

SAFETY NOTICES:

- SUPERVISION STARTS AT 8:20AM
- DROP AND GO IN THE MORNINGS
- DRIVERS MUST WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN WALKING & CYCLING
- NO PARENTS ON SITE DURING YARD BREAKS
- ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN 1PM FOR 1:20PM PICK-UP.
- BUS BAYS ARE FOR THE BUSES ONLY
- STAFF CAR PARK IS A RESTRICTED AREA
- WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL
- ANY SAFETY OR WELFARE CONCERNS CONTACT:

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# Principal's Weekly Bulletin

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## St. Patrick's Day Parade

Congratulations to all the pupils who were involved in the St. Patrick's Day parade. We were delighted to be there with the new school band and our school banner. We are grateful to everyone who helped us; especially Ms. Mooney, who developed the band and got the children playing the tin whistle. The teenagers (Eamon, Aoife, Molly and Hazel) who came down for practice on Friday afternoons and marched with us on the day. And to all the staff who helped out and past pupils who also turned up to add their musical talents to our efforts.



## Hurling Campaign

This week was a great week for our hurling teams. Our Div 2 team had a great win on Tuesday and our Div 6 team won 4/4 in their blitz on Wednesday. Today's game v Abbeyleix didn't go our way. Next week's fixtures: Tues 25th March—Div 2 team away v. Emo at 12:30pm



## Creative Schools

We had a wonderful day yesterday with our Creative Schools Coordinator Aideen. Outdoor craft workshops were set up in our garden area and the boys had the opportunity to engage creatively with natural materials.



## First Confession

Pupils in 2nd Class, who are preparing for First Holy Communion in May, will have First Confession on Thursday 3rd April at 7:30pm in St. Michael's Church. This is the sacrament of reconciliation and is a key part of the faith journey towards 1st Holy Communion.



## Bike Repairs

Colgan's Bike Repairs came out to the school yesterday and spent the day fixing minor repairs on student bikes. We hope all those who availed of the service make the most of their repaired bikes and enjoy some more cycling.



## Renaissance Star Assessments

Students in 2nd—6th completed computer-based reading assessments over

the past two weeks. The Star Reading Assessments were conducted on IPADS and are designed to measure the children's reading skills; including their word recognition, vocabulary, comprehension and reading fluency. The assessments will provide reliable data for teachers and will guide students when choosing books in the school library. We are hoping that this evidenced-based approach will support the boys to read more often and improve their reading skills.



## Bí Cineálta Anti-Bullying Consultation

We are starting our consultation process with surveys to pupils, parents and staff. Please take a few minutes to click on the link attached and complete the parent survey. Thank you!



## Rugby

Rugby coaches are coming in to start some sessions next Thursday and Friday