

Nuacht ó Gharrán Mhuire

Márta 2024

It's been a very happy and productive Term 2 sa Gharráin Mhuire

On behalf of the staff, I extend sincere thanks to you for being so supportive. Thank you for the many wonderful contributions made by so many parents and staff on behalf of our children. A special word of thanks to our PA for all the work in the background!

Mrs. Kernan - Principal OLGPS

Volunteers

It takes a lot of energy, enthusiasm and hard work to keep our school running so well. Your generosity is the key to our success in running all of the activities and events organised throughout the year by our Parents Association. We need volunteers so that the work is not too onerous. By volunteering a small amount of your time, our PA will thrive and be sustainable. We all enjoy the benefits of the many events and afterschool activities, please lend a hand and share the workload.

During Term 3, we look forward to: *Good Teaching and Learning*, a half term break (May 6 - May 10) and in the mix will be our tours, sports days, 6th class outings, orienteering, swimming, hurling, camogie, soccer, Confirmation and Communion. Hopefully all of these wonderful occasions will be in the sunshine!

Nuacht ó gCoiste na nDaltaí

On February 1st we had an assembly in the halla to celebrate Lá Fhéile Bríd. 3rd class went on the stage to share the story of St. Brigid's Cloak. The children read from the story and presented pictures they had drawn about the story. They also sang 'We sing a song to Brigid'.

Seán, Georgia & Ciara - Rm 10

Everyone took part by drawing pictures about St. Claudine. Helena, Luke, Jack, Fiadh and Harriet read about St. Claudine in the church. We heard about how St. Claudine was kind and inspired OLG School to be built. She helped people, she shared food with people who couldn't afford it. Children also showed the story through pictures. We also sang songs to celebrate and remember St. Claudine.

Fionn & Lottie - Rm 9

2ND Class First Confession

On 13th March, 2nd class had their First Confession in Holy Cross Church, Dundrum. Fr. Moses, Fr. Liam and Fr. Paul led the mass. The children shared their prayers for forgiveness, before going up to the altar to make their First Confession. They sang 'Zacchaeus' and 'Circle of Friends' during the ceremony. It is a very special part of their preparation for their First Holy Communion on the 25th May.

Sean - Rm.10



Show Racism the Red Card

For 'Show Racism the Red Card' day everyone dressed in red. Some Student Council children made posters for it to say 'Racism has to STOP'. We had an assembly about racism. Everyone should not be racist because it is mean and it can really hurt someones feelings. So, no more racism!

Fionn - Rm 9.

Bebras Challenge

This term we did a challenge called the Bebras challenge in 3rd, 4th 5th and 6th class. It was to test our computational thinking. We did this challenge on the iPad which was lots of fun. You had to complete lots of mini challenges and at the end there was a big challenge which was the hardest one.

Everyone got a certificate for completing the challenge. A few people in our school are going to the final. We wish Zoe, Alexis, Lucy, Rory, Aoife and Enerel the best of luck in the final.

Beth- Rm.12 & Zoe-Rm.16

Nuacht ó gCoiste na nDaltai

School Sports

Our school has been keeping busy with our hockey, soccer and GAA teams.

Hockey

The girls hockey team have accomplished so much in the last few months. Having never lost a match, our girls team made it to the hockey finals in Three Rock Rovers. All of fifth and sixth class went to watch. With captain Trudy leading them to victory there was lots to celebrate, And the team did, in Eddie Rockets!



GAA

The camogie has just started for the girls, who train on Tuesday mornings before school. We have lots of people showing up each week. The boys train on Wednesday mornings and they have their first match this week against Olafs school. After the Easter break matches will start for everyone. Ms. Hickey and Mr. O'Flaherty are our coaches.

Girls Soccer

Continuing our active streak, the girls soccer team are playing Glenageary this week in the Quarter Finals on Thursday 21st March— they won 3-0. The girls team have never lost a match and they won a previous match 14-1.



Lucy- Rm.16 & Emma - Rm.14

Boys Football Teams

This year we have two boys football teams. The A team and the B team. The A team haven't been doing great. They have lost a few matches, won sadly 0 and drew 1. However, the A Team played a match this week against Taney and they won 3-0!

The B Team have won every match they have played so far and they have more matches to play after Easter holidays. Best of luck to both teams next term.

Charlie -Rm 13

Coicís na Gaeilge



Comórtas Físeán, Comórtas Ealaíne agus Comórtas Cúpla Focal i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge

Céilí

During Coicís na Gaeilge 2024, we did a ceilí in the halla with different classes. We were paired up so that older classes were with younger classes. We did different dances such as the Walls of Limerick, Stacks of Barley and an Damhsa Mór. We had to hold hands with our partners and do the dances one by one. It was great fun!

Patrick - Rm 11

Ceolchoirm

All the classes went down to the halla to perform a song or a poem. All the classes did different things. 4th class performed a song from The Lion King called 'The Circle of Life'. It was all in Irish and it took a while to learn the song. But it was worth it in the end. We all sang out and had loads of fun. I know some people did not like singing, but after that they did, and it was very fun to perform a song in our language. I think all the classes enjoyed it. It was amazing.

Mark -Rm.12

Biongó

For the Irish Bingo in Coicís na Gaeilge, Mrs.Carolan was calling out foods on our Bingo sheets. Upstairs classes were paired with downstairs classes. First, we had a practice run through and then we had the real thing. The first three people who got Bingo, per class, got a 'Well Done' sticker. After the Bingo 3rd-6th class said goodbye to Junior Infants-2nd class and the Bingo ended. It was fun.

Isabella -Rm.11



**Beannachtaí Cásca
oraibh go léir!**

Nuacht ó gCoiste na nDaltaí

Spelling Bee

5th and 6th class participated in a Spelling Bee where the participants spelled words which increased in difficulty.

Before the Spelling Bee final, 5th class and 6th class were practicing the spelling words hopefully to get in. In each class the children were asked to spell different words until each class had only 5 children left standing.

These 5 participants went into the final, so there were 20 participants in the final.

Ms Hutchinson was the host, she said the words for the participants to spell and also warned them when the difficulty increased. When the word is revealed, the participant must say the word, spell it, then say the word again. If they spell the word wrong, the participant is eliminated from the chance to win in the school final. You can start spelling the word again if all the other letters you've said are correct. The Our Lady's Grove spelling bee champ is

Ruairi MacGregor.

We wish him good luck in the Irish primary school final when he represents our school.

Jake -Rm15 & Rayyan -Rm.16

Debating Club

Debating Club is an after-school activity for 5th and 6th class that takes place on Tuesdays from 2.30-3.30.

In debating club, if a student has a debate, they will get the topic they are debating about a week beforehand. They then have to write a debate on that topic before the following Tuesday.



During Debating Club, one or two debates will be held, each person getting a chance to speak over the weeks.

In the Debating Club there is an internal competition, the semifinal was held last week and was watched by 5th and 6th class. The final is on this week and 4th, 5th and 6th class will watch it in the hall. Parents have also been invited to watch.

The motion for the final is 'All Children Should Attend Summer School'.

Zoe - Rm.16

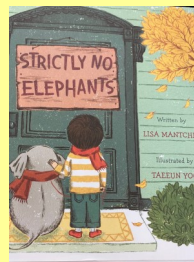
The Book Fair

There were loads of books and stationery set up in the library for the book fair this year. Each class got to go down to the library and buy something. 5th and 6th class went with their iPad class in Junior and Senior Infants to help them pick out a book, then they were able to go on their own too to buy a book. There were different coloured shelves for each age group. We will be able to buy lots of new books for the school with all the money we spent in the book fair. Thank you!

Eliza-Rm.14 & Sophia -Rm.11

One School One Book

Hello! I am Pearl and I am writing about the 'One Book One School' this year. The book we chose was 'STRICTLY NO ELEPHANTS!' We went down to the library and sat down with the First class children that we played Bingo with last week. Ms. Conway, our teacher, read it out to us. Once we had finished, half of us went upstairs with First class children and half of us went downstairs. Then we drew a picture of our favourite page from the book with our partner. I found this a very fun activity which I enjoyed.



Pearl - Rm.13

Our New Pet

Hi, this is Ciara, room 10 and Edie, room 13 with the Tiny Tony newsletter! If you don't know who Tiny Tony is, he's our school pet! A tortoise! We got him in February and he had no name! So, to pick a name, first we put out a box for name suggestions. Every suggestion had a period of time to be put in. During a whole school assembly we did a raffle. Five people from the Student Council each got to pick a name from the box. The names that were picked out were; Bardo, Green Bean, Scales, Shelby and Tiny Tony. Every child in the school got a piece of paper with the 5 names so everyone could vote by circling their favourite name. After everyone voted the Student Council counted the votes to see who had the most. The winner, with 147 votes, was TINY TONY!!! Now Tiny Tony is extremely happy in his home where lots of children get to see him and some people get to hold him. Edie has held him but Ciara has yet to hold him. But there is a twist! We don't know what gender Tiny Tony is!! And we won't know for a few more years! If Tiny Tony is a girl we might have to change the spelling of her name to Tiny Toni! Thanks for reading the Tiny Tony news!



Edie-Rm.13 & Ciara-Rm.10