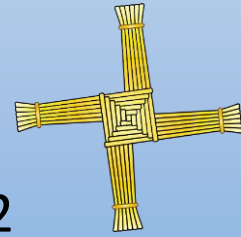




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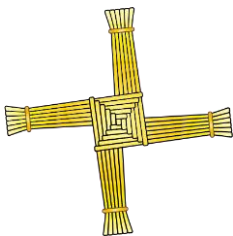


Dates to Remember

2nd Feb Memory Lane Photography

7th Feb School Book fair (online)

Mid Term - 23rd ,24th 25th Feb.



February 1 traditionally marks the beginning of Spring in Ireland, with Imbolc and Saint Brigid's Day heralding a new dawn after the cold and darkness of winter.

The festival traditionally sees people make Saint Brigid's crosses and will become Ireland's newest public holiday from next year.

The cross is usually put up in homes above windows or doorways and is believed to keep harm away from the household. St. Brigid is said to have invented the cross herself while attending a sickbed and picking up rushes from the floor to craft them into a sacred cross.

Taking up the tradition in its many forms focuses the mind in the meditation of craft, and connects our winter minds to the great wheel that turns and is slowly bringing us into the spring of renewal.

This year 6th class have made St Brigid's crosses in class.

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7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Teaching and learning

Key words
a) achieve
b) determined
c) frequently
d) opportunity
Spelling Rule - homophones
1. aloud
2. allowed
3. ascent
4. assent
5. principle
6. principal
7. stationary
stationery

Just a reminder that teachers need your support in sitting with your child and revising tables and spellings every week.

These are the fundamentals of numeracy and literacy and it is imperative that boys spend time at home every night revising same. This may take just 2-3 minutes per day, a car journey may start each morning with a quick counting in multiples exercise. It may even be fun!

Junior Classes – It is imperative that an adult listen to a child's reading on a daily basis if possible. Children at this young age need to be supported in completing their daily homework if they are to experience a sense of progress and achievement.

6th Class Educational Passport

This week 6th class pupils and their parents are asked to complete their 'Educational passport profiles' to be sent to their secondary schools.

Your child will bring home an envelope today with the relevant document inside to be completed.

Please return the envelop with completed profiles to your class teacher before Friday 4th February

HSE update.

Please see attached letter re vaccinations for your child at link pasted below.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/correspondence/principalslettercovidenglish.pdf>



Book Fair

Next Mon 7th February is the start of our annual Book Fair Week!!!
Due to Covid restrictions our Book Fair this year will again be online.

This gives us added benefits.

Order from the comfort of your home, open 24 hours from dates below.
Easy to use online system, quick checkout, no need to register.
Wider choice of titles, over 1,500 books to choose from.
Age graded website to make it easy. All orders are delivered in bags
Check out categories - Bargain Box, Under €5, Sport etc

Our school will get fantastic commission of 50% in free books,
for every 2 books you buy our school gets 1 free book!

Starting **Monday 7th February**
Ending **Tues 15th February**

To order online

Please ensure you use this link, if you buy on the main site our school will not get the commission.

To order click on <https://bookfair.tarabookco.ie/>

click on **shop now**

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Thurs 3rd March is World Book Day.

All children in Ireland receive a token worth €1.50 so they can get a free Wbd book.

To facilitate this online we have reduced the Wbd books to .01C .

Simply key in Wbd in the search and choose your free book,

Please adhere to one book per child.

If you are buying for more than one child you can add a note when ordering.

All books will be delivered directly to classes in school.



Please see Flyer attached from our Parents Association.



New Class Build & Sensory Garden

We are delighted to see the start of our new class build this week. We hope to have the project completed in time for the new school year, Sep 2022. A sensory garden will be a lovely welcome addition to the school.

We also got the good news this week that we were successful in our application for a new heating system in the old school.

We won't know ourselves next year when we can close our windows and have toastier classroomsin particular those assigned to classrooms in the old part of the school.

Child Safeguarding Statement.

We are currently updating our child safeguarding statement and it will be replacing our current one currently available to view on our Website over coming days.

Please fill out the google form link below in order for us to gather vital information as we complete our annual review. Your participation is hugely valued.

<https://forms.gle/r95y191cc3ANmyoM6>

Our school photographer is due tomorrow.

Please ensure your son is in **full uniform.**