

# Scoil Ghráinne CNS Newsletter

March 8, 2024

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a busy but enjoyable Term 2 at Scoil Ghráinne CNS. This term has involved a lot of new learning for the pupils as the curriculum can be quite dense during this period, but there has been a positive approach across the classes during this time. The pupils have also embraced the extracurricular activities that the school provides, and I'm sure they are continuing to derive great enjoyment from these opportunities. A massive thank you to all our staff for their continuous dedication to the pupils and school community over the past busy term.

### **New jerseys for our soccer and GAA teams:**

The boys' and girls' Gaelic football, camogie, and soccer teams all started back up in recent weeks. There has been a wonderful level of commitment to these teams from both coaches and pupils, with early morning training sessions going on despite the cold weather! The teams are well deserving of the new jerseys that will be sponsored by Glanmore Foods.

### **Languages Assembly:**

As part of Scoil Ghráinne's ethos of inclusion, our assembly this term celebrated the range of languages being spoken in our school. Many thanks to the pupils who performed during this assembly and to our school's ethos committee for organizing the event.

### **World Book Week:**

We celebrated World Book Day this month through a range of activities, including a book character dress-up day, writing competitions, a design-a-bookmark competition, daily DEAR time, and a swap book initiative for parents. As usual, the pupils took part in these activities with great enthusiasm. We hope that parents continue to encourage reading for enjoyment at home whenever possible. As we've said before, this is one of the areas that has consistently been shown to have a significantly positive impact on children's development.

### **Croí Classes:**

The Croí pupils engaged with our swimming lessons with great enthusiasm, and I'm sure will be looking forward to horse riding next term. Many thanks to The National Aquatic Centre for facilitating our visits so well.

### **Parent's Association:**

Many thanks once again to our wonderful Parent's Association, who have continued to be very dedicated to the school through impressive fundraising and organizing upcoming events. The money raised through the PA will go directly towards our mental health fund, which has already helped a number of pupils who are badly in need of support.

### **Hot School Meals:**

Local company Glanmore Foods will be supplying our hot school meals next year. I have been very impressed so far with what they are offering and look forward to working with them as we continue to move through the preparations for next year's launch day.

### **School building development:**

We had a lot of upgrades carried out in the school during the summer, including the painting of the building's exterior, upgrading of playground marking, resurfacing of the Croí playground, roof repairs, etc. Over the coming weeks, we will now be moving towards further upgrading the exterior by installing Scoil Ghráinne CNS signs and crests.

### **Student Council visit to The Dáil:**

Our Student Council will be visiting The Dáil later this month thanks to an invitation from local TD Jack Chambers. The pupils are carrying out their roles to a high standard and continue to be a positive outlet for the pupil voice in Scoil Ghráinne CNS.

Finally, as Term 2 draws to a close over the coming weeks, we would like to wish all our families an enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to the final term and the warmer weather.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Hanley

Principal

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**ST PATRICK'S DAY: MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> SCHOOL**

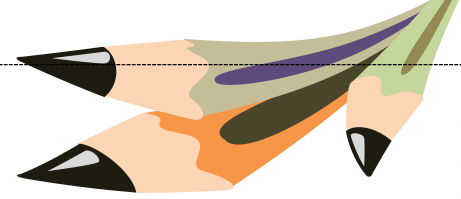
**CLOSED MONDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**EASTER BREAK: SCHOOL CLOSURES FRIDAY**

**MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 12.00 AND RE-OPENS MONDAY**

**APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**

# WORLD BOOK WEEK



Ms Gath's class enjoyed a writing workshop. They called their story 'The Cat and the Rat' It was about a rat named meatball who was allergic to cheese! What a creative class.



5<sup>th</sup> class enjoyed a book tasting with Ms. Donegan

The message we want the children to get this week is how important it is to read. It improves every aspect of your child's education when they enjoy reading. Turn off the screens and pick up a book! Check out [ilfdublin.com](http://ilfdublin.com) The International Literature Festival Dublin in Merrion Square Park May 17<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. Ten Days. One Park. A World of Stories!

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world.  
Love of books is the best of all.



## MR KEATING



Introducing Mr Philip Keating. Mr. Keating went to school in Cabra in St. Declan's and then did a Social Care degree in Blanchardstown I.T. He then went on to complete his Masters Degree with Hibernia. He enjoyed that a lot and found it a lot of fun. Mr. Keating has 3 brothers and one sister and a beautiful little nephew Dylan, who he adores! Mr. Keating is from Dublin but his Dad is Welsh. Mr. Keating is very sporty and into fitness. He played for Pheonix F.C. for 22 years and won lots of leagues and cups. He has a full trophy cabinet at home! At the moment he is training hard at boxing out of the club 'FightR' on Gaeilic street and he has a fight coming up on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April in the Teachers Club! Good Luck Mr. Keating! Eye of the Tiger! Mr. Keating is also musical and likes to play guitar. He sometimes even writes his own songs. Mr. Keating has no fear of the cold Irish sea and has done some sea dips, sometimes to raise money for charity. He likes to try things out of the ordinary, a bit of adventure. Mr. Keating loves to teach Maths and has found the children really focus during these lessons in particular. He also enjoys teaching Art and PE as he loves a noisy active class! A funny fact about Mr. Keating is that he has a Guinness world record for holding his breath under water in a Dublin pond for 2 minutes and 48 seconds! Can you believe it? Mr. Keating also loves to travel and says Vietnam is the most interesting country he's been to. Mr. Keating is always bopping around the school with a smile and a chat for everyone. The children love his 'down to earth' chatty approach with them. We are so lucky to have such a positive creative, fun teacher here at our Scoil Ghráinne family.