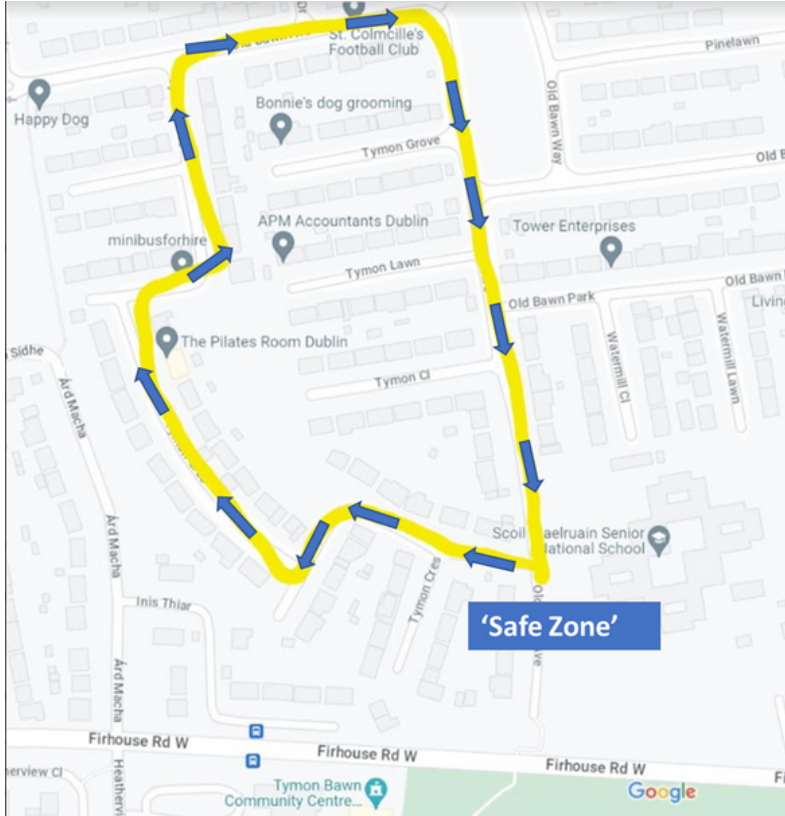
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Parents' Association



Safe Streets.



We were delighted to welcome our Local Community policy to guide our traffic management last week and would like to thank all the families who were supportive.

The safety of the pupils of our school is paramount and having our Safe Zone allows children to come to school in a secure way.



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Parent's Association.*

Safety Ted – Scoil Maelruains New Safety Mascot

Our new Safety Mascot has received a name, Meet Safety Ted! Well done to Bill Starkey (Junior Infants) who is our winner for naming our Safety Mascot! Bill received a €50 voucher for Smyths Toy Store and his picture has been framed. We will also arrange for a T-shirt for Safety Ted and will put his name on the back so watch this space!

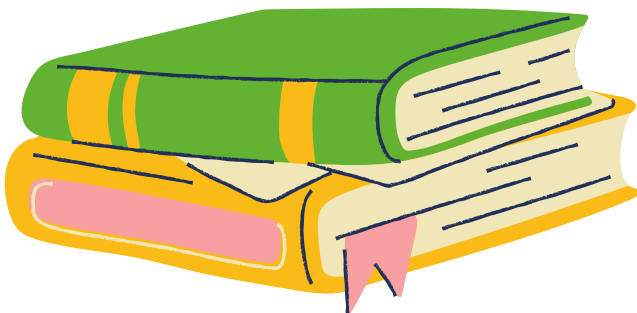
Congratulations also to Isabella Kearns (2nd class) who came 2nd with Mighty Miles. Isabella received a €30 voucher for Smyths toy store and picture framed.

Congratulations to Alia Coughlin (1st Class) who came third with Safety Steve. Alia received a €20 voucher for Smyths toy store and picture framed.

Finally, we would like to thank all the children and parents who supported the Safety Mascot Competition along with the school faculty and the Green Schools Committee for selecting our fantastic winner and runner ups! Feedback has been positive, and the Parents Association really appreciate everyone's engagement.

World Book Day

Scoil Maelruain are celebrating World Book Day on 23rd of April 2024 and to celebrate this event the Parents Association are inviting the children to take part in our Sponsored Dress Up by donating €2 per child which then allows the Parents Association to apply for free books for the school library.



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School Library Volunteers.

The Parents Association are currently looking to increase the number of volunteers to help in the School Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Volunteers do not need to be available every week as we welcome as much support from Parents as you can provide to help run the school library. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gillian Doyle on 0876630665.

Family Quiz Night – New Date.

The Parents Association have rescheduled the Family Quiz Night to take place on *12th April 2024 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm*. For those who have previously registered to attend but this new date does not suit please contact Gillian Doyle 0876630665 to receive a refund.

National Parents Council Training

We would like to remind you that training for the Parents Association has been arranged to take place over Zoom on *Tuesday 19th March at 7:30 pm*. The link will be circulated closer to the date. The training session is being provided by the National Parents Council with the aim to provide a clear understanding of the various roles on the Parents Association and to begin to explore what Parental Involvement should entail, both in the home and in the school. This is in line with the National Strategy to Improve Literacy and Numeracy among children and young people, which outlines the role of parents in their children's education both in the home and in the school.

All are welcome to attend!



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Happy Campers-Easter 2024.

Best Wishes to the 'Happy Campers' who embark on their camp this Easter.

We hope you have lots of fun participating in games, arts, crafts and a lot more enjoyable activities!



Music Concert

Well done to all the boys and girls who are attending music lessons with Mr. S. Brady and performed a concert for their families recently.

They also performed for the school as part of 'Seachtain na Gaeilge.'

We look forward to hearing lots more musical melodies from this talented bunch in the years ahead!



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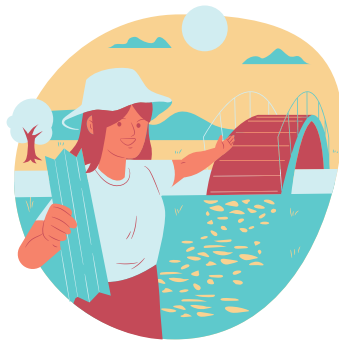
Helping Hands for School Tours 2024.

School tours will be fast approaching later in the year, and teachers may require some parents to accompany their class to help with supervision.

If you are interested in helping out you must be Garda vetted through the school.

If you do not already have this vetting then please do so as a matter of urgency as the waiting time for vetting can be lengthy.

To put yourself forward for vetting please contact Valerie in the office.



All-Ireland Winners Visit.

We were all overjoyed to receive a visit from some Dublin All-Ireland Men's & Ladies' Football champions 2023.

The atmosphere in the halla was electric as the boys and girls welcomed both the Sam Maguire and Brendan Martin cups to the school.

Some children were also lucky enough to ask their favourite G.A.A. players a question about life as an All-Ireland winner. Stephen Stewart from Thomas Davis G.A.A. club also attended on the day.

Thank you for visiting. A great morning was had by all!

