



# TALLANSTOWN NS



## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

### PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Now that the weather is getting better, the evenings are brighter, our Active School's Committee is well underway with playground leaders in the infant yard organising games and activities for the children. A walking track is also being erected around the school grounds for the classes to use. We will be celebrating world book day, seachtain na gaeilge, and Easter activities this term.

Mrs Hyland



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Midterm Break 16th & 17th February
- School Closed 2pm 27th February
- St Patricks Day School Closed 17th March
- Easter Draw Friday 31st March
- Easter Holidays Closed at 12pm 31st March

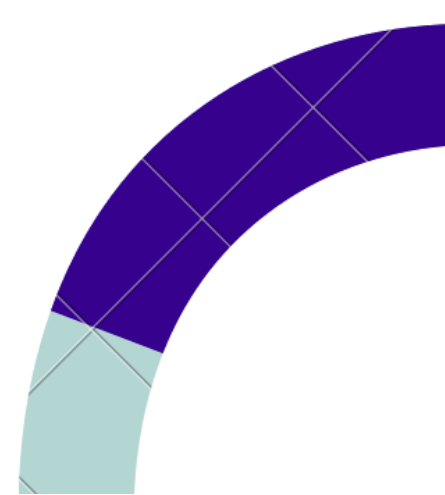
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## RAISING AMBER FLAG

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PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Smyth to raise our Amber Flag. This was awarded to the school for all the initiatives and events in promoting wellbeing. The 6th class played ukeleles and the 4th class played their recorders to celebrate the raising of the flag. Many thanks to Ms Hanratty and Ms Moroney for all their hard work in getting this flag. The school is working towards the second Amber flag this year.

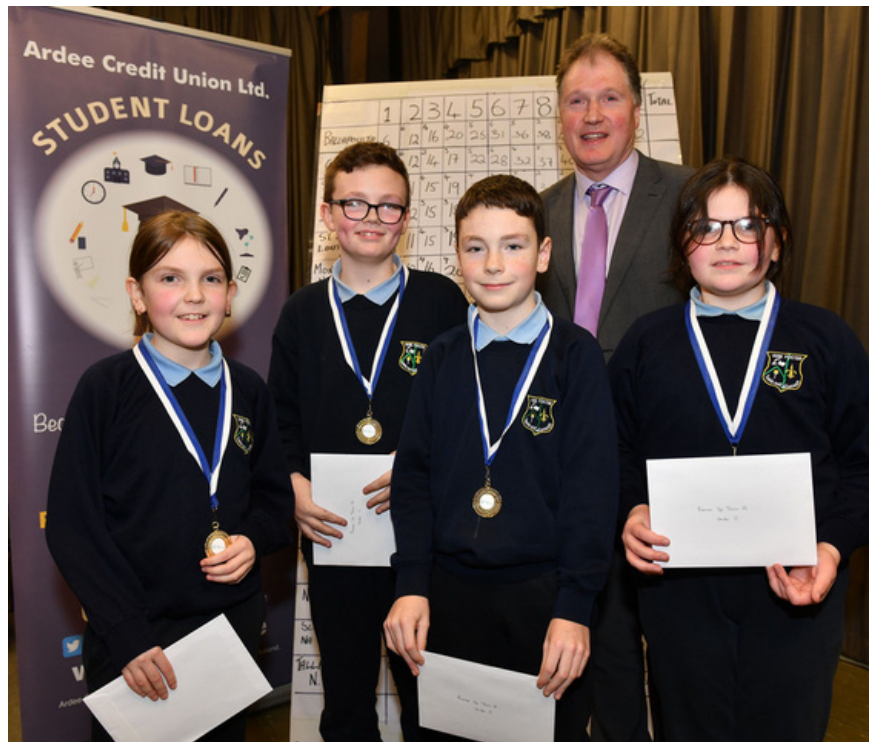




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## Quiz Team Achievements

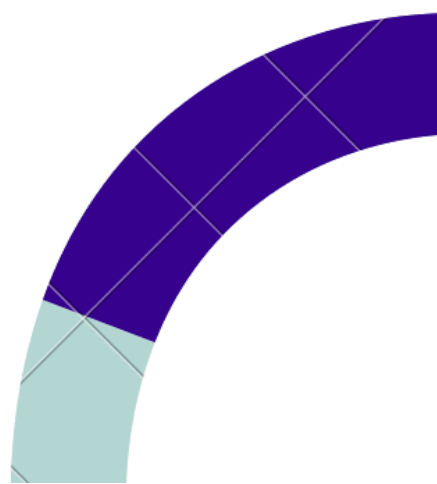
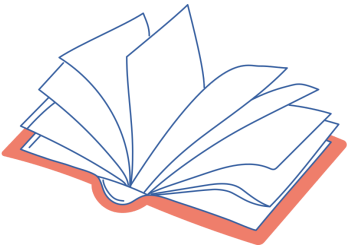
The Credit Union Quiz competition took place in the Bohemian Centre on Tuesday 31st January. U11 team came 2nd overall after coming joint 1st which went to a tie breaker. Team members- TJ and Mary (5th) Seán and Aoife (4th). U12 team came in 3rd place – team Oisín (5th) Caoimhe, Shannelle and Eve (6th) A great result and a big thank you to Ms Markey and Ms Callaghan for organising and coaching the team.



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## Literacy Lift Off

Senior Infants have been very busy for the last two months reading and writing as part of Literacy Lift Off. They have worked in groups with the SET team and class teachers and they have made huge progress. Watch the clip below to hear what they have to say about it!

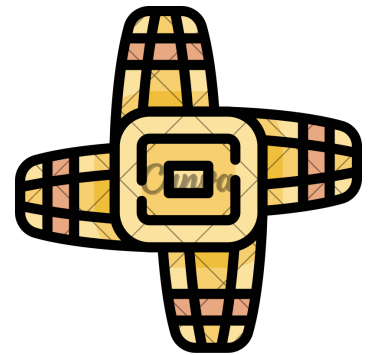




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## Grandparents Day & St. Brigid's Day

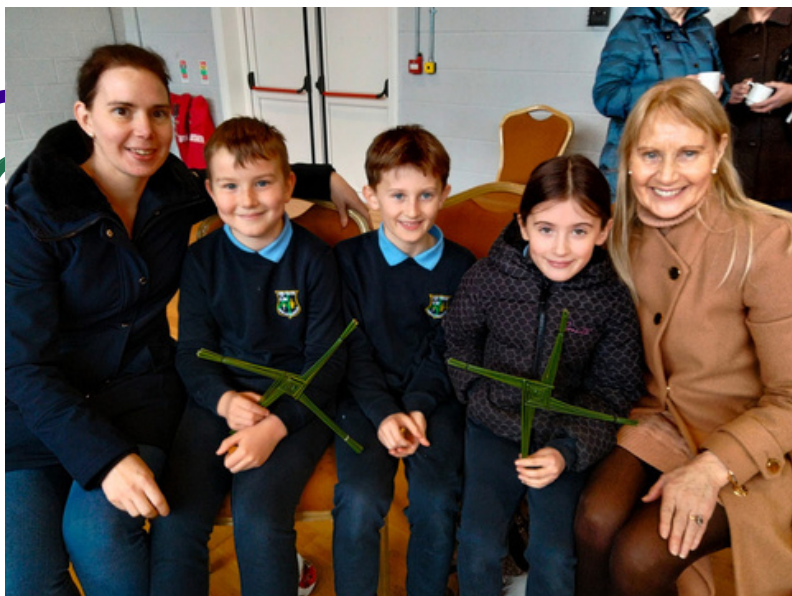
2nd, 3rd & 4th Classes celebrated St. Brigid's Day by making crosses and attending mass in Tallanstown Church. The children's Grandparents were also invited to the mass and for tea and biscuits in the hall afterwards. The children read at mass and sang songs which made for a beautiful ceremony. Thank you to all the Grandparents who came to celebrate with us. The children spent time with them in the hall and also had tea & biscuits!







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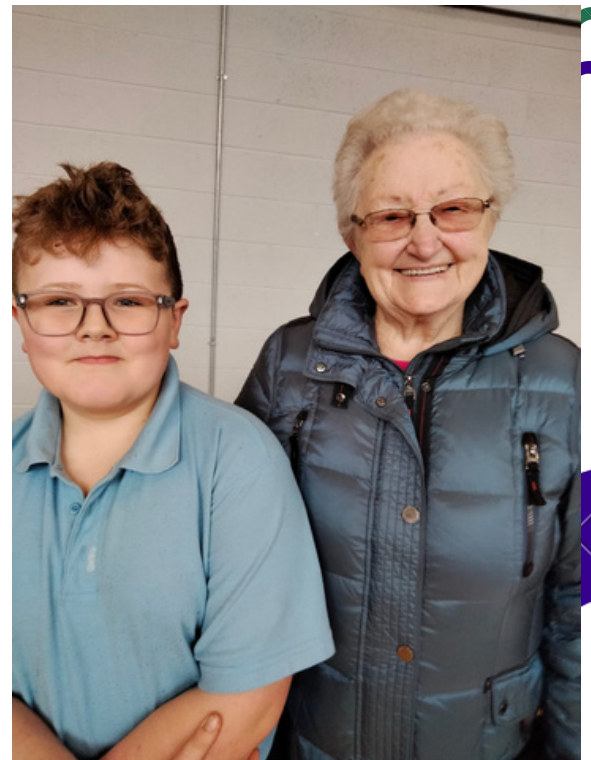
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## Active Schools Flag



This year the school is working towards an Active Schools Flag and the 5th classes have been 'Playground Leaders' where they organise games for the infants. They have done a great job!







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## Green Schools Committee

The Green Schools Committee are continuing to work hard on our Global Citizenship Energy Flag. We hope to apply for our Flag in March.



## PICKET PALS

1st Class are participating in the Picker Pal Programme. Children take it in turns to take the Picker Pal home and lead their family on a Litter Picking adventure in their local area.

4th Class are taking part in the Incredible Edibles Programme. Local Farmer Graham came to talk to the class about planting potatoes. The children really enjoyed it.





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## Lego Competition



Ms Callaghan's 6th class are preparing for the Lego Competition being held in Monaghan. They will be competing against Secondary Schools, and they have been working very hard to collaborate and problem solve so that they can present at the competition.





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## Soccer League

A competition like no other has taken over Tallanstown NS, with the boys and girls soccer league led by Mr Stanley. Each lunch time the teams kit out to play in the league. A supporters and spectators area had to be marked out while the games were being played. There has been great excitement in the school to see the scores of each game.





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## Cumann na mBunscoile Lú



Well done to Mella Hesketh who participated in the Regional Cumann na mBunscoile Lú where she played against teams from Meath. We are very proud of Mella!





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## 5th Class Art

Ms Markey's 5th class were studying the Wild Atlantic Way in Geography. They then used Irish impressionist artist Doreen Drenann as inspiration to create the Cliffs of Moher.





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## 1ST CLASS



Ms Smyth's 1st class were learning about Homes & Houses. They completed a STEM activity to construct and plan houses.





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## 2ND CLASS

Ms Finlay's 2nd class have been busy making Love Monsters for Valentine's Day!



Ms Reape's 2nd class made St. Brigid's Crosses and went to the park for a Spring Walk.

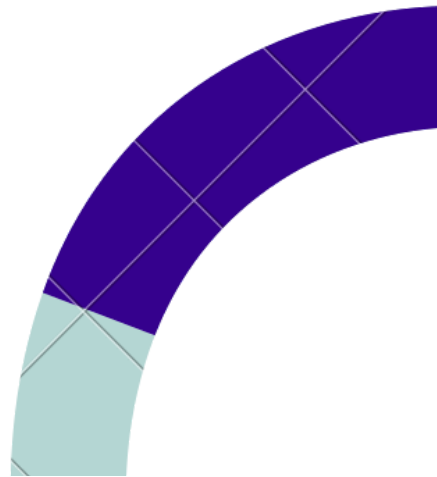






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