



Scoil N An Chroí Ró  
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# News @ School

April 2025

## Easter Holidays

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we approach the Easter break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements and activities that have taken place this term. Our students have shown incredible dedication, enthusiasm, and talent in various events and projects..

The Board of Management would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to our staff and to the community, for the support and commitment to our school. Your efforts make the school a vibrant and nurturing environment for our students and whatever challenges arise in the future we will continue to work in partnership with one another.

The school will close for Easter holidays on Friday April 11th at 12.00 pm and will re-open at 9.00 am on Monday April 28th . I would like to thank you all for your support so far this year and to wish each family a happy and relaxing Easter break.

Cásca faoi mhaise daoibh go léir !

Gerry Diver

Principal

## DEIS Plan

Our school is making great progress with our DEIS plan . To date there has been an improvement in attendance and we are hopeful that this trend will continue. The children are working very hard with our Numeracy and Literacy targets. We will be reviewing these in Term 3 and are hopeful that we will see improvements within these areas also . Our DEIS plan is available to view on our school website.

## Student Council and Green School

The student council have been working hard. They have been monitoring the yard bags and making sure that they are all fully stocked. The Student Council will present some exciting ideas which they have to the Board of Management in term 3. The Council are hoping to make a visit to the Seanad Éireann ,we look forward to hearing all about this in the future. As Easter approaches and the weather is getting better our Green School team have been working hard on recycling and energy saving. As the days get longer we don't need to have the lights on all day so we make sure that 'When it's bright turn off the light'. We have also been encouraging staff and students to walk, cycle or scoot to school to help improve our environment as well as our health.



## Sports News

As we approach Easter, our busy schedule of sports activities continues.

### Soccer

At present the boys' and girls' soccer teams are mid-way through their league campaigns. Both teams have played well against very stiff opposition, and have put in some great performances. Well done to our boys' football team who have shown fantastic effort and great team spirit this season! With some brilliant performances already under their belts, the boys have been working hard after school to build their skills and play together as a team. Their enthusiasm, determination, and sportsmanship have really stood out. We're all very proud of how they represent our school both on and off the pitch. Maith sibh, lads — keep it up!

Our girls soccer team have achieved so much this season. They are a newly formed team and have turned up every Tuesday for training. They have worked so hard and give their all in matches. I am so proud of them and so is the entire school.

### 4th class football with Past Pupil, Grace Moore

The children in 4th class have been thoroughly enjoying doing football with past pupil Grace Moore, along with her teammates Abigail and Riley from the FAI Fingal TY course. Not only have we enjoyed fun games and matches but we have also been able to use the new Astro pitch in Kilinarden park! Such a treat!

Huge thank you to coaches Grace, Abigail and Riley!

### Rugby

This term, fifth class children have been trying their hand at rugby. We have been lucky to have Jack from Leinster Rugby come out to us every week in April to run some fantastic sessions. The children have loved learning the game and have shown some incredible skill. Next month some of the children will take part in a blitz organised by Leinster Rugby. Let's hope they "TRY" their best and win some medals for Sacred Heart SNS!



## HSCL

We've had a busy term and lots of activities in HSCL!

We began our Wellbeing course for parents in January with our lovely facilitator Noeleen. This course ran right up to the end of March.

We had two sets of Parent and Child Cookery courses facilitated by Ms Gleeson, Ms Maye and Ms Murphy which were a huge success and enjoyed by parents and children alike!

On the 11th of February the school celebrated Safer Internet Day. Pupils learned how to be safe online and we had a poster competition to promote online safety.

Our 5th Class pupils have been visiting the junior school in groups once a week to do some Buddy Reading with the 2nd Class pupils. This will continue in Term 3, well done to our 5th Class students, they've been fantastic.

On the 6th of March some of our 6th Class pupils visited the children in 1st Class in the junior school to take part in a Paired Reading activity to celebrate World Book Day.

On the 7th of March we invited the parents/guardians of our 3rd Class children into the school to take part in a Snuggle & Read activity which was very enjoyable. Our 3rd Class children were all able to choose a new book to bring home.

Our 6th Class children have started visiting their new secondary schools in preparation for September.

After Easter we will invite our 2nd Class children to come and visit us in the senior school in preparation for their transition to our school.

Next term will see more preparations around transitions, more activities around Maths and English, some LEGO and Family Games activities.

Keep an eye on School Dojo for details!

Karen, HSCL

## Killinarden CLIC

Killinarden CLIC members took part in a number of Chess tournaments during February. The tournaments took place in Holy Spirit National School in Greenhills and In Trinity College Dublin's (TUD) Grangegorman Campus. The tournaments were run in conjunction with Ficheall Ireland (Ficheall.ie | Primary Teachers Promoting Chess) and TUD Chess Society. Read below to see how the children got on. Find us on Twitter @KillinardenCLIC.

My name is Saoirse, a few of my classmates and I went to a chess tournament in Grange Gorman at TU Dublin. When we first arrived, they were very welcoming and they had a snack table with muffins and little cupcakes. There were 6 schools including us, Stanhope Brunner Christ the Kings Boys and Christ the King Girls. The way it was set up so one person from each school would go against another person from another school. There were 5 pupils from each school so there were 5 rounds. After our games and lunch breaks, we had an award ceremony, and we each got a certificate. Thanks Ms Jenkins for putting up with us :)

My name is Ava and on Thursday the 27th of February 2025 Me and a few of my classmates went to TU Dublin Chess Tournament. There was 6 primary schools and 5 players per team. The schools were Stanhope, Brunner, Sacred Heart, Christ The King boys ,Christ The King Girls, Paradise Place. We left the the school at 9.30 and we arrived at the collage at 10.15. When we arrived, they were very welcoming and they had a little table with muffins and little sweets. They had a system with the points of each school and player. The tournament timetable 10:00-10:20: welcome players, reintroduction to clocks.10:20-10:30: Arbiter introduction everyone finds their boards. 10:30-11:00: First round 11:05-11:35: second round.11:35-12:00: lunch break. 12:00-12:30: third round.12:30-1:00: fourth round. 1:00-1:15: short break. 1:15-1:45: fifth round.1:45-2:00: Casual games/Puzzles.2:00-2:15 Awards ceremony, prize giving. It was a great day thanks to all the people that invited us and helped, especially Ms. Jenkins, thanks for putting up with us and buying us cookies and vitamin drinks.



### Our Incredible Edibles in 3rd Class

This year in 3rd Class, we are taking part in the Incredible Edibles project! We have been busy planting and caring for a variety of vegetables, including carrots, potatoes, lettuce, turnips, pole beans, and radishes. It has been so exciting to watch our vegetables grow from tiny seeds into healthy plants. Every day, we check on them, making sure they have enough water and sunlight. We are learning so much about where our food comes from and how important it is to take care of the environment.

We can't wait to harvest our crops and taste the delicious vegetables we have worked so hard to grow!

### Raffle

Our school has had a raffle to raise some funds for the school. Thanks to all staff and volunteers who donated the hampers and eggs. Without you all this raffle couldn't happen. A special thanks to Ms. Maloney who organised this event. In total €1000 was raised, these funds will be used to support our wellbeing and PE initiatives within the school. Well done to all the winners on the day.



Here are some photos of the entrant's artworks for the 2025 Texaco Art Competition. Hopefully some of them will be recognised for their amazing talents.



This year 4th class have been doing STEM projects with a group called Try Five+ from TU Dublin. We've made terrariums using coal, soil and carbon mesh. We had to try to keep them alive using the water cycle.

We also made constellation lamps using circuits, tinfoil, batteries and LED lights. The workshops are really fun, and we are looking forward to the next one in May.

By Logan Murphy and Sam Olawoyin (4th Class).

## Seachtain na Gaelige:



We had an 'am den chéad scoth' celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge from 1st-17th of March ☐☐☐ All of the children got to take part in a céilí sa halla ☐☐ We learned lots of new damhsaí gaelacha and even pop songs as Gaeilge! Well done to all the amazing children and to those children who won a prize for excellent participation in our céilí scoile. All of the children from Rang a 3 to Rang a 6 created fantastic posters for the 'Seachtain na Gaeilge Comórtas Ealaíne'. A big comhghairdeas to all of the winners and a special thanks to our student council members who worked together to choose the winners from each class! Ms. Cahill's 5th class alongside many other classes learned how to make 'glóthach glas' (green jelly). Maith sibh gach duine!

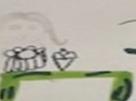


Conas glóthach glas a dhéanamh

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- 1) Faigh paicéad glóthach.
- 2) Doirt an paicéad glóthach isteach i uachtar mór.
- 3) Cuir uisce sa sa bhabhla.
- 4) Measc an glóthach agus an t-uisce te le uachtar.
- 5) Cuir an meascán sa uachtar ar feadh 5 uair.
- 6) Ith an glóthach blasta!

  **BLASTA**



Yesterday, a group of children from each class went on a trip to Corkagh Park as a reward for good Behaviour and attendance. It was a sunny day and we got to see swans and got to hold a swan's egg. Then we went to the playground and played for a while. It was the perfect weather to go on the trip to Corkagh Park. We had so much fun holding the swan's egg and playing with all our friends in the playground.

By Charlie Casey and Lexi O' Neill (4th Class)

**Junior Achievers: How Food Travels Around the World** Today, in 3rd Class our Junior Achievers learned all about how food travels across the world to reach our tables! We had a lot of fun using rope and cards to see just how far food like bananas have to travel. We discovered that bananas don't just grow in Ireland they start their journey on banana trees in hot countries like Costa Rica. After being picked by farmers, bananas are packed into boxes and sent to big ports by trucks. From there, they travel by ship across the ocean. When they reach Europe, they go to warehouses and finally to shops in Ireland where we can buy them! Using the rope and cards, we acted out the journey step by step: the rope showed the long path the bananas travel. The cards told us each stage: farming, packing, shipping, trucking, and finally selling. It was amazing to see how long and hard the journey is! We learned that it can take several weeks for a banana to get from a tree to our lunchbox. This helped us understand how important it is to appreciate our food and the many people who help bring it to us! We also talked about choosing local food when we can to help the planet, because shorter journeys mean less pollution. Our Junior Achievers had great questions and ideas about looking after the Earth and thinking



**Peace Proms School Choir:**  
 On Saturday the 1st of February a group of 28 amazing children from across 5th and 6th class performed alongside children from many other schools at the RDS! What an incredible achievement and an extremely memorable experience for both the children and their teachers! The children were attending after school choir practice every Wednesday since the beginning of October in preparation for the big show. Our school community especially Ms. Dalton, Ms. Fox, Ms. Cahill and Ms. Farrell

