



TALLANSTOWN NS



NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Term 3 in school is one of my favourite times as we are so busy with Active School's, Sports Day and lots of outdoor learning. We are so lucky to have staff who will plan and organise these great projects and tours with the children. We have had children out on trips to visit the library, the park and the pony club. The Parents Association have been very generous in donating money towards the cost of buses for these trips. We are especially excited for the upcoming Communion and Confirmation Days also.

Mrs Hyland

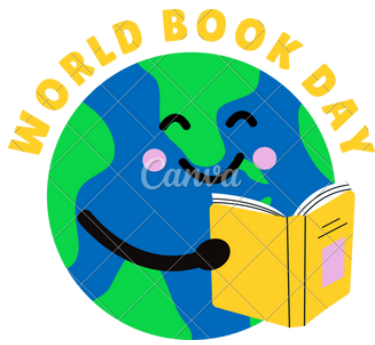
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Red & White Day for Louth Footballers 12th May €2
- Confirmation 18th May
- Green Flag Awards 24th May
- Active Schools Week 29th May
- School Closed @2pm Wednesday 31st May
- School Closed 5th & 6th June Bank Holiday
- School Closed to children for staff training 7th June
- School Reports 16th June available on Databiz
- School Closed @12pm for Summer Holidays 23rd June

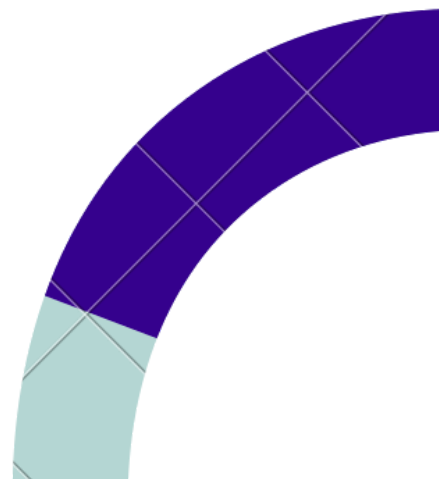


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WORLD BOOK DAY



All the children in 3rd, 4th and 5th classes visited Dundalk library for World Book Day. Each child received a library card if they weren't already a member. They played a scavenger hunt game organised by Dundalk Library and every child borrowed books to bring home. Thank you to Ms McAree for organising this trip for the children and to the PA for donating money towards the cost of the buses.



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Parents Association Easter Draw

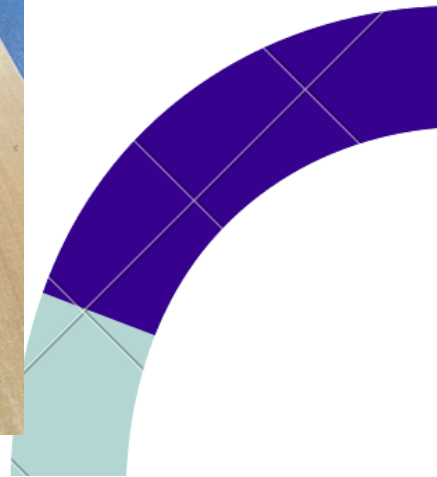
The Parents Association were very busy making and collecting hampers for the Easter Draw. The draw was held in the hall and the winners were announced to collect their prizes. There was over 13 hampers won and lots of Easter Eggs. We are so lucky to have a wonderful PA who raise funds for the school which greatly benefits the children of Tallanstown NS.



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Active School Flag

The Active School's Committee has been elected and they have been very busy organising PE stations, Active Lines, Active Breaks in classrooms and Active Playground leaders with the whole school. Our classes have also started using our Active Walkway with activities to go with it. Table Tennis Take Over has been a huge hit in classes. We had another Walking Bus for Lá Glas and the children had great fun.



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Our Run Around Ireland Challenge is in full swing. All classes are taking part in this daily running initiative. All laps completed are totalled, converted to kilometres and classes select well known landmarks as their destination.

The 3rd & 4th class lunch time basketball league is in full swing. It is wonderful to see so many children partaking in this league. In all there are 10 teams involved and the focus is on fun and enjoyment. The semi-finals and final will take place during Active Week at the end of May.





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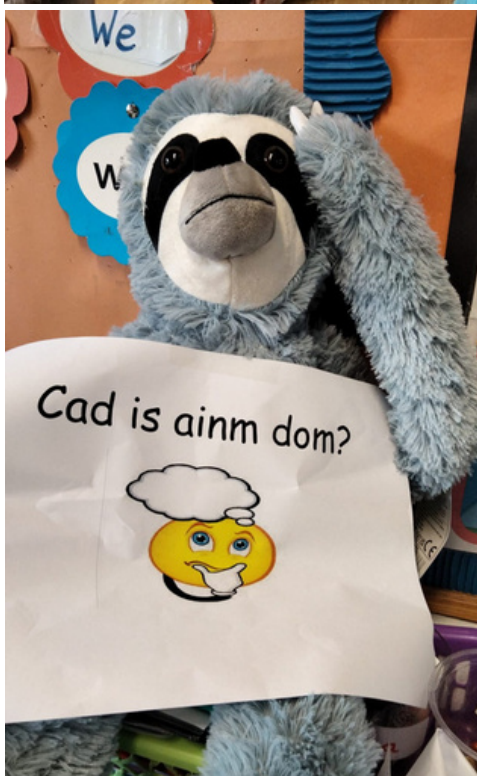
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Seachtain na Gaeilge

Ghlac na páistí páirt i gníomhaíochtaí alainn le haigh Seachtain na Gaeilge. Rinne siad an haka as gaeilge, chan siad gloch na heireann, d'imir siad cluichí tomhais, bhain siad páirt i Lá glas agus ceolchoirm sa halla. D'imir rang a cúig agus a sé trath na gceist. Bhí La spoirt sa halla agus Music generation ceolchoirm freisin.





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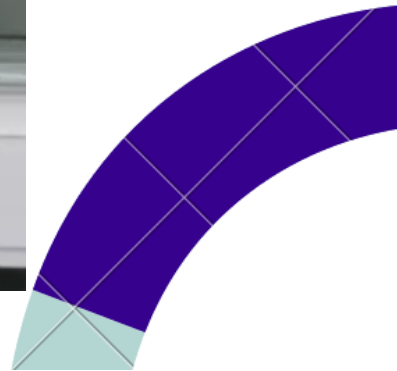
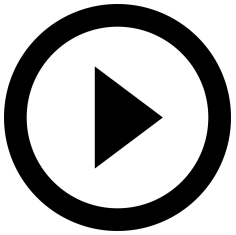
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World Down Syndrome Day



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Trip to the Pony Party

A special trip took place just before the Easter Holidays where some of our children got to visit the Pony Party in Louth Village. The children had a wonderful time and also visited the park, the shop to buy ice cream and have a picnic. Many thanks to our SNA Orla O'Neill for organising this trip for the children, Alan Conlon who provided the bus and the Pony Party for hosting us.



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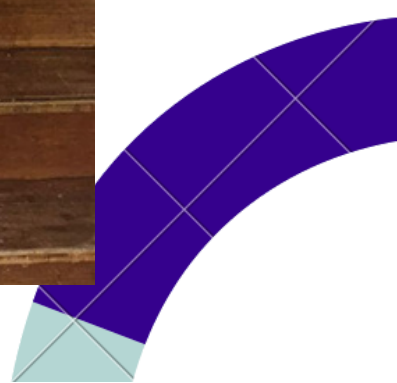
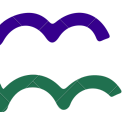




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Quiz Team winners in Carrickmacross

Tallanstown NS were very successful in the St Louis Secondary School Quiz in Carrickmacross. Our teams placed 2nd and 3rd place among 16 teams. Well done!





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Green Schools Committee

The Green Schools Committee are continuing to work hard and have been awarded a seventh Green Flag for Global Citizenship Energy. The Awards will take place on 24th May in City North Hotel. Well done Green Schools Committee.



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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Soccer League

A competition like no other took 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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FAI Primary School 5s Tournament

The girls and boys soccer teams travelled to DKIT sport to compete in the FAI Primary School tournament led by Mr Stanley. All teams were very well prepped after our internal soccer league and we had high hopes for our teams. The girls were fantastic having played 8 games, 7 wins, 56 goals scored. The boys also did well and just missed out in playing in the next round. Well done to all the children who played!



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Cumann na mBunscoile Lú

Our school boys team performed very well in the Cumann na Mbunscoil All County Blitz. They won the first round with victories over Monastery NS and Stabannon NS. In the second round, they lost narrowly to Dromiskin before drawing with Ballapousta NS and Tullyallen NS.

They have just played their first match in the Corn Peadar O Cearnaigh. They had a comprehensive victory over Kilkerry NS and are facing Louth NS next. Having finished runner up in this competition last year they will hope to go one better this year!

Congratulations to Max Sweeney who represented our school and county in the Mini sevens in Croke Park at half time in the Leinster Semi Final against Offaly Schools



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Cumann na mBunscoile Lú

Congratulations to Cian Lundon who took part in the Cumann na mBunscoil hurling skills challenge, Kyle Conlon in the football skills challenge and Laura Byrne in the football skills challenge in Darver.



Best wishes to Pat Smyth who will be representing Louth in a Boys Intercounty Blitz Vs Meath in Dunganny, Trim at the end of May.

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As you may be aware, there has been a new book scheme launched by the Department of Education to commence in September 2023.

This scheme, which we are delighted to see, will remove both the time and financial burden from parents in relation to the purchase of books.

As outlined in the documentation produced by the Department, it is the school who will own the books and the pupils will have them on loan for the year. However, this grant will not be sufficient to cover the costs associated with schooling for the year.

Parents should see a significant drop in the back to school expenses as a result of this scheme, however there are still areas which are left unfunded.

Art supplies, photocopying, stationary, extra-curricular and pupil insurance are some of the costs which fall under this remit.

The school will do its very best to keep costs as low as possible for parents.



WANTED

If you have any unused school books at the end of the school year, please consider donating those books to the school to help with the book grant. In particular we are looking for Irish Books and Maths Books that are in good condition and not written in. We would be very grateful for any books given to the school.



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