

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

Easter 2020

Prayer of Saint John Henry Newman

May the Lord support us all the day
long,
Til the shades lengthen and the
evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy
may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest,
and peace at the last.
AMEN

@catholicbishops

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we have now reached the Easter Holidays I am writing to compliment the boys and staff on how hard they have been working since our schools have closed suddenly on March 12th. It certainly has been a different experience for everyone including you as parents and guardians and I wish to thank you for your support in working with us under these circumstances.

School cannot be replicated at home and I wish to reassure all that once your son is busy learning through books / online / play / life skills like cooking then his education is being continued. Please engage with teachers for whatever level of work that your home situation allows for.

During the easter school holidays some boys may wish to continue on with a small bit of work everyday as the routine may bring them some comfort in these times. Others I'm sure (including you as parents) may much prefer to take a well earned break from school work over the next two weeks.

Either way your son's teacher will check back in with him on Monday 20th April 2020 as **we are not returning to school until 5th MAY at the earliest** ! Staff are currently reviewing and reflecting on the past few weeks as we all come to terms with new ways of engaging our students.

The above prayer is one of my favorites during tough times or times when worries exist– I ask you to say it with your family if this matches your beliefs.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy and safe Easter from everyone at St Brendans PS Birr . I sincerely hope that you and your families can manage to stay healthy and well in these uncertain times .

Kind Regards,

Niall Crofton (Principal Teacher)

HSCL Update:

Thank you to our HSCL teacher Ms Ann Hennelly for her support with getting school lunches to families-

Dear parents-

50 food bags collected last wed so thank you for your co operation with organisation and safe collection -so to further support the gov national social distancing rules , Delivery will be made each week to the school—including easter holidays

These boxes will ensure that all families have enough healthy food to provide lunches n breakfasts into the uncertain future we face - you are also supporting the crippled economy by keeping staff at glanmore foods so we thank you -

The list has been submitted and a great response to so thank you all-

Txt 0866045024 to opt in for ANY FUTURE WEEKS or send message to school via this Facebook - Glanmore foods need to have list of names and addresses to send the parcels - under GDPR these will not be published or shared with any 3rd party -

Thank you and stay safe - NC

Images art Exhibition

Thank you to all our amazing artists in school and staff for supporting this event. It was lovely to have each boys picture displayed in the hall and we are so glad we got it completed before the COVID-19 closure. We still have some framed pictures in school to be collected and if families still wish to purchase the picture this can be done via post so just contact the school.



Seachtain Na gaeilge 2020 !

Ghlac rang a cúig páirt i dtionscnamh 'Scríobh Leabhar' le deanaí. Rinne gach buachaill iarracht den scoth chun leabhar a chruthú as Gaeilge. Tharraing siad pictiúirí álainn le scríbhneoireacht deas chomh maith.



Comhghairdeas le na buaiteoirí -

André Mulcahy Viegas, Jack McAulay, Dylan Carroll, Ryan Fox, Seán Coughlan, Darragh Coughlan agus Seán Scully. Ms Pilkington agus Rang 5

Mr Kennedy's Class: Mr Kennedy's class were getting ready for Spring and the Summer transformation of our garden. (Thanks to the great shopping in Fayles.) The boys had planted carrots, broccoli, lettuce and peas. The seed potatoes were at the ready.. The class were getting into St. Patricks Day festival and were learning about St. Patrick and the younger boys were creating St. Patricks Day art.

Note-

I wish to inform you that the hens are “cocooning “ too out in Clonaslee with Mr Kennedy and we are happy to report that they are still laying eggs so are happy during this pandemic !

Cairdeas I: Cairdeas 1 have had fun reading to teacher on Zoom and showing our pictures & cycling skills & singing too We have also been practicing our subtraction and looking forward to adding up all our Easter eggs! Happy Easter everyone.

Cairdeas II: Cairdeas 2 continued learning about Spring and we looked at The Farm. We learned that some farm animals provide us with food that we like to eat. We enjoyed listening to and sequencing the story of The Three Little Pigs. We really enjoyed wearing our St Patrick's Day hats on the last day of school. We hope that everyone is staying safe.



March 2020 in the classes : until school closure that is !!

Junior Infants: Junior Infants were busy developing their language skills through play in their weekly Aistear sessions. Some stations included the dress-up area / dentists surgery and the shop.

Senior Infants: Senior Infants were learning about 3D shapes in Maths. They investigated the properties of cuboids, cubes, spheres and cylinders. In Irish the boys learned the song La 'le Padraig. The boys also visited the Library to celebrate World Book Day.

1st Class: First class enjoyed a visit to Birr library to listen to some stories for World Book Day. We also had a very interesting visit from a beekeeper, organised by the Green Schools Committee, the boys got to see lots of beekeeping equipment and learn all about keeping bees. The boys have been working on their handwriting and wrote lovely Spring acrostic poems which are on display. The boys were also very excited to move back to our own classroom after emergency works. We were learning lots about Spring and St. Patrick and the boys created Shamrock men! "

2nd Class: 2nd class have been learning about parachutes. They made their own and had a competition on the stairs in school to see which parachute could stay up the longest. We also had a talk about pollination where the boys learned lots of interesting facts about honey bees. For Lent we took on 10 minutes of exercise a day, when the weather was nice we got out for a run and when it was wet we did exercises in the classroom. Every boy has been working really hard in class- learning how to do subtraction with renaming, proper nouns and when to use a question mark, investigating magnets and learning about old weather sayings.

3rd Class: In March, third Class enjoyed finishing learning the History behind the Great Irish Famine. As part of Science and Engineering we discussed how different types of machinery move and collecting materials for making a car that moves. For Geography, the students learned the life cycle of rocks and their properties. In English, they learned the history behind Totem Poles and then for art they seemed to enjoy making their own creative Totem Poles. Third Class were loving the gymnastics every week and are very good at it. I hope everyone is keeping happy, safe and healthy.

4th Class: 4th Class continued their project work on building our digital framework. From prehistoric projects to famous Military leaders. Boys are continuing these projects from home to continue learning.

5th Class: 5th Class had really enjoyed Fitness February, Wellbeing Week and Engineers Week before we finished up on 12th March. We became engineers ourselves by designing a sling shot and rocket device using a variety of materials. This was a challenging task but we definitely have some future engineers in our class! We also had been learning Mumford and Sons 'I Will Wait' as Gaeilge - 'Fanfaidh mé Ortsa'. Wishing all the boys and their families a healthy and safe few weeks ahead, please God we will all be back to normality soon. Keep safe everyone!

6th Class: On 2nd March, 6th and some of 5th class went to Tullamore to compete in the FAI soccer tournament. Three teams were entered in the competition, who all did brilliantly with one team qualifying. The boys had a brilliant day out! For engineering week, we visited our local Grant Engineering. The boys were kitted out with Hi Vis jackets, protective glasses and audio headsets before been given a tour of the premises. The boys had a great time and learnt about the making of a boiler from start to finish as well as being given some tips on how to secure a future job with Grants! We were also busy completing our online projects on the scoil.net website using the 'World Book Online' tool. Each boy completed a short project on an amphibian, a water mammal, a bug and a reptile. This is a great website that can be used at home to research various animals, people, places & science projects!