

EngineersWeek

24 Feb – 2 March 2018

Oceaneers Education will visit our school on March 1st to deliver a workshop to our two 4th classes. This workshop will take place during Engineering Week and the girls will have the task of making and designing an underwater micro-phone. We look forward to seeing how they get on!

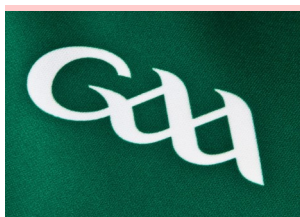


Our Junior and Senior Infant classes are looking forward to their school tour to Imaginosity in February. Each

exhibit area has been designed to complement the curriculum bringing it to life in a fun engaging, interactive, learning environment. We hope the girls have lots of fun!



Lots of classes are taking part in Operation Transformation 10@10. Active School Week will take place from 23rd-27th April 2018. If any parents/ grandparents have sporting skills that they would like to share and teach the children during active week please contact class teacher or the office.



Both our Senior and Junior football teams have started

back training for the season ahead. They will compete in Fingal league later this term. We had a surprise visit from Sam Maguire in January. Thanks for our GAA GPO, Tomás Bourke, for organising the visit. The girls were very excited!



Swimming lessons! Ms. Shiels' 1st class & Ms. Concannon's 4th class will begin their swimming lessons at Westwood pool this week. This is a fantastic opportunity for the girls to learn about water safety which forms part of the P.E curriculum. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to assist the classes and teachers.

Our Parent's Association continue their great work this term and are busy organising some events in the coming months including an Easter Raffle and a social fundraising night.

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The new Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools have been developed by the DES – titled Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children - 2017. As part of the implementation process schools are permitted two half-day school closures to engage with the revised procedures and to access the support available. As a result St. Brigid's GNS **will close at**

11.45am on Tues March 6th and Tues 17th April.

Please note the following upcoming school closures:

Midterm break: School will be closed from **Mon 12th to Fri 16th February**

Child Protection staff training: Tues 6th March. Close at 11.45am.

St. Patrick's Day/Bank holiday: **Mon 19th March**

Easter holidays: School will be closed from **Mon 26th March to Fri 6th April**



Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

PARENTS: log onto

www.saferinternetday.ie for lots of helpful information and

advice on all aspects of Internet Safety. This website contains lots of parents guides including cyberbullying, filtering, new media technologies, social networking as well as lots of resources for families to use at home to ensure everyone is staying safe online. Cyberbullying is a huge issue for parents and schools as children become more internet savvy. As a school, we do not encourage or promote any social media apps including group chats for our pupils. Responsibility lies with parents to monitor their own children's use of social media accounts outside of school hours. Age restrictions exist on social media. The minimum age for holding an account on apps such as Snapchat, Facebook is 13 years old.

A talk for our 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils will take place on March 20th & 21st in school delivered by Cybersafeireland. Topics such as protecting online reputations, social networking, gaming, cyberbullying and much more will be covered. The sessions will be engaging, informative and highly interactive.

SAVE THE DATE: A Parent talk with Cybersafeireland is also organised for the evening of Wed 21st March @7.30pm in the school hall. All parents are welcome. Parents of 4th/5th/6th class pupils in particular should attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



Literacy Lift Off is an intervention that gives children lots of opportunities to read books at their own level of competency and gradually lift the complexity of what they can do in both reading and writing. The 1st classes have completed Literacy lift off and it will now be delivered in the two senior infant classes over the coming months.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

It is important that children are in school each day unless sick or for another valid reason. Under the Education Welfare Act our school must make a report for each child who is absent for 20 or more school days to TULSA., the Child & Family Agency. The school also has a duty to report on cases where school attendance is a concern. The majority of our pupils have excellent attendance rates. However, there are a small number of pupils who continually miss too many school days. Pupils who are frequently absent from school fall behind in their school work which makes it difficult for consistent progress at school. Parents/Guardians are reminded of their statutory obligation to ensure that their daughter(s) attend school every day.

Member First CREDIT UNION

Best of luck to some of our 5th & 6th class pupils will participate in the Member First Credit Union Quiz on Tues 6th Feb in Parnell's GAA club.



Our after school clubs for term two are up and running. Thank you to

the teachers involved and to Paula & Gerri in the office for co-ordinating the activities.

Following on from the success of the RDS Primary Science Fair. Ms. Concannon is leading the school in achieving a Plaque of Excellence.



The Plaque of Excellence is awarded to school who capture a whole school approach to engaging pupils in Science, Technology (ICT), Engineering and Maths. A STEM committee has been set up with representatives from 3rd-6th classes. The members, along with Ms. Concannon, will compile information gathered from all the classes. This information will then be submitted for review by Primary Science. Best of luck to the classes in the quest for this Plaque of Excellence!

Board of Management
The next Board of Management is due to take place on Wed March 14th.



Our Green Team have been so busy working towards our 5th Green Flag for Biodiversity. A compost area and bird feeding area has already been put in place. Their next plan is get an insect hotel in the school garden, with the help of Noel our caretaker. There are also very exciting plans to use recyclable materials for planting. We are also expecting a second visit from well known ecologist Dale Treadwell in March. Dale works with Naturally Wild and he is very enthusiastic and committed to conservation and caring for the earth. A visitor from the Green Schools Ireland is due to come to the school on March 14th to review the 'Biodiversity' work of the Green Team and school. Best of luck! **On Fri 9th Feb pupils are encouraged to 'Walk.Scoot,Cycle to School'.**



Working for a Just World

Wednesday 14th Feb marks the beginning of the Lenten season

in the Catholic Church. Trocaire boxes have been distributed and can be returned to school before the Easter holidays.

We welcome a number of student teachers to our school from March 5th—23rd. We also welcome a number of Transition year students who will be here on work placement over the coming months.



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Catholic School Week was celebrated in St. Brigid's last week. Our Junior Infant teachers and pupils welcomed

grandparents to their classrooms to celebrate Grandparents' Day. Our classes made some traditional crosses for the feast day of St. Brigid on Feb 1st. 'Our Song to Brigid' could be heard around the school too! Fr. Liam delivered a lovely prayer service to the 2nd & 6th classes in the school hall.



Our school choir have lots of exciting events in the coming months. On Fri 23rd Feb, the girls have been invited to perform at the annual Catholic Primary School Management Association (CPSMA) Gala Dinner. In March, the girls will perform in Féis Ceoil and Sacred competition. Well done girls on all your hard work so far preparing for these very exciting events!