

St. Conleth and Mary's



Easter Easter Newsletter



March 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. My name is Bryan Lynch and as you may be aware, I have recently been appointed principal of St Conleth and Mary's Senior school. I previously served as principal of St. Abban's Killeen in Co. Laois. I would like to thank you all most sincerely for the kind welcome I have received since starting five weeks ago. It has been an extremely pleasurable experience thus far.

I have been extremely impressed with the enthusiasm and work ethic of the pupils and I am looking forward to working with them to develop their holistic education in the coming months and years.

I highly value the professionalism and dedication of all the staff and I relish the opportunity of working with such a dynamic team of people as well as the parents and the extended school community. Together I hope that we can work for the betterment of the education of all the pupils in the school.

It is an exciting time for our school as we await the beginning of construction of our new school building. The Dept of Education has informed us recently that they hope to see construction begin before the end of 2018. This will provide modern facilities for all our pupils and we will continue to keep everyone informed on the progress of the project.

Should you wish to contact me to discuss any matter, please feel free to make an appointment via the office. I am on hand to help in any way that I can.

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Bryan Lynch

Punctuality



At the start of the new term we decided to focus on improving punctuality. Thanks to your co-operation there has been a big improvement in timekeeping. Congratulations to all!

Road Safety



RSA Ireland visited the school during the week beginning January 15th. They set up a street simulation in the hall, complete with traffic lights, pedestrian crossings etc. Each class had a session with the RSA personnel, during which they were reminded of all the common hazards faced by road users and the measures they should take to keep safe, whether as a pedestrian, cyclist or passenger. At the end of their session, each child was presented with their personalised Road Safety Licence. It was an enjoyable and beneficial experience for all pupils.

Food Dudes



This healthy eating programme began in January, with pupils being encouraged to increase their daily intake of fruit and vegetables and rewarded for trying something new. Well done to all. Keep up the healthy living!

PE Update

- 6th classes enjoyed rugby training with Neil Taylor, beginning in January.
- Swimming continued for Rms. 3, 5, 13 and 17.
- Rms. 5, 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14 had weekly gymnastic classes with Carla.

Active Schools

Led by Ms. Bolton and Ms. Dempsey, our campaign to win our 2nd Active Schools Flag continues. Well done to all the children for their magnificent effort to keep active. New tasks and challenges will be set after Easter so watch this space. In the meantime...



- Rooms 1 & 5 have been competing in a virtual run to Dublin.
- Rms. 5, 7 & 8 have taken part in an 'exercise to music' class with Ms. Dempsey.
- Keep Fit sessions with trainer Mark Rowan have been enjoyed by all.

Sporting News

- Girls' Gaelic Football League for 2nd class has started at lunchtimes.
- Well done to the boys who took part in the Mini 7s blitz in Scoil Mhuire recently. Thanks to Mr. Dooley and Mr. O'Sullivan for mentoring. Training for Senior Boys will continue on Wed. evenings and at lunchtime.
- Cumann na mBunscol Kildare Cross-Country event will take place on Mar. 22nd in Hawkfield. A big thank you to Mr. Dooley, Ms. Gill and Mrs. Dooley for taking charge of our teams.

Green Schools

- Feet First Friday continues. Please try to walk or 'park and stride' to school.
- The butterfly patch is being resown in the school garden.
- 2nd class planted tomatoes, and potted on parsley.
- Rm. 5 are planting early crop potatoes.
- 2nd class did a lichen hunt around the school.

Our Quiz Team

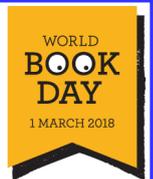


Comhghairdeas le Sean Halley, Sive Armour, Aoibhe Mulraney and Darragh Lachart, who competed in the Cumann na mBunscol Quiz on Feb. 23rd. They didn't bring home any medals but did extremely well and we are very proud of them.

Science Related News

- Rm. 8 attended a workshop on Underwater Microphones, where they learned about various marine life and constructed their own underwater microphones.
- Patrick Hunt visited Rms. 14, 17 and 4, giving a very informative talk on marine pollution.

World Book Week.



Despite the snowy weather we celebrated World Book Week in style with paired reading, a book quiz (with Easter eggs for each class winner) and some classes dressing up as their favourite character. The highlight this year, however, was a visit from The Moon and Sixpence Puppet Theatre with their show, 'Over the Rainbow', after which senior classes were given a 'behind the scenes' tour of the production, learning how the puppets were handled. It was a real treat for all!

Seachtain na Gaeilge



This celebration of our language and culture opened with a bang on Mar. 5th, when John Spillane arrived up from Cork to entertain the school. The children were brilliant, singing along enthusiastically. We continued with a Tráth na gCeist in each class, with uibheacha Cásca again being awarded to each class winner. The week concluded with our Céilí Mór i Halla na Scoile, with pupils and teachers alike sporting 'forty shades of green' as they gave it their all. Míle buíochas to the Parents' Association for providing much appreciated refreshments on the day.

Comhghairdeas



Well done to 6th classes on a beautiful Confirmation ceremony. A special thank you to the children in the choir and to the altar servers. We really appreciate their part in making the celebration so special for the 6th classes.