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## March 2024

### Dates for your Diary

- March 1st:** Entrance exams for 6th class pupils (6th pupils leaving school at 10:45)
- March 2nd:** 6th class confirmation at 11 in St Clare's church.
- March 6th:** First Confessions for 2nd class at 7:30pm.
- March 6th:** Board of Management meeting in St Fiacc's at 5pm.
- March 7th:** School Wellbeing Day (see below for more details)
- March 7th:** World Book Day. Pupils are welcome to come to school dressed as a fictional character from a book! Book tokens will be distributed to all pupils to celebrate the event.
- March 8th:** School is closed for government referendum
- March 9th:** Peace Proms in Waterford. Best wishes to the choir, Miss Kavanagh & Miss Davitt.
- March 12th:** 6th travel to the GPO in Dublin
- March 13th:** 6th travel to St Leo's for Musical Mamma Mia
- March 15th:** Lá Glas. Pupils can wear Green Clothing to school to mark St Patrick's Day. €2 donation requested. The day will feature an open air ceilí!
- March 18th:** St. Fiacc's is closed for St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday
- March 19th:** Interschool relay event in Carlow IT (5th & 6th class pupils selected)
- March 21st:** Meeting for parents of next year's Junior Infants in St. Fiacc's hall at 7pm. Details to follow.
- March 21st:** FAI 5-a-side event (5th & 6th class pupils selected)

### Thank you!

To all families returning our family contribution envelope. Date of next contribution: Wed March 6th.

### ATTENDANCE - WHOLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

Attendance rate for January – 89.8% (87.6% in 2022)

In March we are running a campaign to promote coming to school on time. We are calling it "BE ON TIME" with plenty of spot prizes to keep children motivated!

Please try to get your child in before the line goes in.

### MARCH PUNCTUALITY CAMPAIGN

# BE ON TIME!

<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">5:00</div> <p>5 minutes late per day adds up to <b>3 DAYS</b> of lost school time!</p>	
<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">10:00</div> <p>10 minutes late per day adds up to <b>6.5 DAYS</b> of lost school time!</p>	
<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">15:00</div> <p>15 minutes late per day adds up to <b>10 DAYS</b> of lost school time!</p>	
<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">20:00</div> <p>20 minutes late per day adds up to <b>13 DAYS</b> of lost school time!</p>	
<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">30:00</div> <p>30 minutes late per day adds up to <b>19 DAYS</b> of lost school time!</p>	

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## National FIS Awards Winners!!

Wednesday February 21st was a RED LETTER DAY for Saint Fiacc's National School as it scooped two awards at this year's FÍS Film Awards ceremony with our five-minute movie Podorozh (Journey in Ukrainian).

Our students received the Outstanding Achievement Award for Autobiography as well as The Aileen MacKeogh Film of The Year Award. The winning movie was produced by sixth class teacher Kevin Keogh and his film club of pupils and details the journey of sixth class pupil Arsenii Malechco of how he travelled from war torn Ukraine to Poland, Berlin, onto Paris and finally onto a ferry to Ireland before enrolling at our school. The pupils were involved in all aspects of the production from writing the script to shooting the scenes.

The cast and crew included: Arsenii Malechco. Ricky Matthews. Ellen Salter-Scully. Jayden Hand. Craig Power. Leah Tierney. Eryk Kacperski. Matthew Onikoyi. The music for the film was composed by sixth class teacher Jack O'Flaherty.

The awards ceremony took place in the Helix, Dublin. Please click on the link to view the film.

[Winning Movie](#)







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**Quiz Champions:** Congratulations to our junior and senior quiz teams who finished 1st and 3rd respectively in the Carlow Credit Union quiz on January 28th. The Chapter Regional final takes place this Friday in Kilkenny.

Thanks to Mr Bolton & Miss Hennessy for mentoring the teams.



### Wellbeing Day - March 7th

To promote Wellbeing we are organising a series of activities to promote wellbeing such as: a wholeschool walk; Drop Everything And Dance; mindful colouring; circle time; Drop Everything And Read; Song singing; Kindness awards; Zumba; games. It promises to be a great day.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended our PT meetings. Our HSCL Miss Payne will be in touch with those who could not attend. Mr Sheil is presently organising meetings for 4th (Room 14).

### Living Our Ethos

During Lent we encourage boys and girls to prepare for Easter by being more prayerful, perhaps abstaining from some sugary foods and helping out at home.

Our 6th classes have been busily preparing for their big Confirmation day this Saturday when they will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

### Handwriting competition

This week might be a good opportunity to encourage your child to write neatly as all classes are taking part in our handwriting competition

### Building Update

Over Easter we will be installing a Modular 6 room building at the back of the school to support children who are receiving additional needs teaching and English additional language support.