



# St. Michael's N.S. Newsletter



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## First Confession

We are making our first confession on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. in St. Michael's Church in Cloonacool. All our families will be there. Eighteen boys and girls will make first confession. We learned three songs, My Shepherd is the Lord, The Lost Sheep and I'm Sorry God. We learned four prayers. We are going to read the story of The Good Shepherd. We will go to Fr. Dan. Fr. Dan will take the place of Jesus. We will tell him our sins. We will say sorry. We will say the Act of Sorrow on our own. God will forgive us. Fr. Dan will give us penance. We will say our penance when we go back to our seat. We will give Mammy and Daddy a hug.

By Second Class

## New Junior Infants

In September new infants will come to our school. A couple of weeks before school ends they come and have a look around. They will meet the teachers and order their uniform. The new infants must register before they come in and they have been leaving in forms. Their teacher will be Mrs Toolan.

By Giselle Gallagher and Shane Clarke

## Debating

In our school we took part in a debating competition. On every team there were four members, a captain, two speakers and a sub. Our captain was Rian Moylan. Our two speakers were Deirbhile Ross and Siobhan Brennan. Our sub was Megan Grehan. Our first motion was '*every child should have a mobile phone*'. We were proposing the motion. In this round we were debating against Killavil N.S., This round was in our school. We won this round. We then went to the semi-finals in Sligo. We had only one week to prepare. The motion for this round was '*homework is a waste of time*'. We were proposing the motion. We were against Leaffoney N.S. We lost in this round.

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March the winning debating teams went to Sligo for the final. The final was held in the Model Art Gallery in Sligo. The two teams in the final were Leaffoney N.S and St.Clare's N.S. Leaffoney N.S won and they will go to Carrick on Shannon to debate in the Connaught finals. We wish them the best of luck. Thank you Miss Kelly and Miss Casey for helping us and supporting us during the debating competition

By The Debating Team

## We are Writers

We wrote a book for our school. It was called "We are Writers". All the children wrote a poem and a story. Our class poems are about colours. It is red. It has the school crest on the cover. It has St. Michael's N.S. on it too. It is our school book. We ordered it when the book fair was in our school. It costs €8.

By Charlene Mitchell

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

We are all busy getting ready for the St. Patrick's Day parade in Aclare. We have to get dressed up in colourful clothes and wave flags and balloons. The theme is the Gathering. We are all looking forward to this great day.

By Junior Infants

## SESE Theme

We are comparing Ireland to Peru. There is a set of mountains in Peru called the Andes mountains. They wear warm clothes because when they are climbing it gets cold. Their climate is a lot warmer than Ireland's climate but in the mountains it is much colder. They wear colourful clothes.

By David Burke and Laura Forkin

## Green School News



On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February Peadar Conway came to talk to us all about Biodiversity and trees native to our area. Peadar had lots of samples of different trees. We got to ask Peadar questions about the different trees in our school garden. Peadar gave us all an oak tree to plant at home in our garden. This was our action day to see if we will get our 5<sup>th</sup> Green School Flag. We would all like to say a big thank you to Peadar.



On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March the Green School Inspector came to visit our school. She met with the Green School Committee. She went through the 7 steps needed to get our 5<sup>th</sup> Flag and she ticked off all the boxes! She went on a walk all around our school and she really was impressed with all the hard work everyone had put in. She loved all our different trees and the beautiful signs identifying the trees. She said we should design a nature trail around the school to show to the New Infants when they visit in May. The Inspector will write to us in April to let us know if we have achieved our 5<sup>th</sup> Flag. Well done to all involved!

By The Green School Committee

### **Difference**



Our theme in SESE for the month of March is Difference. So far we have learnt about 2d and 3d shapes, the difference between high notes and low notes, our ever changing trees from autumn to winter to spring and summer, clothes that are made from different materials and the difference between Town Mouse and Country Mouse. Our classic story for March is Jack and the Beanstalk. We have concentrated on the difference in size between Jack and the Giant. We are enjoying discussing difference and recording everything on our flipchart.

By Senior Infants

### **Football Coaches**

Coleen and Micheál are our GAA coaches. They have been coming for three weeks. They have been teaching us football. They have taught us how to hand pass, bounce, solo, kick and catch. We play no man's land. They are great fun.

By Eimear and John Robert

### **Hurling**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class went to indoor hurling in Banada hall with Miss Casey. We went on the Tubber access bus. We were playing two teams, Drimina and Bunninadden. The boys lost both of their matches. The girls won one match and drew the other match. The score in the boys match against was Drimina 3-Cloonacool 2. Conor Gavigan scored the two goals in the game. The score was Bunninadden 5-Cloonacool 3. Eoin Carty, Seán Carnahan and Dean Maloney scored the goals in that game.

In the girls match the score was 1-1. Eva Currid scored the goal. In the match against Bunninadden we won 3-0. Chole McKim, Claire Gallagher & Eva Currid scored the goals in that match. We arrived back at 1:45. We all had a great day. Thank you Miss Casey for a brilliant day.

By Tara and Conor.

### **Difference**

In science we were looking at differences between acid's and bases. We tested these substances: washing powder, vinegar, olive oil, coke and washing liquid. We used litmus paper to indicate which substance was an acid or a base. We used blue and red litmus paper. We found out that coke and vinegar are acids. Washing powder, washing liquid and olive oil are bases. We found out that water is neutral. When we dipped the litmus paper into the substances it would change colour.  
By Eoin, Áine and Tomas

### **The Book Fair**

The book fair came to our school on 12<sup>th</sup> February for one week. There were all kinds of books on sale. Everyone bought books and posters. There was a bargain table where you could get 3 books for €5. Everyone got a book token. It was worth €1.50. Our book fair was class. Because we bought so many books at our book fair we will get €1,161 worth of free books for our school! By First Class

