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Save the date: 26th March -Colman Noctor Talk for parents

Seachtain na Gaeilge: 10ú-14ú Márta; Bí linn!

Weekly Newsletter 14th March

Dates for your diary

Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th March : School Closed

Wednesday 26th March 7pm: Colman Noctor Talk for Parents

Monday 31st March 7pm: Incoming Junior Infant Parents' Meeting

Sunday 6th April: First Penance 2nd Class Thursday 10th April: Confirmation 6th Class

Friday 11th April: Easter holidays

Patricia Forde, Laureate na n-Óg visit to our school

We had a very special author event happen here in the school today with a visit from **Patricia Forde**, **Laureate na n-Óg** to a Junior Infant -2nd Class Assembly. Patricia is an acclaimed Childrens' writer and it was an honour for our school to be selected

for her visit.

In advance of the visit, the pupils had listened to her latest book. They had explored the theme in class and responded to the book in artwork and discussion. Patricia is a wonderful storyteller and the pupils were captivated by her tales. We ended the session with questions from pupils. Her message was to our Junior pupils was simple: "Use your imagination!"

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

We have had a a packed schedule this week for Seachtain Na Gaeilge. We had workshops with Ms Hogan on Monday for all classes. Our Senior Classes will took part in Tráth na gCeist- A Gaeilge Table Quiz, on Tuesday afternoon. This year our theme is community and we were delighted to be joined by Curtlestown for this table quiz. The pupils from

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both schools played together in the yard and then had mixed teams for the quiz. We will be travelling to Curtlestown for a similar community activity in term 3. This connection with our community and our neighbouring schools is important to our school.

Our Taispeántas na bPáistí (Childrens' Exhibition), is an annual event in S na G. It involves a performance from each class- a poem, song or a class dance. Each class performed with great enthusiasm and it felt like we were in the Gaeltacht!

Our annual Trad session took place on Wednesday with teachers, parents and pupils joining in the session. Ms Hogan led this seisiún and talked us through the various sets; we were well-versed in jigs and reels by the end of it.

We had class céilí dancing on Thursday with classes using their PE slot to have a class céilí. Friday was our busiest day with two events happening; we had a dancing display this morning, where we watched our champion dancers display their talents for the school and we even got to watch Ms Corcoran dance!

Each class have also engaged with the S na G theme through story and artwork. Go raibh mile maith agaibh Ms Seoighe, Ms Hogan and Ms Kearney for your work in organising S na G!

Do check out the school website for photos, www.enniskerryns.ie and also check out the websites:https://snag.ie/ to see how you can get involved locally and nationally.

Advance Traffic Warning for Wednesday 19th March

There will be no car park access for parents or staff to the church car park on that day.

Message from a film company, filming in the village on Wed from 6 am; Unfortunately our filming activities will have an impact on access to St. Mary's & St. Gerard's National School on the morning in question.

We will be using An Garda Siochana and a private traffic management company to redirect all traffic heading towards your school from the Twenty Bends Road either:

- A) Up Monastery Road and then back towards the village via Knocksink.
- B) Up Cookstown towards St.Patrick's C.o.I and turning right onto Forge Road and towards the school.

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Message from Enniskerry GAA

Please see attached flier.