

# School Newsletter

MARCH

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## Our Values

This March, we'll explore Appreciation and Gratitude.

In April, we'll focus on Fairness, promoting respect, equity, and justice.



## Room 1

This month has been filled with excitement and creativity! We celebrated St. Patrick's Day by making festive hats for the Hat Parade and learning a lively dance for the Céili. We also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Kilmainham Gaol with Room 2, where we learned about history in a fascinating way.

One of our most exciting projects was creating a procedural piece on "How to Catch a Leprechaun", which we brought to life through stop-motion animation! Meanwhile, we've been hard at work on our LEGO creations, getting everything ready for our big LEGO showcase next month.



## Reminders

### School Closures:

½ day Friday 11th April - Closed @ 12pm

Monday 14th - Friday 25th April



We will reopen on Monday 28th of April

Lego Showcase - 9th April @ 11am



## Room 2

Room 2 have had a great month! We have been busy working on projects such as Inspirational Women, Lego Submerge and Let's Grow! We went on a fabulous visit to Kilmainham Gaol learning all about its history, including hearing about Theo's great great uncle, one of Kilmainham's famous



escapees! We also attended a very interesting Engineering workshop in our local library. We had a great time creating our veggie characters for World Book Week and making our hats for St. Patrick's Day. We also had an amazing

time dancing at the Céili! It's been a very busy month! We're working on clay in art, stay tuned to see the results!



# Room 3

This has been a busy month in Room 3. We had our World Book Week where we got to do lots of lovely activities. We also had Seachtain na Gaeilge where we explored different traditional instruments, made St Patrick's Day parade hats, and had fun at the school céilí.

The children have worked really hard this month in math learning both long division and BOMDAS and working on word questions. They did procedural writing and comprehension and learned how to use Canva on their devices to make their written work pop. I'm so proud of the work they are putting in every single day and their mature attitude to their learning.

Here is a picture of a special visitor, Rua, Dylan brought in to show us. He was an exceptionally well behaved student and seemed to enjoy his day of learning.



# Room 4

Room 4 have been busy working on our 'Submerged' Lego and have been working well in their groups. A lot of our class participated in the FAI soccer and did our school proud. We are looking forward to making lots of progress in the next couple of weeks before Easter!



# Room 6

This month was very busy in room 6, there was a lot of fun activities going on and we got to take part in the céilí, the hate parade and world book day. The children also did lots of art work creating their hats and their pots of gold.



# Room 5

This month, we've dedicated a lot of time to exploring Lego, diving into the wonders of the ocean, and learning about the diverse fish and animals that inhabit it. We also discovered the many fascinating careers that people have beneath the sea. Additionally, we've spent considerable time focusing on our Wilson lessons and math skills. We even had a small visitor in our room that everyone got to hold.



# Room 7

Room 7 enjoyed our wonderful book week and created a Secret Wilson door with magic key that open the door to Reading!



# Room 9

Room 9 are enjoying practising their chess skills. Chess helps students develop critical thinking, patience, and problem-solving skills—all while having fun! Whether they are mastering new tactics or challenging their peers, it's inspiring to see their enthusiasm for the game grow.



# Room 8



Room 8 have had a great month. We have celebrated World Book Week, danced away at the céili and participated in the Hat Parade for St. Patrick's Day!



# Room 10

Meet the Giant Squids 🐙 and the Sea Snakes 🐍! Room 10's First Lego Leagues have assembled and are ready for action. We can't wait to show off all our knowledge about Oceans, Coding, creating, building and teamwork at our LEGO Showcase on the 9th April!

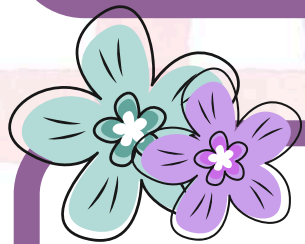


# Student Council

Student council term 2 begins and we had a meeting to welcome our new team. We have a few things coming up in the next three months that will need student council to organise and help.

# The Hub

Over the last few weeks Ms. Cronin and Ms. Flynn from the Hub have been going into classes teaching students all about neurodiversity. We have played games like "Would You Rather" and read stories about a class in an imaginary school called Bubbleburn Primary. Through our lessons we have learned about what makes us unique in our learning and how we all have our own unique needs when it comes to learning and forming relationships. Through the LEANS programme we will be learning all about what neurodiversity is and how we can all understand each other a bit more. A bit like all the varieties of trees that exist in the world, we too all have our own patterns of growth and environmental needs that might be different from one person to the next. We hope everyone continues to enjoy the programme over the coming months!



## A message from Ms McCauley



A sincere 'Thank You!' to Mr. John O'Brien (Grace in Room 9's Dad) for visiting our school and introducing the Microsoft Coding Initiative, where students learned to create their own arcade games. Some of our Senior Boys were the first to dive into coding with him, while the ladies proudly represented the school at the FAI 5's Competition. Fantastic opportunities for all involved!



# Parents Association

## *Welcoming new students and parents*

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March the Parents Association provided tea and coffee for the parents of the new students as they arrived for their information day. It was great to meet them and provide them with some information about the work we are doing. We look forward to meeting them again when their children start in the school.

## *Book Share*

As we shared last month, Bookshare Ireland is free to Students with dyslexia, blindness, vision impairment or other reading barrier. It offers free access to books in audio, large font and other formats. To help you to apply for access for your child, we will send home forms to be completed soon. Please follow the instructions given with the form and apply as soon as you can so that your child can benefit from this great service.

## *Donation to the school*

We are delighted to share that this month the PA is donating €1,500 of the funds raised to date to the school to fund maths software for the iPads which were donated last year. These are now being used in each classroom.

If you'd like to help or suggest something that the Parents Association can do, please email [pa@catherinemcauleyns.ie](mailto:pa@catherinemcauleyns.ie).



# Céilí and The Hat Parade

