



Model School Newsletter

March 2023

Visit from Minister Norma Foley

We were delighted to welcome Minister Norma Foley along with Local TD John McGuinness to our school on Friday 24th February. Minister Foley visited the classrooms and was very impressed with the questions from the children and especially 4th Classes singing ability.



World Day of Prayer

6th Class hosted this year's World Day of Prayer Assembly on Friday 3rd March. Thank you to Lila Harper who provided the information to the school on this year's theme 'I have heard about your faith'. We were delighted that she was able to join us in our worship.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We are very busy in school for Seachtain na Gaeilge 6th - 18th March - here is a sample of some of the activities we are currently taking part in -



- The children are learning the lyrics to "The Cup Song" (Amhrán na gCupán)
- Frasaí na Seachtaine (*We are learning new Irish phrases*) Whole school
- "Buddy Reading" with Irish readers
- "Lá Glas" - dress up in green for the day - Thursday 16th March
- Tráth na gCeist (*Irish Table Quiz*) for 3rd - 6th Classes
- Ceol traidisiúnta (Traditional Music)
- Céilí Beag for 6th Class

Please encourage your child to speak the Irish phrases at home!

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day we had a dress up day where the children dressed up as their favourite book character. There were lots of reading activities in the classrooms



Peace Proms 2023

Congratulations to all the children in 4th & 5th classes who took part in the Peace Proms Concert on Saturday 4th March in Waterford SETU. Mr Chadwick and Mrs Cantwell put in a lot of work preparing the children in class. Thanks to Mr Chadwick, Mrs Cantwell, Mrs Doyle and Ms Rose who accompanied the children on the day. It was a most enjoyable event.

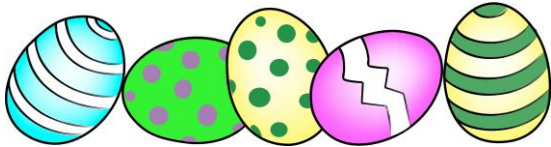




EASTER SALE AND CHILDREN'S FUN DAY - Wednesday 29th March.

The annual children's sale in aid of Celtic Cross Free Primary School, India will take place on **Wednesday 29th March** during school time. Can all donations of old toys, cuddly toys (in good condition) and children's books be dropped off by 24 March to Room 5 as Mrs Cantwell's 5th class are working hard at organising it. There will be a raffle on the day and lots of fun activities. Donations of buns, traybakes etc. can be brought in on the day

**ANY DONATIONS OF EASTER EGGS AS PRIZES WOULD BE
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED!**



Paper Bag Request - if you have any **A5** size paper bags please send them into school for the lucky bags for our Easter Fun Day - we need loads please!



Upcoming School Closure dates for your diary -

St Patrick's Weekend - Friday 17th and Monday 20th March



Staff Training - Friday 24th March

Easter Holidays - 2 weeks - beginning Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April inclusive (school closes at 12.10 pm on Friday 31st and reopens on Monday 17th at 8.55 am)



Garda Vetting

From time to time teachers may request volunteers to assist with school events/activities during the school day. If this is something you may be interested in helping with you **must have** Garda Clearance. The vetting process involves filling out a Vetting Invitation (available from Emma in the office) and returning the completed form along with photographic I.D and proof of address. The school will then post the vetting invitation to Church House and the applicant will receive an email with the vetting application form to be completed online. All forms will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. **Garda clearance is non-transferable from other organisations.** Volunteers for the Model School must be vetted through the Model School. Currently there is a 6-8 week wait for clearance. Once you have Garda Clearance you will be covered for the duration of your child's attendance at The Model School.

Go raibh maith agaibh

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