



St. Malachy's Boys' School Easter Newsletter



2023

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE & LÁ GLAS

In March, we celebrated 'Seachtain na Gaeilge'. A busy schedule of activities including Bingo as Gaeilge, Tráth na gCeist, amhráin, Céilí mór, ceol agus a lán rudaí eile!! Lá Glas ar Scoil Naomh Maolmhaodhóg na mBuachaillí was a very special day with assembly performances from our school choir, band, tin whistle group and 'an scéal' of our Patron Saint, St. Patrick. The school was a sea of green!



Jersey 4 Rúairí

An uplifting Jersey Day in support of our courageous, star pupil, Rúairí Matthews, was held in March. This fundraiser was held in aid of the Gavin Glynn Foundation, the charity supporting Ruairí. We are delighted to announce that due to your generosity, **Jersey4Rúairí** Day raised an outstanding €2,000. Well done to the boys and parents for supporting this worthwhile cause and we continue to wish Rúairí well on his road to recovery.



GREEN FLAG

The Green Flag Committee continues to successfully promote our WOW and COW days in school through the Golden Boot award. Huge thanks to everyone who supports this initiative. At a time when our environment needs us more than ever we really appreciate your efforts. In future weeks we hope to see an improvement in the weather and an increase in the number of bikes in the bike shelter, so please remember to **ALWAYS wear your helmet and stay safe!!**



FIRST CONFESSIONS

Congratulations to our 2nd Class children who made their First Confessions on Thursday March 30th in the Friary Church. This was led by our Prior, Fr. David Barrins with assistance from all our Dominican priests. A huge thank you to parents and teachers for the large amount of preparation that is involved.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Every month we have been getting together for Assemblies in the hall. Here, there are a number of presentations and sharing of the work that has been going on in each class group. One of the awards given out is our Handwriting Award. This is awarded to two pupils in each class, for both 'Excellence' and 'Most Improved/Effort'. Well done to all pupils for the huge effort going into Handwriting and presentation.
Keep it up!

CHESS CLUB

The Friary Boys' Chess club has made a very successful return this term. The club is run by our Deputy Principal Ms. Hughes and the Student Council.



Matches are held during lunchtime and adjudicated by student council members. We are now at the business end of the competition with the semi-finals and finals to take place at the beginning of Term 3!

Our **STUDENT COUNCIL** have also been organising a school stationary shop, Easter decoration competition, Aldi Rugby tokens - all for the benefit and enjoyment of our entire student body.

ST. BRIGID'S DAY



In February, fourth class made St. Brigid's crosses to commemorate the feast of our local Saint. A cross was presented to each class as well as one each for fourth class pupil's to bring home to their families.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2023



World Book Day 2023 was another huge success. The wide array and variety of costumes on show was fantastic to see, as well as the books brought in and shared among friends and classmates. Each class was assigned an exciting themed event.

Parents Association

Upcoming events in Term 3 include: assistance with Holy Communion reception (6th May), cake sale, uniform swap in June. If you would like to join our P.A. or can lend a hand at any of their events, please contact the school office.

PE & SPORT

All classes have enjoyed swimming lessons in Aura throughout the year.



Well done to our 5th class boys who took part in the GAA 7-A-Side All County Blitz in March.

Our 6th class boys competed very well in the FAI 5-a-side competition in DKIT in March. Well done!



LENTEN MASS

As part of our school Lenten promise, all classes attended one Mass in the Friary Church during Lent.

This was a very enjoyable experience for all involved, with both priests and public mass goers commenting on how well behaved and vocal the boys were with their prayers and responses.



CREDIT UNION QUIZ



Well done to our 6th Class boys who represented the school in the Credit Union Quiz. The boys, alongside their mentor, Ms Halpenny, spent time in preparing for what was a very enjoyable evening in the Fairways in early February. We look forward to attending the quiz once again next year.

LUNCHTIME LEAGUE

'Fr. Kane Cup'

The hugely popular and keenly contested GAA 'Lunchtime League' will return in Term 3. The boys will play for the prestigious Fr. Kane Cup! Fr. Kane was a great supporter of Gaelic games in the school and the local community.

Gaelic coaching has been ongoing throughout the school from local Dundalk Gaels coaches, Ciaran Culligan and Niall Lambert. We appreciate their voluntary time, effort and expertise!



COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



Best wishes to 2nd class who are busy preparing for their Sacrament of Communion on 6th May in the Friary Church and to our 6th class, who will make their Confirmation on Saturday 22nd April in St. Patrick's Church.

SAFER INTERNET DAY



In early spring we had a visit from Zeeko to kick off 'Safer Internet Day' and Internet safety week. Many areas were covered such as Cyberbullying, screentime, sharing of information and the T-shirt rule. Parents information was also shared on this very important topic.

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

* Exciting SCHOOL TOURS for all classes are being finalised and details will be revealed early in Term 3!



* Sports Day-sprints, sack race, egg & spoon, long jump, long throw and much more! (1st June: Weather dependant)

* Sponsored Dundalk Walk for all classes in June.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

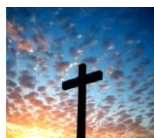
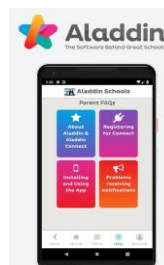
17 th April	School re-opens after Easter break
22 nd April	Confirmation at 11.00am
1 st May	School closed
6 th May	First Holy Communion at 11.30am
1 st June	Sports Day
5 th June	School closed
30 th June	School closes for Summer Holidays



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