



# Naíscóil Íde

## Newsletter – February 2024



We have been very busy in Naíscóil Íde this half-term, doing lots of hard work. As well as our usual work, here is an update on some enjoyable activities that have taken place in the school since Christmas.

**Catholic Schools Week** took place from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. This year's theme was 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Service'. We gave thanks each day for different people.

- Monday - Our friends
- Tuesday - Everyone who works in our school
- Wednesday - Our families
- Thursday - Our environment
- Friday - Our grandparents

Fr. Paul called in to visit our Senior Infant classes and Grandparents' Day took place on Friday that week.



We celebrated **Grandparents' Day** on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January and what a wonderful day it was! We loved having so many grandparents in the school, visiting the classes, listening to songs and rhymes, looking at artwork and joining in with different activities. There was a great buzz in the staffroom, following the classroom visits, where the grandparents met each other for a chat and some tea and cake.



Many thanks to the PA for helping out with the refreshments on the day. Grandparents took home a candle to mark the special occasion. We say a huge thank you to all the grandparents who came, from near and far, to visit Naíscóil Íde.



To mark **St. Brigid's Day**, the children heard the story of St. Brigid. Lots of classes drew pictures of Brigid's cloak and some classes made Brigid's crosses using paper or lollipop sticks. Huge thanks to the children in room 13 who made a fabulous display inside the front door. We all enjoyed the new bank holiday on 5<sup>th</sup> February.



Don't forget to keep an eye on our school website: [www.naiscoilide.ie](http://www.naiscoilide.ie)

In keeping with our current focus on **Wellbeing**, we celebrated **Friendship Week** the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> February.



Each class was paired with a 'buddy class', who they enjoyed doing activities with. The children were encouraged to do random acts of kindness for other children in their classes which they earned stickers for. All classes took part in a colouring competition, learned the friendship song and listened to stories based on friendship. Instead of written homework, the children had a choice-board based on wellbeing.

We have 'Buddy benches' in each of the yards that children can use if they cannot find someone to play with. We introduced 'Buddy Bench Monitors' who monitored the benches to make sure no one was left out. Many thanks to Ms. McGinn for organising the week.



The Parents' Association met recently to discuss upcoming events. They are organising a Lá Glas as a fundraiser on March 15<sup>th</sup>, where children can dress up in green clothes to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. This fundraiser will go towards planting to enhance the 1<sup>st</sup> class yard and entrance.

They are also organising the annual Art exhibition which will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March from 5pm to 7pm in the school hall.

### Dates for your Diary!

15 <sup>th</sup> + 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Mid Term Break - school closed
7 <sup>th</sup> March:	World Book Day dress up
15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Lá Glas
18 <sup>th</sup> March:	St. Patrick's Day - school closed
20 <sup>th</sup> March :	Art Exhibition (5pm-7pm: School Hall)
25 <sup>th</sup> March - 5 <sup>th</sup> April:	Easter holidays (school closed)
8 <sup>th</sup> April:	School reopens
18 <sup>th</sup> April:	Junior Infant Immunisations
29 <sup>th</sup> May:	Staff National In-Service Training - school closed.