

March 2021 in the classes:

Junior Infants were delighted to get back to school to see all their friends and have enjoyed getting caught up on lots of art and PE including some dance classes with Lisa and turning the classroom into a yoga studio. We are so proud of Robbie Whelehan for coming second in the Louise Cherry Jack and Jill Art Competition. An amazing achievement and they really enjoyed their class party when they got the news. Congratulations Robbie & thanks for giving us something to celebrate!!

Senior Infants have settled so well back into school. Everyone is so happy to be back. We have done so much gorgeous art for Spring, St Patricks day, Mother's Day and Easter. We finished off the term with an Easter Egg hunt which was so much fun!! Enjoy the eggs.

First class were busy learning all about sceal Naomh Padraig and acted out the story. Thanks to Ms. Kelly, who also taught the boys all about the accordion and fiddle, the boys really enjoyed listening and responding to these instruments. We were learning all about spring and planted some cress and pea shoots! The boys are watching with interest as they grow!

Second class are delighted to be back at school with all of their friends. The boys have been learning all about India. We made a visit to the garden at Birr Church where we met with Fr. Anthony. He guided us around the stations of the cross. We learned so much-they boys also shared all that they have been learning with Fr. Anthony who comes all the way from India. Second class are a talented bunch of writers -we focused on persuasive writing and the boys have all the skills to convince you of anything. We got stuck into some hurling and I can see some real stars for the future. Well done for the huge effort made during the season of Lent- Have a happy and safe Easter everybody. Enjoy the eggs.

Third Class enjoyed learning all about St Patrick and the history behind Easter. For science they explored how different liquids react with uncooked eggs. Hope you all have a lovely Easter break and please keep safe.

Fourth Class are delighted to be back at school and are working really hard. The boys are so happy to be back learning in class. In art we learned all about Vincent Van Gogh and his painting "Starry Night", the boys did their own take of the painting and the fabulous pictures are on display in school. Happy Easter everyone.

5th Class are happy to be back at school and seeing all of their friends again. We have started a new novel - Up in the Air written by Paddy Stapleton. We are enjoying it so far. We have also been working really hard learning "Decimals" in maths. It is so much easier learning in school than at home.

6th Class have been enjoying getting back into school. We have been enjoying getting stuck into our novel "Holes" and are looking forward to watching the movie when we finish the novel. We have also been getting outside every day for PE when the weather is good. It was great to get back to see all of our friends again!!

Cairdeas 1: Since we have come back to school, we have been so busy, we know lots about St. Patrick. We made hats, snakes, decorations and marked the day with our own parade. We are learning the story of Easter too. In our cooking class, Mrs. Mulqueen showed us how to make delicious & healthy pancakes. We gobbled them all! Each week we are doing our dance and yoga with Offaly Sports Partnership. They are great fun and keeping us very fit!

Thanks to the support of Offaly Libraries we are learning to touch-type using the TTRS programme and hope that soon we will be able to type very quickly!

Cairdeas 2: Cairdeas 2 enjoyed learning all about Spring and the new life that it brings. For art, they made lambs and daffodils to add to their spring display. They also learned about the story of St Patrick.

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

March 2021

Rock your socks 2021

Delighted for the school to take part in @rockyoursocks to support @downsyndromeOY in creating awareness, funds and love

Thanks to Ms Kirwan and Ms Pilkington for organising and €330.05 raised in generous donations on the day.



COVID-19 safety and awareness

Thank you to the staff, boys, parents and families who have all followed the safety guidelines and precautions at school and home to allow us to open the school for the past month. We have had 2 positive COVID-19 cases confirmed which is to be expected with such high numbers in the community and County. It is through no fault in behaviour or safety practice that cases can arise and all we can do is now follow HSE advice issued to all families and staff members and keep safe. We hope you all have a happy and above all safe EASTER break and look forward to full school reopening on Monday 12th April. The school can be contacted via the FB page or via email—principal@stbrendansps.ie at any time over Easter and if required by HSE we will update parents re cases. Keep safe, Niall Crofton

Junior infants - September 2021

Parish schools held their enrolment week in January. We were delighted to have great interest in places with over 20 registered again this year. Enrolment closing date is completed. Please pass on this message to friends / family to ensure that no local boy is left without a place. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office.

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th March @12.30pm Easter holidays (2 weeks)
Monday 12th April School reopens

May Bank Holiday weekend Closed Friday 30th April 2021
Re-opening Tuesday 4th May 2021

June Bank Holiday weekend Closed Friday 4th June 2021
Closed Monday 7th June 2021
Closed Tuesday 8th June, 2021

Summer Holidays Closing Friday 25th June 2021

Text-a-parent system / email communication system

We would ask parents/guardians to keep school informed of any changes in mobile numbers as home-school communication is very important for us.

Parents need to have an email contact and to check this email—COVID 19 SAFETY INFORMATION
PUPIL DECLARATION FORMS can now be completed and returned easily via TEXT A PARENT

Parents Association update

What a great success Bookathon 2020

Congratulations to the Winners & all the Boys. Best Reader 50 Books in 5 weeks Ryan Kelly, Reader Awards 40 books in 5 weeks Cillian, Lukas, Evan, Daniel & Ygor.

Winner of €100 Note

Sean McIntyre. Sponsor Draw
Caitriona Kelly & Charlie McAuley.

Many thanks to all the parents and the sponsors who supported the Bookathon.



HSCL update

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Easter. Enjoy the family time together and get out and enjoy the longer evenings and the better weather. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Ann Hennelly HSCL.

SCP

It has been a very different year for the School Completion Programme. Like everyone else we tried to continue working as best we could. We are delighted to be back working in school with you all again.

Along with individual and small focus group work we have also facilitated whole class programmes. Junior infants' class socialisation sessions provided us with a chance to talk about our feelings and to play games like grumpy frog, guess who is missing and change three things. Sixth class participated in an afterschool 'preparing to transfer to secondary school' programme with our project worker Dani, and Rachel from Offaly Local Development Company. These lucky 6th class pupils were also treated to a big chocolate muffin each session by Mr. Crofton. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr. Crofton and to Ms Hennelly for organising them for us. Next term Mr Carroll's fourth class will take part in the LifeSkills programme. This is an exciting new evidence based programme that aims to build on emotional health and wellbeing.

Sadly our project worker and friend Dani will be moving on to a new job. We have enjoyed working with Dani and we will miss her lots. We want to wish her well in her new job and thank her for all the hard work and kindness that she has shown us. We will miss her lots, but who know, maybe someday when she has time she might pop back to see us.

SCP would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and Safe Easter

Mairead and Dani

Roscrea/Birr School Completion Prog.

Just to say thank you and farewell to Ms Dani Dunne of school completion programme as she departs for pastures new - Dani has been an amazing support for lots of boys and families in our school over the past few years and especially with calls and packs during recent lockdown - we wish her well in her new role ❤️🙏😊 Niall C

