

# Newsletter March 2020



## Lent 2020

Thank you to Fr. James who visited the school on Ash Wednesday to give ashes to the children.

A Lenten food appeal campaign to support the Simon Community will take place in the school.

A box will be left by the office for those who wish to donate any items to this worthy cause.

They are looking for the following items: Boil-in-the-bag rice, spaghetti, spaghetti hoops, coffee, biscuits, tinned soup, tinned fish, oil, vinegar, chick peas.

## Sacraments

Congratulations to the children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class who received the sacrament of reconciliation last night.

Well done to Fionn Pepper, Cathal O'Grady, Darren Rochford, Liam Liddane, Ava McEntee, Lara O'Dwyer, Elisa Kidney, Laoise Donnellan, Eabha Kidney and Eve McMahan.

6<sup>th</sup> class pupils continue their preparation for Confirmation which takes place in Killanena Church on **Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.**

## Corona Virus

Department of Health have released guidelines for schools regarding the spread of corona virus. They recommend the regular washing of hands; using a tissue when coughing or sneezing or if tissue is unavailable to cough/sneeze into elbow. Children can bring their own hand gel to school if they wish. Remember that risk of infection is low.

Parents will be kept informed of any updates regarding schools.

## Green Schools

Waste free Wednesday continues every week.

Green School Committee ask that everybody makes a special effort on this day to have a waste free lunchbox.

We would ask that children try to cut out the use of tinfoil and clingfilm in their lunchboxes.

Well done to all the children who participated in the upcycle challenge. Our winners were Aoife Minogue; Elisa Kidney; Orla Cusack; Lara O'Dwyer and Tom Moloney.

Super creativity shown by pupils.

## Engineers Week

Children are busy working on activities to mark Engineers week this week. A special focus is being put on design and make for science this week.

## Maternity Leave

Ms Kate Daffy has been appointed to cover the maternity leave for Ms Mahon.

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Children will mark SnaG next week. We will have a La Glas next **Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Children can wear something green instead of school uniform if they wish.

## School Closure

**Reminder:** As per calendar, the school will be closed as planned on **Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>**. School will re-open as normal on Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is marked worldwide today.

We will mark the day at a later date before the Easter holidays.

The children will receive their book tokens today.

## Super Troopers

We continue with the Super Troopers programme which encourages children and their families to live happier and more active lifestyles, through fun daily activities around physical activity, wellbeing and nutrition, this programme helps to promote healthy minds and bodies.

Keep up the good work!

## Enrolment

If you know of anyone wishing to enrol in school, please let us know.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office and should be returned by Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 .

## School Transport 2020/2021

Applications for the School Year 2020/21 are now open.

Please note: Deadline date for applications is **24<sup>th</sup> April 2020**.

Only new pupils need apply, eg pupils starting Primary school or moving to Post Primary school or those who are changing home address or school.

Full details of the scheme are available on [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)

## Dates for your Diary

<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b>
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>School closed (St Patrick's)</b>
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>School closes at 12noon for Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays (School re-opens on Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>)</b>
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Swimming Lessons commence for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class</b>
<b>Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Swimming Lessons commence for Junior Infants to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class</b>
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>