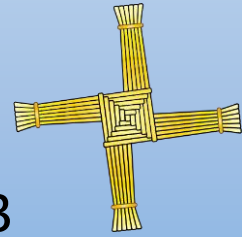




## Newsletter Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2023



### Dates to Remember

**6<sup>th</sup> February Bank Holiday No School.**

**7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February - School Book fair – in school**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February - Mid Term Break School Closed.**

**7<sup>th</sup> February - 6<sup>th</sup> class taking part in Cycle Right (details to follow tomorrow)**



February 1st 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 we hope to see some classes make these crosses this 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.



**Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

Next Tuesday we acknowledge and build awareness around the safer use of the internet. Each class will discuss the topic and we aim to build on ongoing work in educating our pupils re the dangers of the internet.

Please find a booklet attached that you may find useful on what parents can do re safer use of internet at home.

Child Safeguarding Statement (See website for up to date statement)

Designated Liaison Person: Principal Maeve Meenaghan

Deputy Designated Liaison Person: Deputy Principal JoAnn Coyne

\*\* We are currently looking at our Child Safeguarding Statement as part of our annual review (2023) at our next Board of Management Meeting.

It would be most helpful and informative if you could please fill out the Google form sent with this message which will feed into our review.

Parental input /student voice is important to us.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.



## Book Fair

Next Tuesday 7th February is the start of our Book Fair Week.

If any parent has availability to help out on any of the mornings next week at the book fair, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Children usually get to browse books on the Tuesday and they can then bring in money on the Wednesday, Thursday of next week.

### Out –side school clubs and events

**Challenge Cycling Club** (<https://www.facebook.com/Challengecyclingclub>) would like to invite children between the ages of 10 & 14 years old (born between 01/Jan/2008 and 31/Dec/2012) along to an open day on February 5<sup>th</sup> in Kilcornan, Clarinbridge. Following this open day there will be a Youth Development Programme running on Saturdays for 6 weeks in Kilcornan. The programme will focus on key skills to help children develop their bike handling and make them a safer cyclist. Come along and be part of Connacht's fastest growing cycling club.

More information available at <https://www.challengecc.net/youth-open-day> or contact them at [challengecc.youth@gmail.com](mailto:challengecc.youth@gmail.com).

**Oran Easter Camp** – multi activity camp run in Oranmore Boys School 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30 to 2pm

See flyer attached

**Lets Go Easter and Summer Camps.**

See flyer attached.