### **Grandparents and families day 2025**

Grandparents and families day was a huge success once again at St Brendan's!

Hall was packed out as grandparents and families joined us from 2nd and 4th classes - the boys performed some tunes and songs on stage and all enjoyed tea and cakes! Thanks to the teachers and support staff involved in preparing the boys for the rousing renditions of their songs along with Ms Killeen for the gorgeous accompanying music - Thanks to our HSCL Paula Carey for all her work setting up the room and to Lorraine in supporting that and baking too-

Finally thanks to all that supported Catherine Walsh in the bucket fundraiser for CFI - Mr Crofton also noted those loved ones that could not be present today and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

These are some of the many photos from the day– Please

see the rest on our FB page.











## St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

April-May 2025





# New Green flag 2024 / 2025 Awarded

Congratulations to our school community on being successful on our schools 6th An Taisce Green flag 2024/2025 -( Global citizenship, litter and waste) .

Well done to our Green school committee 2024-2025 led by Ms Ciara Collins on their great work this year. A school delegation will travel to Raddison Hotel Athlone this week to be awarded the flag. The committee hope to have a flagraising celebration at the school before the holidays too.

#### School Book fair 2025

Thank you so much to all the boys that viewed and purchased books in last weeks Book fair. Great benefits for all the boys from books as we know and with over € 1100 in sales that means over €500 in more books for the class libraries in each room that each boy can use. Thanks to Ms Morris for sorting out the monies and for great support from class teachers this year.

## **School building project**

We are delighted that our building project in underway with site safely set up by Ciaran Grogan construction with support from Peter Lyons (kenny Lyons). Chairperson Pat Teehan has contracts signed and the building plan is in place. Thanks to all our school community for their support and understanding with our new school access arrangements that are in place to ensure that school business can continue safely while building takes place. The school greatly appreciates the support of Department of Education building projects section under Minister Helen Mc Entee.

Exciting times ahead as we look to provide the best accommodation for our pupils with special educational needs in Birr.





# **Board of Management**

At last BOM meeting the Board was updated on development of the BI CINEALTA school policy. We ask parents to please complete the parent questionnaire that was sent out last week to help inform the policy. Policy for Bi Cinealta (Anti-Bullying) will be in place for 2025/2026.

#### **HSCL—Ms Paula Carey**

Our Hug your Book project finished yesterday with a treasure hunt in the park. I want to thank the Mammies who came each week and also to the boys and girls for the great fun we had in the park. A big thank you to Orla from LOETB for facilitating the programme and all in Birr library for having us.



# **FAI 5 A SIDE Offaly finals**

Well done to our 5th and 6th class 5 a side panel who competed in the FAI Offaly finals day. The boys gave it their best on the day and we wish Mucklagh best of luck in Leinster round. Thanks to Gary Seery and his team for well run event over both days our school participated. Thanks to Mr Cunningham for his work coaching the team with Mr Killackey this school year.



### **Dates for your diary:**

May / June—school tours— Teachers will inform
Saturday 17th May—First Holy Communion Birr
Tuesday 27th May—Cumann na mbuscoil Hurling final
Fri 30th May / Mon 2nd and Tues 3rd June—School closed
Friday 6th June—Induction for new junior Infants
Friday 13th June—School sports day (weather permit)
Thursday 19th June 1pm— End year school mass
Thursday 26th June 12.30pm—Summer Holidays