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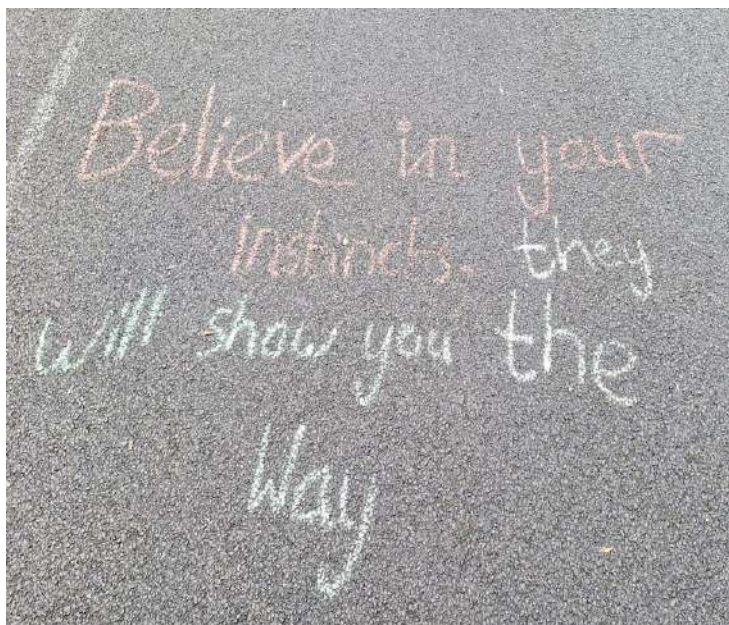
Fáilte go St. Attracta's NS - Our School Video

There is so much going on in our school that it is nearly impossible to share it all in this magazine. Please scan the QR code to see what we are getting up to in St. Attracta's!



Wellbeing Week

Wellbeing is very important in our school so during wellbeing week we did so many fun activities like yoga, going to the playground and writing positive affirmations in the yard for everyone to enjoy and mindfulness. Thanks so much to all the teachers but especially Ms. Corduff everyone loved it. We hope it will be as good next year.



FAI Futsal Competition

In our last magazine, we mentioned the FAI Futsal competition and how our players from 5th and 6th class were training for the competition on the 5th of March. Well, 2 out of 3 teams we entered qualified for the county finals. The county final will be played in late April. The two teams that got through were our 1st boys' team and our girls' team, the boys winning their group with 4 wins and 0 losses and the girls winning their group with 3 wins and 1 draw. The girls conceded 0 goals with the boys only conceding 1. Hard luck to our 2nd boys' team who did not qualify for the next round but put in some fantastic performances in a very tough competition.



Ceremony of Light

On March 7th, our School Confirmation candidates went to the St. Nathy's cathedral at 7pm for a very important ceremony, The Ceremony of Light. This was the last step needed in order to make their Confirmation. Thank you to everyone who attended the ceremony and thank you to Fr Paul and Fr Denis for leading The Ceremony of Light. It was a beautiful occasion.



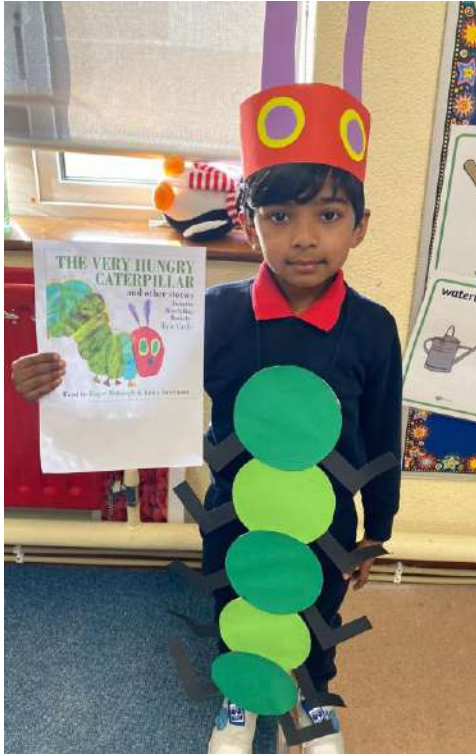
Book Fair

The School recently had a book fair. It was held in the P.E hall. It was great fun seeing what kind of books all the other boys and girls in our school like. We hope to have another one again soon!



World Book Day

On the 7th of March, our school celebrated World Book Day. Many people dressed up as their favourite characters for the day. Some of the senior students even read stories with the characters they were dressed up as in them to some of the younger classes. It was a fantastic world book day!



St. Patricks Day Parade

In preparation for the big day our marching band worked hard with Mrs. Deeney, Ms. Corduff and Ms Callanan. In the end our marching band won the best school's entry. Our school Samba Band led by Mr. Hughes won best childrens entry as they took part with children from Brusna National School and Derrinabroc National School as part of a Creative Cluster Initiative. Overall it was a fabulous day and we all had great fun marching down main street!

Leading Our
School Band
for
40 Years
Thanks Mrs.
Deeney



Engineers Week

In the first week of March, some classes completed online and offline engineering tasks for our entry for the Curious Minds platinum award. Some of the things we did were building bridges, create sundials and lots of other Engineering Projects. Safe to say we had a lot of fun.



Science Fest in Leitrim

On the 29th of February, Tristan, Darragh, Ciarán and Sufyan went to Ballinamore in Co. Leitrim to Sci Fest. Sci fest is a science festival where students show judges their science projects. The best projects in many categories get prizes and get to go onto the next round. Our students were doing theirs on energy drinks and the electrolytes in them. The team was highly commended by the judges and had a fantastic day out with Debbie and Mr. Hughes.



6th Class Transition Talks with Jigsaw

On the 13th of March, 6th Class had a talk with Kelly from Jigsaw. They talked all about wellbeing and what the transition from primary to Secondary School was. It was helpful for the Children in 6th Class to hear it from someone else's perspective. Thank you Kelly and everyone involved with Jigsaw.

Drumming with Creative Schools

Some students from our school that weren't in the school band got an opportunity to take part in Samba drumming with Creative Schools along with Brusna and Derrinabroc students. They practised with their drumming teacher Peter from Creative Schools. The Samba band got to show off their skills in the parade, winning the best children's entry. Maith thú!



First Confession

On the 5th of March, the second class making their First Holy Communion made their first confessions in St. Nathy's Cathedral in preparation for their Communion. The school choir also sang at this event. It was a lovely evening and a big moment for all these boys and girls.



Bilingual Paired Reading

The bilingual paired reading started on the 12th of March. The parents got to come in and read in their language with their children. Thanks to the parents who came in and to the staff who organised this event.



4th Class Bake Sale

4th class hosted a bake sale on the 21st of March. They did a fantastic job and managed to raise €475 which will help with fundraising in the school for lots of fun activities for all the students. Thank you so much to everyone who bought sweet treats, baked and bought items to sell and the Parents Association who as always were a fantastic help.



Active Flag Run Around Europe

Our Active flag committee has organised a run. Each class needs to run around the yard as many times to have as many laps as they can. Our school is running to different cities in Europe. So far we have collectively as a school run as far as Rome. It is great to see what we can accomplish together.

Active Homework

As part of our work on our Active Flag teachers in our school are giving children active homework. Active homework can be as simple as going for a walk or going for a cycle to get some fresh air and exercise.



Attendance

In our school attendance is really important. We get rewards if we don't miss a day of school. This month lots of boys and girls were rewarded with hot chocolates and marshmallows by Ms. Higgins for their excellent attendance to date. Keep up the good work.



TOWARD STUDENT
SUCCESS 



Junior Class March Assembly

On March 15th the entire school dressed up in green to help celebrate St Patrick's Day. From junior infants to second class had their assembly on this day ,they loved seeing what eachother dressed up in. We hope to have another day where we dress up in our own clothes.

Senior Class March Assembly

3rd to 6th class have an assembly each month to highlight the amazing achievements we have achieved throughout the month. This month's assembly will be held on Friday March 22nd and we are really looking forward to celebrating all of the phenomenal achievements that all the children in our school have done over the past month. Maith sibh go léir!

Mini Sevens Hurling

On the 14th of March our coaches Mr Connolly and Mr Hughes came together and made a team of twelve for the Mini Sevens tournament in Ballaghaderreen's Gaelic pitch and we came out on top with 3 victories against some good sides beating Carracastle in the final. We now go onto another tournament on the 11th of April. We hope to do well in that as well.



Connacht Final Quiz

On the 19th of March the sports quiz team entered in the Connacht School's Sports Quiz in McWilliam Park Hotel in Claremorris. The quiz team worked hard with Mr Hughes revising quiz packs and researching. It was all worth it in the end as the quiz team James, Ciarán, Alex and Kaylan came 1st in the Connacht Schools Sports Quiz defeating Charlestown and Roxboro after 2 nail biting rounds of tiebreakers! With over 600 primary schools in Connacht, it really puts it into perspective about what a fantastic achievement this is by an incredibly hard working and diligent team. We are so proud of you all well done!



Cumann na mBunscol Quiz Questions our Team faced on the night!

1. What type of sport takes place in a Velodrome?
2. Polo Grounds hosted the All Ireland Final in 1947. In what city would you find the Polo Grounds?
3. Who is the Everton manager?
4. What was the first Ulster county to win Sam Maguire?
5. How long is a half in LGFA from under 14s to senior?

Riddles:

1. I can fly but I have no wings, I can cry but I have no eyes, what am I?
2. What is once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in 1,000 years?
3. A monkey, a squirrel and a bird are racing to the top of a coconut tree. Who will get the banana first?
4. A cowboy rides into town on Friday, he stays 3 nights, then rides out of town on Friday. How?
5. Mississippi has four S's and four I's. Can you spell that without using S or I?

Tongue Twisters:

1. Betty Botter bought some butter, but she said the butters bitter, if I put it in my batter it will make my batter bitter, but a bit of better butter will make my batter better, so Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter.
2. She sees cheese (x3)
3. A skunk sat on a stump and thunk the stump stunk, but the stump thunk the skunk stunk.
4. The blue bluebird blinks (x3)
5. Can you can a can as a canner can can a can.

Jokes:

1. Why did the student eat his homework?
2. What do you call a pile of cats?
3. Why did the teacher draw on the window?
4. Why was 6 afraid of 7?
5. What do you call a well balanced horse?

Cumann na mBunscol Quiz Answers:

1. Cycling
2. New York
3. Sean Dyche
4. Cavan
5. 30 minutes

Riddle Answers:

1. A Cloud
2. The Letter M
3. None of them, because you can't get a banana from a coconut tree
4. His horse is named Friday
5. Yes, T-H-A-T

Positive Affirmations:

I am kind to everyone
My opinion matters
I believe in myself

Joke Answers:

1. Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!
2. A Meow-ntain
3. Because he wanted his lesson to be very clear!
4. Because 7,8,9 !!!!!
5. Stable



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Wishing you all a fantastic Easter Break and looking forward to all the great things we will see in our Summer Editions of the WHAT'SUP@ATTRACTAS!!

