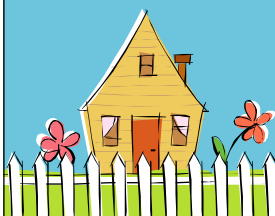


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NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TALLAGHT

Thank you to the Parents Association for hosting a pancake party for all classes on Pancake Tuesday in aid of the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght. A total of €215 was raised in aid of the hospital. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and parents who helped on the day.

GREEN SCHOOLS

Our Green Schools committee have been working towards achieving the second Green Flag on the area of energy. Mr. Mark Molloy is due to visit the school on **Wednesday 7th March** to meet with the Green Schools committee to assess their work.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will celebrate world book day this **Thursday the 8th of March** with all pupils invited to dress as their favourite book character.

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons for pupils from 1st – 6th class begins on **Friday 9th March at 10a.m.** in Roscommon pool (Lesson for Friday 3rd of March will be arranged with the pool). **All pupils from 1st – 6th class need to be at school at 9:15a.m. please on Fridays for the duration of swimming lessons.** Remember to pack lunches in swimming bags.

Write A Book 2017

Well done to all this year's merit book winners – Caitlín Feeney, Seán Mannion, Róisín Brennan, Seán Dollard & Emma Griffin. The Galway Education Centre presentation evening for merit winners will take place on **Tuesday 20th March** in the Galmont Hotel (formerly the Radisson Hotel Galway) with the time to be confirmed by the Education Centre.

PUFFIN SHORT STORY COMPETITION

All pupils from 1st – 6th class are encouraged to write a short story on any topic/ idea for the RTÉ Guide Puffin short story competition with the closing date on the 16th March.



START COMPETITION

Pupils in 4th, 5th & 6th class will work on the START competition [School Teaching awareness of Randomised Trials] which encourages pupils to undertake a trial and report their findings in any chosen media – video, collage, poster, report etc. Pupils are asked to identify a suitable research question which they can answer scientifically. The purpose of this competition is to help students become aware of the randomised clinical trial process, rather than answering a ground-breaking question. Pupils will carry out a trial on a curricular area. See www.startcompetition.com for more information.



FIRST CONFESSIONS

Pupils in second class will receive the Sacrament of Penance on **Wednesday 21st March** in school at 11a.m. Parents are welcome to be there with your child. Confessions for Easter for 3rd – 6th classes will take place on the same day following First Confessions. Best of luck to the pupils as they continue to prepare for this sacrament.

SPAR F.A.I. 5'S SCHOOL SOCCER

The girl's competition takes place on **Tuesday 20th March** at 10:15 a.m. (Registration at 9:45 a.m.) at Shiven Rovers F.C. Ballygar.
The boy's competition takes place on **Thursday 22nd March** at 11 a.m. (Registration at 10:45 a.m.) at Shiven Rovers F.C. Ballygar. The games will be played on either grass or astro turf and all players must wear shin guards.

I.N.S.P.A. [Ireland's National School Photography Awards]

This year saw the inauguration of Ireland's National School Photography Awards [I.N.S.P.A]. These awards are supported by Image Masters Photography and were open to all primary schools located in Ireland. I.N.S.P.A. is a competition which encouraged pupils in primary school to capture digital photos during the school day and show us their experiences from their point of view. The theme for this year was **"Making Memories."**



Congratulations to Conor Brennan whose entry was highly commended in the senior category (3rd – 6th class) and Róisín Brennan & Kyle Doherty whose entries were highly commended in the junior category (Infants – 2nd class)

Daffodil Day 2017

National Daffodil Day takes place on **Friday 23rd March**. Daffodil pins and badges costing €3 each will be on sale for the Irish Cancer Society.



Lá Gaeilge - March 16th Celebrating our Irish Culture & Heritage

Seachtain na Gaeilge events take place nationally from the 1st – 17th March. We will have a Lá Gaeilge on **Friday 16th March** for all classes. Pupils from senior infants – 6th class, please bring along your tin whistle or other musical instrument for a traditional music session. There will be a fun Kahoot Quiz for all classes **"as Gaeilge"** and everyone is encouraged to speak as much Irish as possible during the day. All pupils can wear green on the day to celebrate our national day.

Dates to Note:

- The school will be closed on **Monday 19th March** (Public Holiday) & **Tuesday 10th of April** as all teachers will be attending in-service for the Primary Language (English & Irish) curriculum.
- Whizz Kids will work with pupils in the senior room beginning on **Wednesday 11th April** on an area of computer programming for 8 consecutive weeks.

Easter Holidays

School closes on Friday 23rd April at 3p.m. for Easter. Hope you all have a lovely Easter.



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