

Scoil Aoife



Welcome to our
Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I think this has been the quickest term and yet one which has been the busiest and action packed since our return in January. Of course doesn't time fly when you're having fun and what fun our students and staff have had this term with all the activities and events throughout the term.

In January we had Literacy week and we also celebrated our favourite stories and authors during World Book Day.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge was wonderful again this year.

Bhí go leor imeachtaí spreagúla ag na daltaí i gcaitheamh na seachtaine.

The community came alive for our Intercultural Day celebrations where our students studied and presented wonderful projects on countries and cultures from around the world. Our parents brought their culinary delights and talents to our GP hall for us to share, taste and discuss in celebration of Intercultural Day.

In this term we had our Parent-Teacher Meetings which gave us the chance to connect in a friendly and collaborative way with all our parents. Turnout was impressive this year and we thank you for making time and taking an interest in your child's progress at school. I want to take this opportunity to thank our pupils, staff and parents for the continued collaborative approach to making this school a great place to be a part of. A special thanks also to our PTA for always going above and beyond to organise some fantastic events for the school. Wishing you all a safe and peaceful Spring break and we look forward to seeing you and working with you in Term 3.

Tadhg O'Lionaird

CODING

In Scoil Aoife, as part of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) the children get to use different kinds of technology when they are learning. This month there have been lots of coding activities happening.

In Ms Anglin's Junior Infants the boys and girls had fun with Bee Bots, figuring out how to make them move and turn. Then they got to have a race! Ask them about their Bee Bots, we gave them lots of fun names.





Dayna from Mr Bellew's 2nd class told us about coding activities in their class.

"We were making a Ferris Wheel out of Lego. There were different characters, and we got to design our own characters on the tablet. We were able to tell the Ferris wheel to go forward or backwards and we got to pick the speed on the tablet."





Krish from Mr Barron's 4th class explained about their activities. "There is a box of Lego and an iPad app. You go into the Lego WeDo app and then into classroom projects and there are a lot of things to do. We picked Milo. We built Milo out of Lego and added motion sensors. The first project was to see which colour was the best to stop Milo. We added tilt sensors to Milo too. We also did a project with racing cars to see which was faster. We built them to look like F1 cars."



There have also been a lot of fun activities outside.

Fun in the sun

Ms Williams' Junior Infants had great fun learning to play basketball. They learnt a lot of new skills and did a great job practising with their friends.



Alexia from Ms Keegan's 2nd Class told us about a trip her class went on.

"We got our ten stars for yard, so we got to go to the playground. We had loads of fun. We walked and it was good exercise. I was playing with sand, and the slide and my friends. We went on the merry go round. When we were walking back we saw an ice-cream truck but we didn't get any this time – maybe next time!"



Alexia also said about 2nd Class going to swimming lessons "We got to go swimming to Tallaght. Mr Bellew's class came too. We went on the bus. We learned to swim or swim better. We loved it. We had playtime at the end of the lessons."

Ms Madden's 4th class were the first to learn in Forest School. Carley and Seb told us about it.



“Forest School is in a small forest in the school. It is a learning programme that we did outside. We went out in small groups. You are able to cut sticks into circles and use them as necklaces. They were teaching us to clean too. We picked up rubbish because a lot of litter had been thrown over the wall. On the last day we lit a fire and made smores on it. They were teaching us how to survive outside and how to make hammocks. There were activities like tug of war, clay, and painting.”





Meet our Student Council.
They have been working on a number of projects this year, including this newsletter.

Working together they have also created a competition to help the classes to improve their recycling and are doing a great job running it and supporting their classes.

Thank you for all your hard work, you're doing a great job!

For Wellbeing Week the whole school went on a walk together.



As part of the celebrations for Autism Awareness Day the children in the Magic Garden were visited by their friends in other classes and they all had great fun doing art and crafts and having a party!



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The Scoil Aoife Choir took a trip to the Residence nursing home in Citywest.

The choir really enjoyed singing alongside the residents, especially singing the older classics that they had been practicing for them! The children had a lovely chat with the residents after their performances and they are very much looking forward to going back to visit them again.



Well done to both the girls and the boys soccer teams, they have been doing so well this year. On Friday 4th April they got to travel together to play their matches and both teams won!



The girls' team have just gotten through to the quarter-final of the cup. We are so proud of them and wish them the best of luck.

The popularity of chess in Irish primary schools continues to explode!



On Wednesday 2nd of April, Scoil Aoife took part in the Comórtas Fichille (regional chess finals) along with 120 students from west Dublin. Out of 18 teams, the Scoil Aoife Gambits achieved joint 3rd place! St. Patrick's National School in Castleknock kindly acted as hosts.

We hope you enjoyed reading all our news!