



Tang NS - Easter Newsletter 2024

As the Easter break approaches, below are some activities the children have been involved in recently and some important dates to take note of.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

Easter Holidays: 22nd March (half day- School will close at 12.00) - 7th April..

School will reopen on Monday, April 8th

First Communion: April 27th, Tang Church @ 11am.

Hurling coaching will take place for 6 weeks, starting on the 11th April.

Sports Day: 28th, 29th or 30th May - weather dependent.

May 7th - 24th: Standardised testing will be carried out in all classes on various dates across these three weeks. Please try to ensure your child has full attendance during this period unless they are ill.

Calendar for 2024-2025: Has now been decided and is available on the school website.

Sacraments

Congratulations to the children of 2nd class who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation from Fr Godwin on March 12th in the school.

Congratulations also to the children of 6th class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Deenihan in Christ The Redeemer Church, Ballymore on February 21st. Well done to the children for working so hard in preparing for these very special milestones in their Christian journey

School Football

Both girls' and boys' are now through to the Quarter Finals of Cumann na mBunscol competition. Thanking our coaches and parents for your continued support.

Reviewed School Policies

The following school policies have been recently reviewed and ratified by our board of management and will be available on our school website:

- Anti Bullying Policy,
- Code of Behaviour,
- Class Splits Policy.

Green Schools

Well done to our Greens Schools Committee for all their hard work this term. 2nd and 3rd class are currently taking part in the Picker Pals initiative. Each evening one child will bring home the Picker Pals pack which contains equipment to pick litter in their local area. We hope this will encourage our school community to keep the local environment clean and highlight areas where dumping and fly tipping is an issue.

Students from 2nd - 5th class took part in a Sightsavers art competition to promote awareness of and knowledge about The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Credit Union & Community Games Quiz

Well done to our two quiz teams who took part in the Athlone and Castlerea Credit Union Quiz held in the Count John McCormack Centre, TUS recently. Regan Martin, Mia Rose McHugh and Noah Gill represented our school in Category A and narrowly missing out on 3rd place were our category B team consisting of Michael Mannion Dalton, Luke Sloyan, Derry Ward and Daithí Murray.

Our school also took part in the Community Games quiz competition representing Ballymahon & Forgnay in the Rustic Inn. Well done to Regan Martin, Mia Rose

McHugh, Judy Murray and Derry Ward who put in a strong performance on the night.

Creative Schools Cluster

As part of the Schools Creative Cluster and with the help of our TY students we have compiled an introduction to our school video clip. This is shared with all classes and our Creative Schools Cluster. Our Creative Schools Squad is now formed. We look forward to collaborating our ideas for enhancing spaces around our school for student use.

Hot School Meals

Lunches 4 Schools are ready to launch our hot school meals to begin on April 8th straight after Easter. They will be in touch in the coming days with details of the App and how to order. All children will need to bring a snack and usual drinks for the 11 am break and hot meals will arrive for the 12.45 break. Please see separate email for further details.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge in the school from Friday, 1st to Friday, 15th of March. The children really enjoyed promoting and using the Irish language through participating in Tráth na gCeist, art work, comórtais Ghaeilge and Focal an Lae. The fortnight culminated with our Lá Glas where the children dressed up in anything green in anticipation for St. Patrick's weekend. We also took to the halla where all classes entertained us with Irish poems, songs and music.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Children from all classes created some fabulous drawings for our St Patrick's Day Parade entry showcasing the things we love to do to mind our mental health and

wellbeing. Children and their parents dressed in yellow and carried their beautiful art work and a yellow balloon. The parade entry, as always, was driven by our parents and we are very grateful to them for giving up their time and creativity to put the display together and making sure everyone got a special treat afterwards. We are delighted to have been acknowledged by the Parade Committee and awarded the prize for 'Most Topical Entry'. Well done and a huge thank you to all involved.

Incidental Inspection

We had an incidental inspection from the Dept of Education inspectorate on Wednesday, 31st January. The inspection was a very positive experience for both staff and children. Our inspector was very supportive during the whole process and commended all the hard work of pupils, staff and parents in creating a whole positive and respectful school environment.

Diocesan Inspection

We also had a diocesan inspection on Friday, 9th February. The Diocesan Advisor listened to the children discuss and share Bible stories, prayers and religious songs.

School Self- Evaluation - Wellbeing

Following on from surveys from pupils, staff and parents in the 1st term of school, a 3 year plan with a focus on Wellbeing has been drawn up. Our key area for the next 3 years is Culture and Environment i.e. promoting pupil voice through the Creative School Squad to improve our outdoor space.

Tag Rugby

The children of 4th, 5th and 6th class have enjoyed their tag rugby sessions this term.

Thank you to Charlie Cooper from
Buccaneers for all his hard work.

Safer Internet Day

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, 6th February. Safer Internet Day is an EU-wide initiative to promote a safer internet for all users, especially young people. All classes participated in lessons on Internet Safety. Our local community Garda will pay a visit to our school on April 11th to carry out a workshop on internet safety.

Catholic Schools Week

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week 2024 in Tang NS. In our classrooms we followed the Catholic Schools Week lessons with a different daily theme.

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on the 7th March. The children participated in buddy reading, table quizzes and book pushing events.

Please check out our websites for other updates.

