

Weekly Newsletter 4th April 2025

Dates for your diary

Sunday 6th April: First Penance 2nd Class

Thursday 10th April @11 a.m. : Confirmation 6th Class

Friday 11th April : Easter holidays School closes at 12 o'clock (please note corrected time)

Swim Team News

Well done to our Swim Team on their success at the Minor Schools National Championships last weekend. There were 100+ competitors in many of their events. Our athletes were very highly placed in these events. We were particularly proud of the fact that our swimmers achieved so many P.Bs. This helps to reinforce our Growth Mindset message; we can improve with hard work!

Well done to our medal winner, F.O'C and to all the competitors.

Go raibh míle maith agat Ms Healy for all your hard work with the swim team!

Sacramental News

Many of our 2nd Class pupils have been busy preparing for their First Penance Sacrament (First Confession) which happens at Sunday mass this Sunday. We wish Ms Corcoran and the pupils taking part in the sacrament well on Sunday.

The 6th Class have a big week next week, as they prepare for their Confirmation Celebration on Thursday at 11. Indeed, our choir is also in full swing for this service as they play a big part in the celebration on the day, led by Ms Seoighe.

We wish our 6th Class pupils and their teachers ;Ms Seoighe & Ms Russell, a spiritual day on Thursday.


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Creative Schools

Our First Class took part in a Creative Workshop on Process Painting as part of Creative Schools on Thursday. The class responded very well to the themes and will continue the workshop next week also. More information below on this type of art:
<https://www.meandthemoon.ie/open-call-paint-make-project-wicklow>

Our Junior, Senior Infants & 3rd Class will be going to the Literature Festival in Merrion Square in May , more information to follow.

We would love if you could take a few minutes to take part in the Creative Schools Parents' Survey. We want to get everyone's views included. Pupils have already worked with Rebecca. Please see this link for more information :

 St Mary's st Gerard's parents video

Please then complete the survey using this link: [Parents Survey SMSG](#)

World Autism Day 2nd April 2025

Our 5th & 6th class took part in a live interactive streaming event from Microsoft Dreamspace programme with many other senior Primary school classes and second level schools.

AsIam CEO, Adam Harris attended the virtual event. The aim of the event was to build our understanding of autism and embrace neurodiversity. We will continue to work to build inclusion and respect in our school. Our S.E.T. team , Ms Malone, SENCo , Ms Mc Connell, Deputy Principal, Breda, Maha & Olivia, work hard to support pupils with additional needs. This is done in collaboration with the class teachers.

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Assembly

Our assembly this week was led by Ms Crean's Senior Infants and Ms Dalton & the Student Council. We were entertained to a drama based on the 3 Little Pigs by Senior Infants. The Student Council then introduced their newly -designed "Bí Cinealta" (Be Kind) Anti-Bullying Poster. Thanks to both teachers and their pupils for this work.

Keeping Childhood Smartphone Free Pledge

Ms Mc Connell and I met our Incoming Junior Infant parents on Monday evening. We discussed many aspects of our school life with our new and returning parents. We drew our new parents' attention to the fact that we have this pledge and we hope that many of the parents will support this when their child joins our school.

These books were referenced during the recent Colman Noctor talk and may be of interest to you

[Cop On : What it is and why your child needs it to thrive and survive ...](#)

[The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is ...](#)

I would like to form a committee to plan how we bring our learning forward from the Colman Noctor talk so we can protect our pupils' childhood. Please let me know if you would like to get involved in this. principal@enniskerryins.ie Thank you to those parents who have already reached out.

Filming

More filming happening in the village in the coming week! So far, I am not aware of any closures to the Church Car Park but we can expect some traffic disruption in and around the village (and maybe the odd V.I.P?!) As always; the walk and stride option from the Bog Meadow is always the best way to get a healthy start to the day.

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There will be limited parking at pick up time on Thursday due to the Confirmation.