



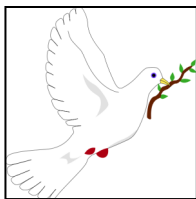
Gaelscoil an Chaistil

Márta / March 2015



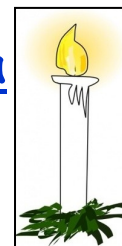
We had a really busy and exciting **Seachtain na Gaeilge** (Gaelic Language Week) of celebrations. We held a quiz for the children from Rang 1 to Rang 7. The children really enjoyed being in different teams and working together. A massive well done to the winners of the quiz - Na Bearnaí Cliste: Tadhg Barra, Somhairle, Peadar, Aoife, Sadhbh, Hannah and Cillian Fionn. Our older children from Rang 5 - 7 visited our younger children in the Naíscóil and Rang 1 to read some familiar stories to them. We ran a school competition to design a poster highlighting the meaning of one your favourite Gaelic words. Congratulations to all the winners below. To finish off our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations we had a school concert where lots of children took to the stage to sing, play instruments and recite poems. They were all fantastic! We had a whole school céilí at the end of the day which proved to be lots of craic! **Maith sibh uilig a ghlac páirt!**





Ag ceiliúradh sacraimintí Caitliceacha

Celebrating Catholic sacraments



The school's Rang 3 and 7 children from a Catholic background celebrated important milestones in their childhood on Thursday 12 March surrounded by their family and friends. Rang 7 children celebrated their Service of Light in preparation for their Confirmation. With the support of their family and school, the children renewed their baptismal vows and made a conscious decision to lead the best life they possibly can. The children from Rang 3, who made their First Confession, showed a new level of maturity in recognising their responsibility to say sorry for their wrongs and trying to do better. The evening was a success with a great turn out from the school community. The school would like to thank all staff and pupils who worked hard in preparation for the occasion. The school community would like to thank Fr. Daly and Fearghal, the sacristan, for their help. We would also like to thank An tAthair Alan Mac Eochagáin who travelled from Belfast to celebrate the services with us. And finally we would like to thank the parents of Rang 3 and 7 for all your support to the school and to your children throughout their school journey.



Buíochas

We would like to say a massive 'go raibh maith agat' to Úna Nic Giolla Fhinnéin who has been working diligently with Rang 6/7 for the past 8 weeks as part of her teaching practice. We wish her all the best for the future.



Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine



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02/03/15 - 06/03/15

Naíscoil: Travis
Rang 1: Erin
Rang 2: Sadhbh
Rang 3: Aoife
Rang 4: Ethan
Rang 5: Séamus
Rang 6: Cabhán
Rang 7: Conrad

Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine

09/03/15 - 13/03/15

Naíscoil: Aoife
Rang 1: Coránn
Rang 2: Fiadh
Rang 3: Naomi
Rang 4: Isla
Rang 5: CJ
Rang 6: Clíodhna
Rang 7: Conleth

Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine

18/03/15 - 20/03/15

Naíscoil: Maebh
Rang 1: Hannah + Caoimhin
Rang 2: Aoife
Rang 3: Molláí
Rang 4: Óisín
Rang 5: Séamus
Rang 6: Erin Dubh
Rang 7: Séamas Seosamh

Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine

23/03/15 - 27/03/15

Naíscoil: Glen
Rang 1: Lorcán
Rang 2: Aileen
Rang 3: Ciarán
Rang 4: Lucy
Rang 5: Peadar
Rang 6: Shay
Rang 7: Tadhg Barra



Lá Mór na Leabhar



This month saw the children of Gaelscoil an Chaistil come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. This was part of World Book Day celebrations in the school where the children, and the teachers, got to relive their favourite stories and characters while taking part in fun games and activities based on this theme. The staff always look forward to this day of the year as it allows everyone to appreciate and remember the massive influence that reading books have on our children from a very young age. We got to hear the children share the fantastic memories they have of reading these books and watch in awe while they act out the stories, running about shouting out familiar and famous lines. The teachers organised different competitions and fun activities for the children and everyone had a fantastic day. All the children made a wonderful effort in coming to school dressed and we would like to say a massive well done to them and a massive thanks to the parents for helping with their costumes and adding to their experience.



Check out more of these fantastic photos on our Facebook

New Kindles at Gaelscoil an Chaistil

To help promote and encourage the love of reading amongst our children the school has recently purchased 25 brand new Kindles. Rang 6/7 pupils were the first to get their hands on the new equipment as they began to read their new novel 'Wonder'. The Kindles can easily connect to the school's WiFi making reading new and exciting books all that easier. The school recently purchased a new reading initiative called 'Accelerated Reader' which records the children's reading progress and allows the children to test themselves after completing books. This has been a huge success with the children and no doubt these fantastic new Kindles will be too.



Gabh i dteagmháil linn!

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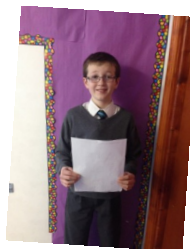


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Comhghairdeas



A massive congratulations to Somhairle Mathers from Rang 6 who recently won the Environmental Youth Speak competition for the Moyle area. Somhairle spoke about being a waste superhero and was highly praised by the judges. He now goes on to the regional finals and we have every confidence in him!
Maith thú!!!



13 March 2015

A massive well done to one of our former pupils, Méabh Ní Fhlannagáin, who organised a bun sale in the school to raise funds for Lá Srón Dearg. Méabh made all the delicious buns herself and raised £35!
Maith thú!!



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A massive congratulations to the children from Rang 6/7 and Grace who entered two different school drama competitions in the one month and came back with awards! The children brought their Christmas play 'Mar a fuair Cúchulainn a Ainm' to two new audiences this month. The first competition was in Armagh for Coirm Gael Linn, their annual drama competition for Gaelscoileanna, where they proudly presented their drama and were given awards as seen in the photograph above. The second competition was 'Féile Scoildrámaíochta' in Béal Feirste where the children won more prizes. We are very proud of all the hard work and preparation the children put in and would like to say a massive thanks to the parents and everyone who helped and supported the children. Maith sibh!!!



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