

Scoil Ghráinne CNS Newsletter

April 30, 2021

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a busy few weeks since our Spring break. 3 classes were grounded due to positive COVID tests. Thank you again for adhering to our protocols because it's really important that we don't get complaisant at this stage. Children should say at home if they have fever, sore throat or a new cough and advice sought from GP or HSE website. Remind them to sanitise as often as possible and to keep social distancing.

We would encourage you to keep a very close eye on your children's interaction with social media. This has caused a number of problems in the last few weeks and the dangers cannot be underestimated. Remember mobile phones are not permitted in school and they will be confiscated if found.

There are lots of coats etc. unclaimed in our lost property department if you are missing anything. School life continues as normal as possible. Intercultural Day is scheduled for Friday May 28th, details to follow. School tours will be on site this year or virtual (details to follow). We are planning for 6th class graduation at the moment, so if you wish to share ideas please let us know. It is a very important milestone for our 6th classes and students in CROI who are all going on to Post Primary. We are still looking for volunteers to help with gardening and painting, if you have time to spare. Creative Week is planned for the end of the month so we can indulge in developing our "creative brains". Active Week is also planned for June. Our return to school date for this year will be Thursday August 26th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

BANK HOLIDAYS & SUMMER HOLIDAYS:

Monday the 7th of June

The School will close at 12.00 on Friday the 25th of June for the summer holidays.

Junior Infants have been very busy learning about 'People Who Help Us'. We learned all about doctors, nurses, dentists, vets, mechanics, teachers, Gardaí, paramedics. We had lots of fun playing in the Doctor's Surgery and Post Office in the Role Play Area in Aistear. We learned how to write the number 5 and had lots of fun playing maths games and practicing our maths language such as 'more' and 'less'. We enjoyed singing the songs 'People in Our Town' and 'Miss Polly had a Dolly' and creating pictures about what we would like to be when we grow up! We have many future doctors, teachers, shopkeepers and Gardaí on our hands!

Senior Infants have been learning about minibeasts and Spring. We read the story 'The Bad-tempered ladybird' by Eric Carle. We really enjoyed it; it was such a funny story! We learned about the different types of insects and the life cycle of the butterfly. In maths we have been learning about Money. We can recognise the coins: 1cent, 2cent, 5cent, 10cent and 20cent. We have been continuing with our word families, blending cvc words and we have been working very hard on our tricky words. We painted beautiful spring art including, pretty flowers, cherry blossom trees and colourful insects. In SPHE we have started our Stay Safe Programme which will be completed over the next few weeks. In PE we have been doing orienteering and the children are loving it! **First class** were learning about life on the farm. We learnt lots about baby animals and wild flowers. We loved reading the story of the Ugly Ducking and we painted lots of Sunflowers and made Swan art. We studied money and regrouping in addition in maths and we did some orienteering in PE and we have loved the competition of who can get the most laps! We have done thousands over the past few weeks. What an active bunch we are!

Second class have been very busy this month! In Maths we have been learning about time and how to read an analogue clock, focusing on quarter past and quarter to. In History, we learned about clothes in the past and how people created clothes before factories. We even created our own Paper Weaving placemats. In Geography, we looked at traditional clothes worn around the world and created our own outfits using scrap materials. We have also been working hard to complete the Run Around Ireland challenge. We have been running up to 15 laps of the yard each day!!!

Ms Kavanagh's class have been very active this month enjoying the sunshine. We are running the Daily Mile every day and have been finding signs of spring on our nature walks. We have also enjoyed orienteering for PE this month. Our sunflowers are doing great and growing tall. We painted our own beautiful sunflowers for art. We have been having fun practicing using directional language and programming using the Beebot and learning the song Cha Cha Slide.

Ms. McPartlan's Class called this month 'Active April!' and our theme was gardening. Our class enjoyed seeing our daffodils bloom. We also began to grow vegetables from seed and learn the names of different gardening tools that we use. We learned about the lifecycle of a flower, painted sunflowers and are hoping our sunflowers keep growing too. We are extra proud at how independent the boys have become this term.

Third class April was another busy month for all of us here in Rang a trí. We read the story of *Gulliver's Travels*, learnt a new poem 'Noises in the Night' by Wes Magee and focused on Narrative writing for literacy. We worked hard on telling the time on both the analogue and digital clock, as well as learning about decimals for maths and we had lots of fun learning about 'Caitheamh Aimsire - Our Hobbies' for gaeilge. SESE was also busy this month where we learnt about the Great Irish Famine, the muscles and skeleton and the sun. For art, we did some imaginative Celtic printing using potatoes inspired by the Famine and enjoyed creating our own version of Vincent Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' using watercolours. This month the whole school took part in lots of orienteering activities for PE which all classes really enjoyed!

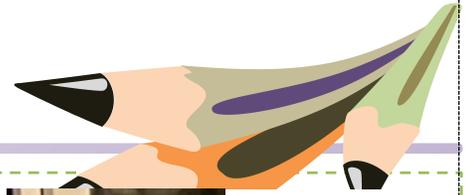
Fourth class have been very busy. We completed our Cycle Safety programme and we have also finished the Stay Safe programme. In maths we have been learning about decimals and length. We are reading Judy Moody and are looking forward to making a Me Collage. With the weather getting nicer we have been making use of the outdoor classroom for our reading time.

Fifth class has been busy since our Easter break. We have been exploring Fractions, Decimals and Percentages in maths. Narrative writing has been the focus in English and the theme of "Teilifís" has been focused upon in Irish. The children have been enjoying orienteering in PE. Transport has been the theme for SESE and the boys and girls enjoyed making beautiful hot air balloons and cardboard race cars in Art.

Sixth class are well settled in after the Easter break. This month the children have been perfecting their explanation writing as well as completing projects on a European city of their choice. We have also looked closely at Greece in particular, studying a fascinating culture and learning some very interesting facts. The children have also enjoyed conducting experiments using magnets and have been making a great effort with the Run Around Ireland Challenge clocking up the kilometers each day. Finally, the children have really enjoyed their orienteering challenges for P.E when tasked with finding different clues hidden around the school and using the clues to solve codes. A big shout out to Mr Quilty for organising the trails!

MAKING SCOIL GHRÁINNE BRIGHTER!

There have been lots of little design changes inside Scoil Ghráinne lately. Our favourite so far are our colourful chairs. They are much more comfortable and so much quieter on teacher's ears!



MR. MULROY

Introducing Mr. Marcus Mulroy! Mr. Mulroy has been with us in Scoil Ghráinne for four years now. He has two sisters and one brother and they are a local family from Clonee, Dublin! Lately his new family consists of three. He welcomed his beautiful baby daughter, Dani who is now eight months old and already has two teeth! Mr. Mulroy enjoys lots of mindful hobbies such as jiu jitsu and he also practices calisthenics. He has just put up a purpose built bar in his back garden to practice. He says it won't be long before Dani is hanging upside down too! He is also very musical and loves to play the guitar. Mr. Mulroy loves to travel. He tries to go somewhere new every chance he gets. And he has now visited a total of 44 countries! His favourite country so far to visit was Japan. Mr. Mulroy's favourite subject to teach is Maths. There is always a lovely peaceful and happy vibe in his classroom. Before Covid times, he used to teach guitar in school and he ran the chess club. He is also responsible for setting up tag rugby in our school. Mr. Mulroy is always helping out around the school and has been seen hammering and drilling around the school as he has been doubling as a handy man to help Robbie with all the lovely changes to make our school a brighter place.