



## Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023



### Dates to Remember

**17<sup>th</sup> March Friday – No School. – St Patrick's Day**



## St Patrick's Day –

Best of luck to our marching band participating in the St Patrick's day Parade on Friday. They have put in huge effort under the direction of their Band teachers in preparation for Friday. Building our band up again from scratch after 3 years is no easy task so full compliments to all involved.

All boys participating in the Parade please be at the Oran town centre for 3 15pm sharp. Anticipate that traffic will be heavy so please be on time if at all possible.

**All Band members wear their full school uniform for the duration of the Parade.**

Once collected after the parade a change of clothes may be needed especially if it's raining.

## Lá Glas

On Thursday the 16th of March Lá Glas will take place.

All pupils can wear anything green to celebrate our Irish culture and heritage.

On the day we are doing a collection for the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal. We are asking pupils to bring in a small donation for this worthwhile cause.

## Online Safety



An information session for parents will be held this evening in the school hall at 7pm.

Parents are asked not to bring their children if at all possible as certain topics will be discussed that may not be suitable for children.

Information for families regarding School Transport Application Process for 2023/24 School Year

Please see letter attached for school Transport. Applications are to be in by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Families are asked to note that the closing date for payment/registering medical cards has been brought forward so that Bus Éireann can process applications, arrange transport and issue tickets to families as soon as possible for the 2023/24 school year.



## Handball

Best of luck to both our Junior and Senior handball teams who are competing against other Galway Schools tomorrow (Junior) and Thursday (Senior) in Knocknacarra.

Permission forms being sent out today via G form- Children will not travel tomorrow unless we have permissions for the morning. Thank you.

Go neirí leo.



**World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)** is celebrated annually on the 21st of March and is a global awareness day that has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

The date for WDSD is set on the 21st day of the 3rd month as a representation of the extra copy of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome that people with Down syndrome are born with.

As WDSD approaches, you may hear people talking about socks, and there is a very good reason for this. The Lots of Socks campaign exists to raise awareness about Down syndrome and some much-needed funds for Down Syndrome Ireland. Taking part is very easy. All you need to do is choose some socks that are going to get noticed – they can be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy and the brighter the better!

Ask your family, friends, to wear colourful, eye-catching and/or mismatched fun socks on the 21st March.

When someone asks you about your socks you can tell them, “I’m wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome and World Down Syndrome Day on 21<sup>st</sup> March”. Then you can tell them everything that you think they need to know about Down syndrome.

Boys are invited to bring in a small donation next Tuesday if they wish.

We have been lucky enough to have worked with amazing boys in this school with Down Syndrome.



Please see flyer attached re Oranmore Maree GAA that we have been asked to send to parents of boys born in 2017 and 2018 in relation to commencement of U6 Boys Football on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Contact details are on the flyer