

Scoil Maelruain News

June 2024.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



A message from our Principal.

Another year has passed in Scoil Maelruain Junior. It has been a great pleasure to see how much the children have grown.

They have experienced Science, Engineering, Wellbeing, Seactaine na Gaeilge, Literacy and Active Weeks, gone on outings and tours, had author and class visits, earned another Green Flag, a Silver Award in Curious Minds, Science Foundation Ireland and learnt so so much with their teachers this year!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our teaching and SNA staff, secretary Valerie, caretaker Gary and housekeeping staff, Catherine and Dana for all their hard work this year. Without them the children would not have such an enriching learning experience.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our very active Parents Association who have supported the school by:

- Going on tours and outings.
- Providing a weekly library service.
- Supporting our 'Safe Street' initiative.
- Providing a 'Communion Breakfast' for our Second Class families.
- Supporting our 'Active Start' programme for the incoming Junior Infants.
- Organising and promoting various fundraising events.
- Providing support to staff and school in a variety of different ways throughout the school year.

The staff of Scoil Maelruain Junior would like to wish you all a happy and healthy summer break and are looking forward to welcoming all of the children back on the 29th August 2024.

Mrs. Claire Durr.



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School Closures.

June 2024:

School closes Friday 28th June at 11.55am for Infant classes and 12pm for 1st and 2nd classes.

August 2024:

School will reopen for all classes, except Junior Infants, on 29th August at 8.50am and finish at either 1.30pm (Senior Infants) or 2.30pm (1st and 2nd Classes)

Junior Infants: August/September 2024 Times:

- 29th August - 30th September 9.30am - 11.30am.
- 2nd - 6th September 8.50am - 11.45am.
- 9th September on 8.50am - 1.30pm.



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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Junior Infant School Tour.

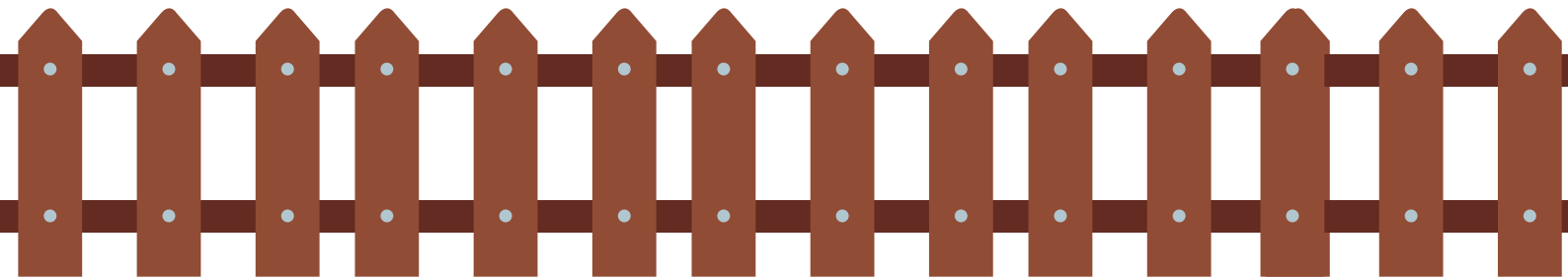
"On Thursday the 30th of May we went to Glenroe Farm on our school tour. We were very excited about this because we had been learning all about farm animals in school. We couldn't wait to see them in real life.

We left shortly after 9am. The journey on the bus was so much fun! When we arrived at the farm, we met our tour guides. The tour guides brought us all around the farm and introduced us to the different animals. We saw pigs, sheep, horses, goats, birds and we even got to pet a rabbit!

After we saw all the animals, we had a big picnic on the benches. Then, it was time for the playground. It was amazing! There were monkey bars, slides and swings and so much more. We wanted to stay there all day but eventually we had to say goodbye to all our new friends at the farm and start our journey home."



By: Ms. Ní Choileáin's Junior Infants.



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Senior Infant School Tour.

Our Senior Infants recently embarked on their school tour to Clonfert Farm.

When the bus arrived back to Scoil Maelruain Junior, we took a trip down to Ms. Crowley's class to ask some of the students what they thought about their day 'down on the farm.'

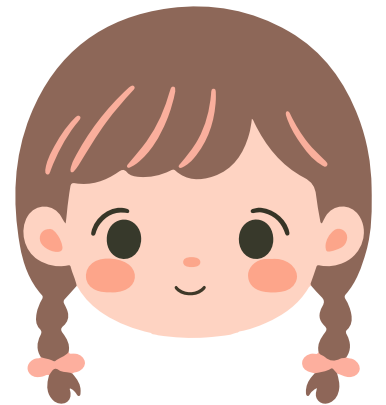
"We went to Clonfert farm.
My favourite part was all of
it!"

Ollie Sinnott



"We played, saw animals and went go-
carting.
My favourite animal was the horse
and the baby lamb,
she was so cute!"

Lacie Morris.



"We did go carting, mini golf
and saw lots of animals.
I really liked seeing the guinea pig
and had a great time in the ball
pit and soft play area."

Holly McGrattan
& Ollie Ward.



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First & Second Class School Tour.

"First Classes visited Lullymore Heritage Park for our school tour. We saw farm animals, such as goats, pigs and horses and even two alpacas! We visited a famine cottage, a hedge school and a crannóg, and learned all about how people lived long ago in Ireland.

We got to ride a special train which brought us around the Bog of Allen, on which Lullymore is located. When we all jumped together, we made the ground shake, like a mini-earthquake!

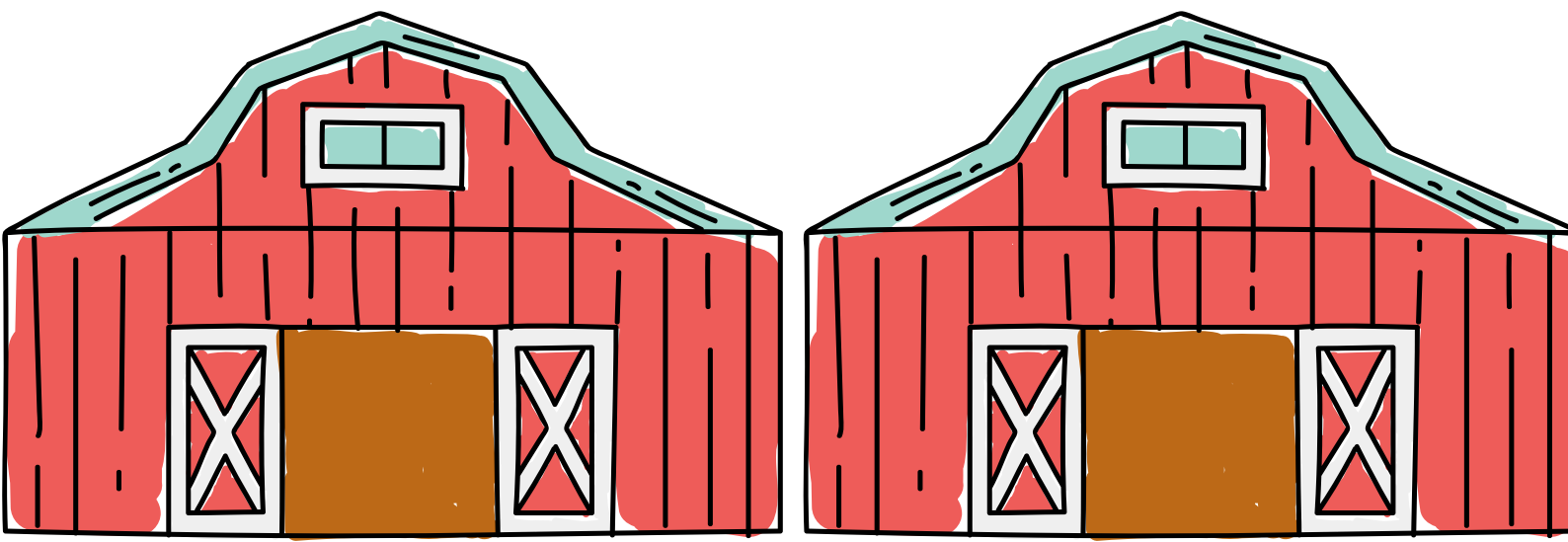
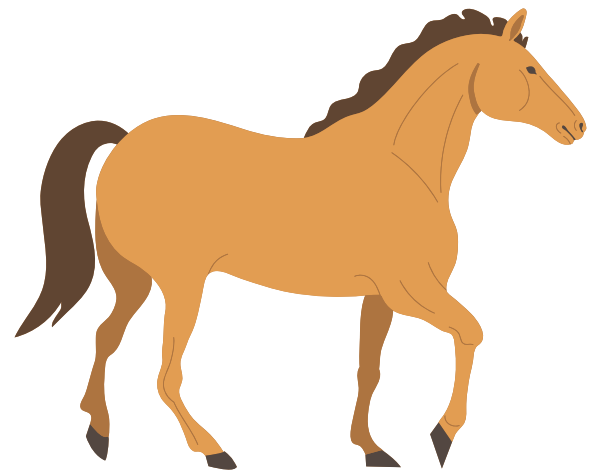
Some of us were lucky enough to spot fairies in the Fairy Garden, but we had to really concentrate because they were very quick!

We had a wonderful time playing in the Funky Forest play area, and then outside in the playground."

By: Mrs. Byrne's First Class.

"We went to 'The National Stud' in Kildare. It was lots of fun. We got to feed the horses and our tour guide told us about all the horses and race horses they have there. We got to see some foals and some were even sleeping! We also got to learn about the equipment and how to use it. We got to eat in the playground and play afterwards in it. Our favourite thing was spending time with our friends.'

By: Harriet Fry & Chloe Kenna.-Second Class.



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More success for Scoil Maelruain Junior.

The children of Scoil Maelruain Junior received their STEM -Curious Minds Award (Science Foundation Ireland) recently. They participated in lots of class based STEM activities throughout the year as well as during Science Week and Engineering Week.

The Green School's Committee and all the children of Scoil Maelruain Junior were very excited to raise their tenth Green Flag during this week. This flag has been awarded for Global Citizenship – Food and Biodiversity.

Another reason to celebrate was that we harvested our vegetable crop from the School Garden. The children of Second Class enjoyed a side salad and some mashed potato with their lunch on Wednesday.

Many thanks are extended to Ms. J. McGrath for co-ordinating these two initiatives.

Pictured below: Scoil Maelruain Junior staff members, Mrs. Bernie Hudson & Mr. Gary Phelan raising the 'Green Schools Flag.'



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An afternoon of music and song!

The children from Mrs Byrne's and Mr Brady's classes hosted a special concert for grandparents and parents.

We sang songs like, 'Let it Be' by the Beatles, Elton John's 'I'm Still Standing', 'Country Roads' by John Denver, and our show-stopping 'Sweet Caroline'!

We wanted to show our appreciation for everything that our grandparents do for us.

We wore fun, summertime accessories to bring a dash of colour!

A special candle was lighting during our concert to remember grandparents who are no longer with us.

Some children played instruments, such as guitars, tin whistles and even bongos.

We hope the grandparents enjoyed the concert as much as we enjoyed performing!



Active Week & Sports Day 2024.

Active Week and Sports Day, co-ordinated by Ms. E. Burns have both proven to be a huge success this year. It was wonderful to see the children active and enjoying sporting activities. Second Class students; **Jackson Coughlan, Evan Tache & Casey O' Grady** now reflect on their experience of Sport Day.

" We had our 'Sports Day' recently. We took part in the egg and spoon race, three legged race, skipping and running race. We also took part in the wheelbarrow race where lots of people fell over. We all had a great day."



Well done!



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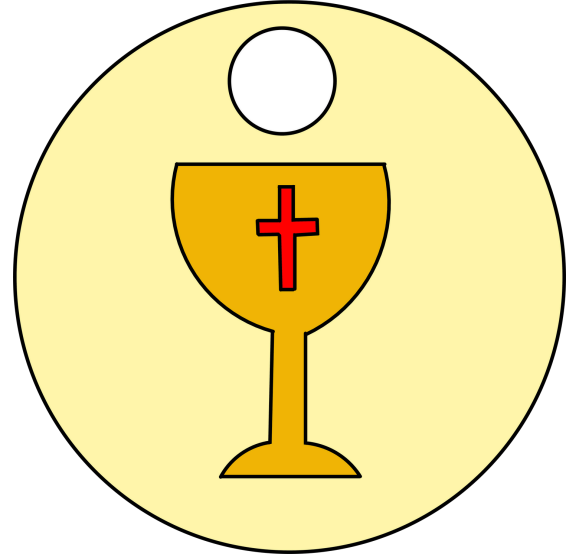
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Congratulations to our First Holy Communion students.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Church of St. Martin de Porres last month.

All the children had a very special day and are to be commended for their beautiful singing and excellent participation in the Mass.

After the Mass, the children and their families went back to the school for refreshments and treats.



Poetry Corner.

In Our Class

by Mrs. O' Neill's Second Class.

*Running together,
In our class,
Making friends,
In our class,
Playing games,
In our class,
Enjoying P.E.,
In our class,
Eating ice pops,
In our class,
Helping others,
In our class,
Kind people,
In our class.*



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Farewell to Second Class.

As the academic year draws to a close, we bid a fond farewell to all our Second Class students as they depart to go to Scoil Maelruain Senior.

We thank them for all they have contributed to school life here at Scoil Maelruain Junior and wish them every success in the Senior School.

Before they depart, Second Class students, **Dior Cornwall, Chloe Hudson & Lucy Madden** take some time to reflect on their time in Scoil Maelruain Junior.

"We will miss the Junior School. We will miss all the teachers. We all love the Junior School. We hope to come back and visit. We have lots of memories of the Junior school like sports days, our First Holy Communion and school tours. We look forward to continuing our journey in the Senior School."

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'Happy Campers' descend on Scoil Maelruain Junior this Summer!

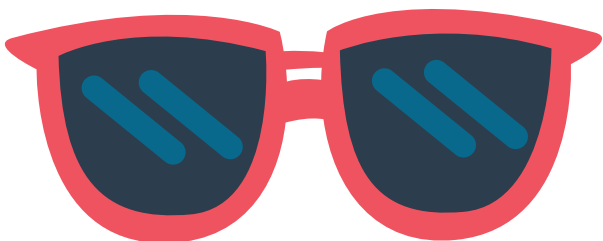
Garda Visit for Second Classes.

Best Wishes are extended to all of our student 'Happy Campers' who will participate in their fun and exciting camp this Summer.

There was great excitement last month as An Garda Síochana visited our school.

We hope you all have an amazing time and that the sun will shine!

The children were shown a new state of the art Garda Bike, car and van. The Gardaí also told the children about the work they complete every day. Many thanks to the Gardaí facilitating this visit.



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Parents' Association.

Fundraising Update:

The Parents Association held a Bingo Night on 31 st May 2024 where we raised €230, and a fun night was had by all! Due to the success of the Family Nights (Bingo & Family Quiz) we will be looking to host future events in 2024/2025 school year with the first being in the 1st school term.

A Bake Sale and Raffle was held on 21 st June 2024 where €1,615.60 was raised. We would like to thank all the parents and children who baked or dropped in cakes for the bake sale! We have some fantastic pastry chefs in our community – if only we had The Irish Bake Off! The kids had a fantastic time picking out their cakes and for the 1st and 2nd class they got the opportunity to practice their Maths skills! There were some leftovers on the day and these have been donated to the Tallaght Caring Food Table to help feed the homeless!

Over this school year parents and children have supported every fundraising activity that the Parents Association have hosted – THANK YOU! All fundraising raised is going towards technology for our school, e.g., new iPad's, interactive whiteboards etc.

Best of Luck:

The Parents Association would like to wish all our 2nd class students the very best of luck as they continue their learning journey when they move to the Senior school in August this year. Also, a massive thank you to parents who have supported the school over the past 4 years – without you a lot of what we do could not be achieved and you will be missed! We wish you and your families all the best!



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2024/2025 School Year:

Hard to believe that we are already planning the 2024/2025 school year when the summer is only starting! The Parents Association will host a Teddy Bear Picnic on **Tuesday 27th August 2024** to welcome students back to school! Further details will be communicated closer to the time.

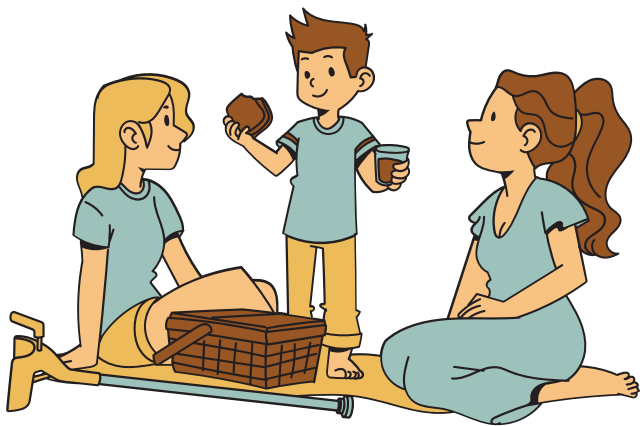
We will host coffee mornings for parents of Junior Infants on **29th and 30th August 2024** to welcome them to the school. We are also looking at hosting regular coffee mornings in the new school year so parents can meet and get to know other parents. Further details to come!

We are also planning on holding the Parents Association AGM in September 2024. A date and time will be communicated closer to the time.

End of School Year Thank You!

We would like to thank the parents, Mrs. Durr, Teachers, SNA's, Valerie, and Gary who all go above and beyond every day to ensure that our children have the best educational experience that they can get! We are amazed at the dedication, hard work, and support that our school has – we are the Dream Team!

We hope that you all have a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you in the new school year.



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A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.
Our Art Gallery.



By:

Jerry Chen.



By:

Esmé Nestor.