



SEACHTAIN **NA** GAEILGE

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge during the month of March. All the children made an extra special effort to speak Gaelige in their classrooms and around the school. We organised many activities to mark the occasion, including quizzes, songs, dances and a Gael Karate session for the 5th and 6th class pupils.

A big thank you to Ms. McDonagh for organising a brilliant whole school cluiche Bingo as Gaelige. We all really enjoyed ourselves / Bhaineamar fíorthaithneamh as!



CREDIT UNION QUIZ – RDS

On Sunday April 7th, our Junior Credit Union Quiz team of Darragh Enright, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Lucy Morris and Conor Young participated in the All-Ireland Credit Union Quiz Final in the RDS.

It was an unbelievable achievement for the team to get this far and one they should be extremely proud of. After some extremely challenging questions and 8 rounds in total, our team finished joint 18th out of 44 teams in total. This is a wonderful result considering these 44 teams are comprised of children from all over country.

Well done to the team once again and for their amazing success this year.

INTERSCHOOLS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Secondly, on Thursday March 21st, Divine Word in Marlay held their Inter-Schools General Knowledge Quiz for sixth class pupils from the surrounding area.

After eight rounds both of our teams did very well and finished in the top six. *The St. Attracta's SNS teams consisted of Oisín Coleman, Katie O'Neill, Barra O'Baoill, Dara Farrelly, Elliot Gallagher, Luke Shorten O'Reilly, Arthur O'Shea and Jamie Keenan.* These boys and girls represented our school so brilliantly on the day and they should be very proud of themselves also. **WELL DONE TO ALL.**





SENIOR GIRLS:

Over the last few weeks our senior girls started their campaign drawing with Scoil San Treasa, Mount Merrion in their first match! This was followed by a narrow loss against our neighbours Scoil Naithí in our second game.

Our girls displayed great determination and skills during the performance over the games. Our next game is our final group game vs Garrán Mhuire, Goatstown.

We wish the girls the very best of luck in the rest of their campaign!



JUNIOR BOYS:

Our Junior Boys also kicked off their Cumann na mBunscol campaign over the last few weeks with a very competitive game against Holycross National School in Deerpark. The boys fought brilliantly throughout and gave a great account of themselves. Unfortunately, they came out on the wrong side of the scoreline at the final whistle.

Our next group is against Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige and we wish the boys the very best of luck with this.

SENIOR BOYS:

The Boy's Senior Hurling team had a great start to their campaign with two wins from two against St Mary's NS Donnybrook and Garrán Mhuire Goatstown. *Thank you to the parents who offered lifts to both away matches.*

Our next game is a top of the table clash vs Our Lady's BNS, Ballinteer on 16th May at 3pm in Broadford. All support would be greatly appreciated. The boys will continue to train every Monday at lunch time.

Keep up the practice lads!!



JUNIOR GIRLS:

Our first ever Junior Camogie team kicked off their Go games last week with a very exciting game against Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige and it was very competitive on both sides with great skill shown by our girls.

We have two teams as there was such demand and we look forward to seeing the other team in action after the midterm break. ***Keep up the great work girls.***



SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

The Boy's Senior Soccer Team recently played their last game for the 2024 season against Ballyroan BNS. Despite the absence of a full squad, the boys kept their best performance for their final game. They gave a mighty performance in front of a full house on the Meadowbrook pitches resulting in a 3-1 victory! Unfortunately, due to results not going their way, the boys finished second in the group and will not advance to the next round.

A selection of the 6th class boys also played in a 5-a-side blitz back in late February but failed to progress beyond the group stages.

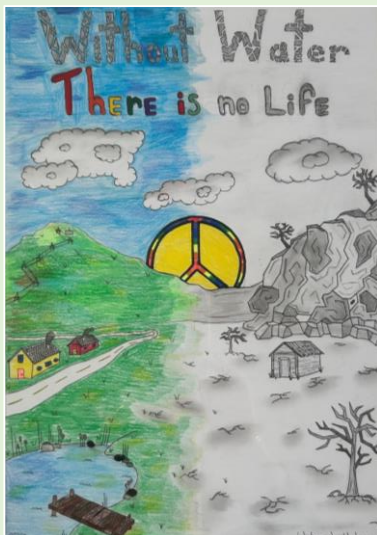
Well done to the boys for showing great fight and a positive attitude in every game they played.



GREEN SCHOOLS UISCE ÉIREANN POSTER WINNER

A huge congratulations to our 6th class student Noah Nartey who was the **Dublin Regional Winner** in the recent water poster and video competition.

The theme of the competition was Water for Peace. This is a fantastic achievement for Noah and one he should be very proud of. *Well done!!*



SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

The Girls's Senior Soccer Team recently played their last game for this season against St Louis in Rathmines. We had a very convincing win and had a wonderful tournament overall.

Unfortunately, just like the boys' team and results not going our way, the girls finished second in the group and will not advance to the next round.

The girls' team also played in a 5-a-side blitz back in February and progressed to the Dublin finals in Clontarf where they put on a great display against very tough opponents. The team were unlucky not to progress any further. *Well done to the girls for showing wonderful team spirit and a positive attitude in every game they played. Maith sibh!*



OLYMPIC HANDBALL ALL-IRELAND FINAL



On Wednesday April 24th, our U11 girls Olympic Handball team travelled to University of Limerick to participate in the **All-Ireland Olympic Handball Finals**.

After a long bus journey to the Limerick venue, the girls were straight into a round robin group competition that would determine the pairings for the upcoming semi-finals.

Our first game was against Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers from Cork and after a fiercely competitive game, the girls came out on the wrong side of a 7-5 scoreline. The group stages also pitted our girls against St. Patrick's Primary School from Portrush and Corrandulla National School from Galway. The girls fought exceptionally well in these games and came away with two vital victories, beating St. Patrick's 8-1 and Corrandulla 5-2.

These results meant the girls finished 2nd in the group and were pitted against Corrandulla National School in the All-Ireland semi final. They proceeded to produce one of their best performances of the day winning comprehensively with all ten panel members contributing handsomely. In the other semi final, Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers from Cork came out on top meaning the All-Ireland final would be a repeat of our first game of the day.

After an exceptionally competitive game, the girls came out on top with the final score reading St. Attracta's SNS - 7 Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers - 3. Our girls played exceptionally well and scored some fantastic goals with Katie Darcy getting three of these and Amy Clarke scoring four.

It is a superb achievement for the group and their coach, Ms. O' Gorman. It is the first time in the school's history to achieve success at this level and the girls should be so proud of their success. A huge thanks to Ms. O'Gorman for all her hard work throughout the campaign.



Confirmation

Our Service of Light will take place on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm in St. Attracta's Oratory. This is a lovely ceremony for our Confirmation candidates and it's another step on their journey towards receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

The Confirmation ceremonies will take place on the following dates:

Ms. McCann & Ms. McDonagh/Ms. McEvoy classes:

Wednesday 29th May at 6pm

Ms. Leonard & Mr. Butler's class:

Thursday 30th May at 6pm

Confirmation photos will take place on **Friday 31st May**. The children can wear their Confirmation clothes on that day for the photos.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Service of Light **Tuesday 21st May**

Santry Athletics **Thursday 23rd May**

School Closed for Bank Holiday..... **Monday 3rd June**

School Closed for Elections..... **Friday 7th June**

School Sports Day..... **Thursday 6th June**

5th Class School Tour to Zip It..... **Wednesday 12th June**

3rd Class School Tour to Causey Farm **Friday 14th June**

4th Class School Tour to Fort Lucan **Friday 14th June**

6th Class School Tour to Baltinglass (2 classes each day)

..... **Thursday 20th June & Friday 21st June**

Summer Holidays..... **Friday 28th June**