

Easter 2023 Newsletter

Caherelly NS

We break up for Easter holidays on
Friday March 31st at 12 noon.

School will reopen on Monday
April 17th.

As we draw to the end of another term, I would like to wish all of our pupils a well deserved rest with their families.

It has been a very busy term with lots of activities and learning taking place. Thanks to all staff for their hard work, kindness and continued dedication to our school and our pupils.

School Activities

Swimming

Classes from 2nd -5th will travel by bus each Friday to the UL swimming pool. It's a great opportunity for our pupils and they really enjoy this strand of the PE curriculum. The first swimming class is on April 21st. Pupils need to be able to dress independently and look after their

belongings. Younger children should practise dressing and packing a swimming bag over the holidays. A visit to the pool would also be a good idea in order to get your child prepared.

Sports

GAA: All classes have taken part in a 5 week programme of training with Patrick Finn, GDA. The younger pupils have worked on the basics of hurling and football and older pupils honed in on their skills. Thanks to Patrick for his patience and fairness to our pupils.

Our boys and girls in 4th, 5th and 6th class have taken part in hurling and camogie in the mini 7s competition. The Cumman na mBunscol competition will follow in the final term for both boys and girls.



Girls Mini 7s team

3rd & 4th class boys and 3rd, 4th & 5th class girls took part in indoor hurling in

Caherconlish in February. They did us proud in the competition.



Girls Indoor Hurling team



Boys Indoor Hurling team

Congratulations to Hilary Hannan and Riain Martin who represented our school on the East Limerick teams for hurling and camogie. Both pupils have also been selected to play in the Primary Game at half-time in senior hurling and football games this season.



Hilary and Riain 6th class pupils



Two pupils from our school, Emma O'Neill (6th) and Brian Wharton (5th) were recently chosen, at random, to tog out for the launch of the Primary Game at GAA Munster headquarters in Limerick.

Soccer: We had 4 teams at the recent FAI Primary 5s in Corbally. Three of the teams have made it to the next round. Well done to them.



Our girls soccer teams we also had two boys teams.

World Book Day took place at this time also and our pupils took part in various activities during the day. We had buddy reading, teacher readings, games and fun for the day.



Green Schools

In February our Green school Committee visited the Mungret Recycling Facility. They got a guided tour there and learned so much. It was great to see the place in action and learn how different items are put to use and recycled.

We also had a clothes collection for recycling which raised €92.00

A Green Schools after school club will resume after the Easter holidays on Wednesday evenings.



St Patrick's Day Parade

For Seachtain na Gaeilge we held an assembly where each class performed some songs, dance and poems as Gaeilge. At lunch time we raised the tri-colour outside our school and had our St Patrick's Parade. In the evening there was a Trath na gCeist. A fantastic day!



Pastoral

Pupils from Ms Cunniffe's 2nd class made the Sacrament of First Penance last month. Well done to them and thank you to their teacher for preparing them

so well and marking the occasion in such a special way for them. Thanks to Fr Walton for the kindness and understanding shown to them.

First Holy Communion takes place on May 13th.

Confirmation took place in Ballybricken Church on March 10th. We had 19 boys and 19 girls for the Sacrament. It was a beautiful ceremony celebrated by our Archbishop, Kieran O'Reilly & co-celebrated with Fr James Walton and Fr Roy O'Donovan. The church was decorated beautifully on the day. Thanks to all teachers and staff, Fr Walton, Eileen O'Riordan and those who arranged the flowers for the day.

Stay Safe

There has been a great response to our Stay Safe talk **for parents** on April 24th. Please remember to book your place if you are interested in attending. The more who attend the better as this way more parents are informed of current trends and possible issues for their children. **(Please note this is a talk for adults only)**

Uniform

We encourage our pupils always to look neat and tidy coming to school. Thanks for your support in this regard. We have

some tops in our lost and found. Please contact the office if you are missing one.

Uniform shorts may be worn from May Bank Holiday. Shops have shorts in stock at the moment. They must be plain navy, mid thigh or longer, no leggings or short sports shorts.

Parent Association

Our Parent Association met in March. Thanks for all the hard work from this group, without it the school could not possibly afford all the trips, activities and extra equipment etc we have invested in.

There will be some events coming up which will need as many hands as possible to help out; School walk, First Holy Communion and Graduation. Please volunteer your time or donate some baked goods when these occasions arise. It's always greatly appreciated.

Some stalwarts of our parents association are leaving the school this academic year, we will need some reinforcements in the new school year! I would like to thank them for their many years of volunteering on behalf of the school. Míle buíochas!

School Walk/Art Exhibition



Examples of the batik art created during our residency with Yvonne Edmonds

Our walk this year will take place on May 19th. On the night we will have an exhibition of our art from the Art Blast Programme. Our pupils are very excited about the prospect!

It's a great opportunity to get out and meet other parents and staff. We will also be inviting the families of new Infants and prospective families in our community so spread the word! All in the community are welcome to join us on the night.

Funds raised will go towards a defibrillator for the school and training in its use.

Wellbeing

Our staff work hard and do their best to be consistent and fair to all pupils. Our pupils are progressing academically and socially through the thoughtful planning and delivery of lessons. We pride ourselves in working in tandem with parents and families and wish to further strengthen this partnership. As a staff, we have a very busy schedule and lots to consider every day. With Easter holidays upon us, it's time to relax and unwind and get recharged for the last and possibly busiest term. We look forward to returning to build on what has gone on in classrooms all year.

After Easter we have planned a Wellbeing Week. Different activities will take place for pupils and staff during the week. More information to follow.

School tours

Our school tours will take place in June. Our Infants, Seniors, 1st and 2nd Class will visit Bunratty and take in Fossetts Circus on site on Wednesday 14th June.

3rd & 4th Class will be going to Mallow to the Lets Go Camp on Tuesday 13th June.

5th & 6th Class will travel to Dublin on Friday 16th June to visit Croke Park & Dublin Zoo.

*More information will follow closer to the time

New Curriculum

The Department of Education is currently in the process of updating our National curriculum. We have a day of staff training on **May 15th** to become more familiar with changes. Children will not have school on this day.

Local Area News

Clean-up

*The annual Ballybricken **TLC cleanup** will take place on Good Friday. Volunteers are asked to meet at Caherelly Community Hall at 10am. Bring hi-vis jacket, gloves and litter picker if you have them. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Caherelly Co-Op

New Facebook page - please follow.

Tickets on sale for a raffle to support the upkeep of the local hall and community field. Tickets can be purchased from Scanlons.

Dates to Remember

Easter holidays- March 31st (school finishes at 12). School reopens on April 17th.

May 13th First Holy Communion

May 19th School Walk/Art Exhibition

May 15th Curriculum Training for staff-
no school for pupils

On behalf of the Staff and myself, we
wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go leir!

Niamh McGuinness



EASTERTIME PRAYER

Begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Risen Lord,
we greet you with joy
this Easter season,
and we thank you for the
gift of new life.
Bless our food,
our family
and our friends,
and help us
to celebrate the springtime
in our hearts
as we rejoice
in the good news
of your resurrection.
Alleluia! Amen.

Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.

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