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APRIL Newsletter 2023

Dates for your Diary

March 29th: Easter Draw (Don't forget to return your cards!!)

March 31st: St. Fiacc's will close at 12:00 for Easter Holidays.

Infants will be collected at 11:50am. All other classes will be collected at 12:00.

April 3rd - April 14th: Easter Holidays (School is closed)

April 20th: Meeting for parents of next year's Junior Infants in St. Fiacc's hall at 7pm. Details to follow.

Miss Aisling Nolan - a tribute.



It was with great shock and sadness that we received news of the passing of our beloved colleague, Miss Aisling Nolan, on March 12th, after a short illness.

It is often remarked that a good person makes a good teacher; Aisling was such a teacher. A native of Graiguecullen, Aisling attended St. Fiacc's as a pupil before spending her entire career at our school touching the hearts and minds of children and staff alike. Every day was a learning day for Aisling who was highly respected and admired by her colleagues for her development of Infant Education at St. Fiacc's and her commitment to innovation and professional development. Although Aisling would never describe herself as a leader -such was her humility- she was responsible for introducing many effective practices when she transitioned to SEN as an experienced practitioner, an assistant principal and as deputy principal. Aisling had the charm, charisma and knowledge to convince even the greatest skeptics. An advocate and ardent voice for the most vulnerable pupils, Aisling had an unparalleled knowledge of almost every family in Graiguecullen. Aisling's love of teaching could only be matched by her love and pride in the every achievement of her children Jack, Des and Kate.

Aisling, a light went out in our lives when you left us far too soon but your infectious laugh, mischievous spirit and passion for education will live long among the staff and pupils of St. Fiacc's.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis.

La Glas

Thanks to all the parents who contributed to our La Glas fundraiser and donation boxes for Aisling.. A total of €1000 was raised for the Urology Department in St. Vincent's Hospital where Aisling received excellent care.

Thank you!

To all families returning our family contribution envelope. Date of next contribution: Wed April 19th.



School Tours

Fees for upcoming school tours are now payable through Aladdin

May 30th: 2nd Class: Castlecomer Discovery Park: €23

May 30th: 1st class: Kia Ora Pet Farm: €18

June 1st: 6th class: Dunmore Adventure Centre: €45

June 1st: Senior Infants: Nore Valley Pet Farm: €20

June 6th: 3rd class: Leisure Max: Wexford: €25

June 7th: 5th class: Clara Lara: €36

June 9th: 4th class: Redhills Adventure Kildare: Cost €35

June 9th: Junior Infants: Jungle Den Kildare: Cost €17

ATTENDANCE - EXCELLENT WHOLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS!!!!!!!

Attendance rate for January – 87.6% (>7.2% on 2022)

Attendance rate for February – 91.2% (>7.1% on 2022)

Attendance rate for March (to date) - 88.2% (.0.9% on 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!

Be On time Poster Winners

Gabriel Witaszek
Max Minnock
Julia Zieba
Hannah Sibanda
Holly Hernan

Emily Nolan
Dylan Doyle
Nel Pawlowska
Sergio Giner
Ava Whelan

Andreea Velescu
Eryk Kacperski
Mikey Murnane
Denis Brais
Rebeca Serban

Emanuel Lukacs
Roberts Kulmanis
Jodie Shannon
Kaylee Nolan Bolger
Charley Yeates



DEIS

Our Attendance and Numeracy DEIS Plans have been uploaded to our school website.



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PHOTO GALLERY
Confirmation Day March 11th
World Book Day at St. Fiacc's
Be On time winners (Week 1)





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On the 4th of March, our school choir set off to Waterford to perform in the Peace Proms concert. The children learned all their songs and dances and worked really hard in order to prepare for this day! We are really proud of our school choir. They performed brilliantly on the day and it was a great day. Thanks to Miss Kavanagh & Miss Davitt for preparing the boys and girls. We are really proud of our school choir.



Well done to our girls who were finalists in the FAI Primary 5s. Thanks also to Miss Roche and Miss Minnock.





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**INSPIRING
FUTURES**

Our boys were very unlucky in the Primary 5s just missing out on the final on goal difference. Thanks to Mr Bolton and student Tadhg Roche for managing the boys.

Well done to our two quiz teams who finished in the top 10 out of 25 teams at the recent St. Abban's quiz.

Team 1
Cian O' Shea
Rian Doyle
Nina Hryniewiecka
Tyler Dargan

Team 2
Ricky Matthews
Filip Morawski
Mya Simeoni
Ben O' Byrne





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Well done to Amelia Fraser who swam for St. Fiacc's NS in the National Aquatic Centre in the Irish minor schools championships. Amelia achieved two PBs!

Our Handwriting Winners

Miss Hutton Miss Reddy Miss O' Brien	Hugh O' Neill; Harleigh Murphy Lena Cieslak; Muchen Zhai Pawel Mardeusz; Sienna Ianni	Miss Daly Mrs Nolan Mr Nolan	Arianna Vlas; Kadi Mahony Afsa Alom; Cathal Henry Skarlet Gibson; Beatrice Ripi Cean
Miss Coakley Miss Doyle Miss Holland	Megan Walsh; Lucas Hande Farrell Thea Minnock; Kristin Hugo Kate Murray; Lucy Haughney	Mr Groarke Miss McCarthy Miss Roche	Hazel Murphy; Pippi Rose Doyle Kavanagh Gabija Paldaviciute; Hanna Taraszka Lana Abbey; Melanie; Milute
Miss Mullen Miss Davitt Miss Ronan	Sofia O' Sullivan; Lucy Abbey Akifa Ferdous; Mya O' Shea Sara Comellas; Kelly He	Miss Hennessy Miss Kavanagh Miss Carroll	Adam Keegan; James Sheehan Caden Chen; Julia Sykula Cian O' Shea; Szymon Szymanski
Miss Scully Miss Ivory Miss N Cheallaigh	Aoife O' Shea; Lena Kubera Leah Horohan; Gabriel Witaszck Ryan Whelan; Viktoria Kostecka	Miss Minnock Mr O' Flaherty Mr Keogh	Ailin Xie; Nicole Yan Karla Lazar; Antoni Gruba Cordelia Ehigiamusoe; Rebecca Serban