



Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa

Easter Newsletter

March 2026

The Little Mermaid

Last month, the pupils from Sacred Heart of Jesus National School took to the stage at Draíocht Theatre with a spectacular week long production of *The Little Mermaid*. Featuring children from 4th, 5th and 6th classes, the show was a huge success and a wonderful celebration of talent, hard work and teamwork.

Over the course of the week, the children delivered performances full of energy, confidence and heart. Their commitment and enthusiasm shone through in every scene, and they brought the story to life in a captivating and magical way for audiences.

For the children involved, this was far more than just a school show. It was an experience they can be proud of for the rest of their lives, a chance to perform on a wonderful stage, support one another and create something truly memorable together. As Ariel says, *"I don't see how a world that makes such wonderful things could be so bad,"* and these children truly created something wonderful.



The production was a credit to all of the pupils, as well as the staff and wider school community who supported them along the way. It was a joyful and unforgettable occasion for everyone involved, and one that will be remembered with great pride for years to come.

Book Fair 2026

Our annual Book Fair was held during the week 2nd – 6th March. We had a busy and exciting week. With hundreds of exciting titles to choose from, children from all classes had great fun and enjoyment visiting and selecting their favourite books.

World Book Day took place during Book Fair week, and there was lots of reading, storytelling and book related activities throughout the school during the course of the week. We all loved the D.E.A.R. – Drop Everything And Read – activity in particular. Many parents availed of the invitation to visit our Book Fair to browse and purchase books.

A huge "THANK YOU" to our Parents' Association. Several members of our Parents' Association gave their time in order to seamlessly operate the Book Fair for the week, managing all stock and ordering responsibilities. We would be unable to hold our Book Fair without their invaluable assistance. We are so grateful to them. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir!!



FÍS Film Project

Congratulations once again to Mr Doyle and his students who were successful at the recent FÍS film awards. The film 'Careful what you wish for' impressed the judges and demonstrated the unique talents of our boys and girls.



Time Capsule Event

Past pupils, families and staff gathered on Thursday, 29th January, for a very special evening as our school community took a step back in time. Our school time capsule, originally sealed in the year 2000, was finally opened - revealing letters, memories and hopes from a previous generation of pupils.



The event brought together past and present pupils, creating a unique link between generations. Some current pupils attended with their parents and other family members, who had originally contributed to the time capsule, making it a meaningful and personal experience as they collected their letters. It was also particularly special to welcome back many former staff members, reconnecting them with colleagues and pupils and reminding everyone of the strong traditions at the heart of our school.

Former pupils had the chance to read the words they had written as children and reflect on how their lives - and the world - have changed since then. Many also reunited with classmates and friends they hadn't seen in years, giving the event a reunion-like atmosphere.

There was an impressive range of projects created by current pupils on display, exploring different aspects of life in the year 2000. Displays on music, sport, fashion, technology, toys, games and major news events created an enjoyable experience for all who attended. Adding to the atmosphere, a compilation of hit songs from 2000 played in the background. A special display of photographs of each class from 2000 was also featured, giving everyone the chance to spot themselves, family members, or classmates and enjoy a trip down memory lane.

Adding to the excitement, our school was featured on RTÉ News the following day across radio, television and online, highlighting how special and unique an occasion it was and making the event even more memorable for everyone involved.

NCC - Phil Lynott Tribute Concert

In January, a group of our 5th Class pupils proudly represented our school at the 3Arena as part of the National Children's Choir. They performed two songs in a special concert commemorating the 40th anniversary of Phil Lynott. It was a fantastic achievement for the children to have the opportunity to perform on stage in such an iconic venue, accompanied by the RTÉ Orchestra. Although it was a late night, the pupils performed with great energy and enthusiasm - future stars in the making, no doubt!



Easter Raffle

A big thank you to our wonderful school community for the fantastic support of our Easter Raffle through ticket purchases and generous donations. We are very grateful for your kindness and enthusiasm. A special word of thanks to the Parents' Association for their invaluable help, time, and ongoing support in making the raffle such a success. And of course, a big thank you to the Easter Bunny for visiting the school and hopping in with delicious treats for all the children. Happy Easter!

Chess Club

For the past few weeks, pupils from 3rd to 6th Class have been enjoying chess sessions during lunchtime. It has been wonderful to see so many children taking part, developing their thinking skills, concentration and sportsmanship.



A sincere thank you to the teachers who generously gave up their lunch breaks to supervise and support the sessions - it is greatly appreciated. Chess has proven to be a fantastic addition to our school activities!



Seachtain na Gaeilge & Ceilí Mór

Our school was alive with laughter, music and Irish traditions during Seachtain na Gaeilge this year! The week was packed with exciting activities that helped us celebrate and share our love of the Irish language and heritage. Pupils and teachers alike took part in daily cúpla focal challenges, Irish quizzes, and traditional dances, making it a joyful week for everyone.



The highlight of the celebrations was our Céilí Mór held in the school yard. Classes came together to dance their hearts out to Ballaí Luimnigh, Íonsaí na hInse, Shoe the Donkey, Dreolín, Sandstorm agus Cha-Cha Slide. The energy and enthusiasm were infectious, and it was wonderful to see students from infants to 6th, Coiscéim and teachers joining in the fun. Our students delighted the audience with a wonderful array of individual class performances. Fifth Class (Ms. Cassidy) gave a lively rendition of *Viva la Vida*, while Senior Infants (Ms O’Dea) charmed everyone with *An Leipreachán ina Shuí Faoin gCrann*. Another Fifth Class group (Ms Dixon) performed *Circle of Life*, and Sixth Class (Ms Cullen) impressed with their performance of *Killeagh*. Fifth Class (Mr Mullally), accompanied beautifully on the ukulele, performed *Riptide*, and First Class entertained us with *An Haca*. We were also treated to an outstanding Irish dancing performance by Alicia, Emme, Lexi, Lily B, Maggie, Natalia, Patricia, and Rosie, which was met with great applause. A sincere thank you to Ms Cullen, Ms Donovan, Ms Gillan, and Ms Travers for accompanying the girls for the St. Patrick’s Day dance.

Adding a truly special touch to the week, our talented teacher, Ms Harraghy treated the whole school to a beautiful harp recital. The gentle sound of the harp filled the school atrium and classrooms, creating a magical moment that reminded everyone of the richness of our traditional music.

It was an unforgettable *Seachtain na Gaeilge*—a celebration of language, culture, and community. *Go raibh maith agaibh* to all who helped make it such a success!



World Down Syndrome Day

We celebrated World Down Syndrome day, wearing odd socks as part of the awareness campaign. We are an inclusive school, welcoming to all people and celebratory in our uniqueness.



School Garden

As part of our STEM learning, boys and girls in the senior classes have once again started to plant a vegetable garden. The recent spell of pleasant weather has allowed us to plant directly into the soil. We have started with two crops - potatoes and onions. We hope to plant spinach, peas, carrots, radishes and asparagus in the coming weeks. With plenty of care and lots of weeding, we hope to produce a bountiful crop of delicious vegetables. We were very lucky to receive some well rotted manure, which will enrich the soil and should make for stronger and healthier growth.



School Calendar 2025/26 – Term 3

Term 3 return to school: Monday 13 April 2026

Staff In-Service Training: Tue 28 April 2026

May Mid-Term Break: Mon 04 May 2026 - Fri 08 May 2026

June Bank Holiday: Mon 01 June 2026

Last day of school: Tue 30 June 2026



ESB Science Blast

It is with great pride that all four sixth classes presented different projects at the ESB Science Blast in the RDS on the 3rd and 4th of March. Well done to all!

Ms. Doyle's 6th Class

Mr. Doyle's class investigated "What affects our dreams?". The judges were very complimentary on methods used and the entire class' contributions to the project.



Ms. Cullen's 6th Class

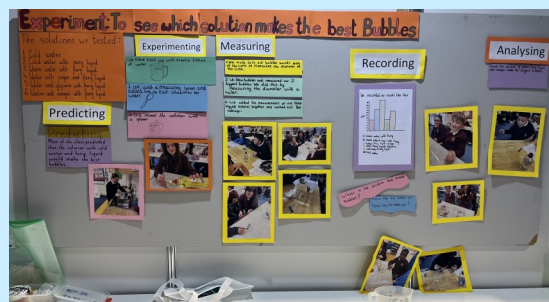


Our project investigated which substances cause the most tooth decay. Since we could not use real teeth, we used eggs and small bones because eggshells are similar to tooth enamel. We tested different liquids: milk, water, orange juice, lemon juice, vinegar, coffee, and coke. Each egg or bone was placed in a different liquid and left for several days. We observed them and recorded any changes in colour and strength. We discovered that acidic liquids such as vinegar, lemon juice, and coke caused the most damage, while milk and water caused the least change.

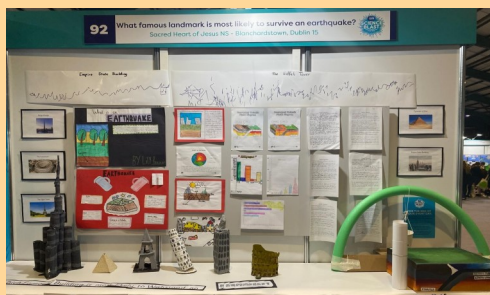
We really enjoyed attending and taking part in Science Blast. It was great to see the different investigations that other schools carried out.

Ms. Dooley's 6th Class

Ms Dooley's 6th class investigated 'Which liquid makes the best bubbles?'. They had great fun doing this experiment and discovered that water, fairy liquid and vinegar together made the biggest bubbles.



Ms. Kirby's 6th Class



At Science Blast our class presented our project 'Which famous building is most likely to withstand an earthquake?'. We investigated how different structures respond to shaking and explored which designs are strongest. We also enjoyed visiting other stands at the event, taking part in quizzes and activities, and learning lots of new science facts. It was a fantastic and memorable day.

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