

Some News from around the classrooms– May 2025 May 2025 Newsletter

Ms. Kenny's class were learning all about the library and we went on a visit to the library. The boys did a scavenger hunt, saw the new sensory table and listened to a fun story read by the librarian. In art the boys explored clay and made lovely pinch pots. In PE the boys played parachute games and dodge ball.

Senior Infants had a fun filled May! We did lots of reading and writing this month. We had lots of fun visiting the local library and the school book fair, reading lots of new books. We learnt all about the signs of Summer and the honey bee. We enjoyed ice-creams in the sun followed by a trip to the playground. We are looking forward to our school tour in the coming weeks!

Cairdeas 2 enjoyed the sunshine in May and they have been getting creative with a variety of Summer - themed art pieces. They have also been working very hard with Ms. Killeen for Music - learning new songs and using instruments.

Our 2nd class boys had their final visit from new BFF baby Raeya and mam Mary Kate in the Roots of Empathy programme. The programme is now complete and massive thanks to Margaret from School completion for facilitating, our class teacher each Thursday Ms Dooley and most especially Raeya and Mary Kate for sharing their developmental journey with us - A lovely photo book was created and memories for a lifetime !



St. Brendan's Boys P.S. May 2025



Cumann na mbunscoil Final winners 2025 !

Great win on 27th May in the Offaly A Cumann na mbunscoil final at St Brendan's Park Birr to finish our Cumann na Mbunscoil season 2025 ! Birr schools defeated a strong and skilful Dromakeenan side to retain the Fr Vaughan cup. That's 5 -in –a –row ! Our Season by numbers :

- 10th Feb to 27th May
- 60 -sliotars
- 30 - players (6th / 5th / 4th)
- 7 - Nationalities represented
- 12 -staff supporting coaching and matches
- 3 - players integrated Birr schools
- 7 - matches
- 4 - bus journeys sub by BOM
- 8 - hurls - new players
- 4 - helmets - new players
- 2 - logistic support boys from 6th
- 14 - Panel training sessions
- 1 - Fr Vaughan cup retained

Thanks to Board of management under Chairperson Pat Teehan for their great support. Thanks to all the support staff of coaches under manager Padraic Kennedy for their continued great commitment to school hurling.

National Green Flag award ceremony

Congratulations to our Green school committee on receiving our 6th green flag at the national An Taisce Green schools awards in Athlone - Thanks to Green school co-ordinator Ms Ciara Collins who attended with Mr Butler and 6th class boys Shane and Donald - a fantastic event and great to bring home the Green flag !

Raising the 6th Green schools flag !

Well done to our fantastic Green school committee 2024/2025 for all your hard work and leadership in successfully achieving our 6th green flag for the school. Proud day following in great green school tradition started many years ago by Maria Donegan. Last Thursday the boys had a lovely assembly and then the whole school went outside to see the flag being raised (from car park due to building works) - then the ice cream van arrived later to give all the boys a nice treat !



Dates for your diary:

May / June—school tours— Teachers will inform
Friday 6th June—Induction for new junior Infants
Friday 6th June—Offaly Primary school athletics event

Tuesday 10th June— Parents As. Cake and bake sale
Wednesday 11th June— Academy excursion
Friday 13th June—School sports day (weather permit)
Thursday 19th June 1pm— End year school mass
Tuesday 24th June 5pm—Graduation of 6th class
Thursday 26th June 12.30pm—Summer Holidays



Champion speller 2025 !

Well done to our school champion speller Jack Gleeson who travelled in May to Durrow to take part in the Offaly spelling bee -Jack represented the school well in getting through to the 4th round and it finished in the 5th round so he did really well !! Fair play Jack

Write-a-Book project 2025

Well done to Mr Hogan 3rd class who took part in this years WRITE A BOOK project with Laois Education Centre- This year there was a dual-language focus which the boys enjoyed - well done to our school winner Jack Gibbons in the overall event !

