



## NEWSLETTER April 2019

### Beannachtaí na Cásca Oraibh



*Wishing each and everyone a lovely time this Easter. May you be blessed with the graces that this holiday season has to offer.*

*From all the Staff of Scoil an Linbh Íosa*

The past few weeks have been very busy for us in the school.

- ❖ We had a visit from a Galway writer for World book Day, Marguerite Toney. This was followed by the singer song writer, Enda Reilly, who shared his concerns for climate change in a bilingual presentation.
- ❖ We had basketball matches, football matches, chess matches and blitzes of various hues.
- ❖ There was lots of running in various forms, from athletics to the Daily Mile.
- ❖ The Student Council organised an Easter Bonnet competition.
- ❖ The Community Garda came to talk to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class about such topics as road safety and cyber bullying.
- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class were invited to St Farnan's School for a talent show.
- ❖ Of course we had the 6<sup>th</sup> class retreats and their Confirmation.
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> class made their First Confession and are looking forward to their First Holy Communion in May.
- ❖ Daffodil Day was a huge success and we donated €784.60 to the Hospice in Kildare.
- ❖ Ms Kavanagh's class and Ms Mynes's class are taking part in a Grow it Yourself project. This is part of a bigger plan to develop the school garden as an outdoor classroom and sensory space.
- ❖ Ms Kelly's class and Ms Dunne's class helped with national maths and science research.

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Many of these activities would not be possible without your support. We are very grateful to all of you who have paid sundries to finance school events. We are also extremely thankful to the very hard working PTA who give so generously of their time and energy to help bring the school to a higher level. The PTA organise swimming each week, book the pool, count the money and ensure the bus arrives on time. They fund the buses for the matches, averaging €120 per trip. They also funded the Student Council's request for board games for wet days and paid for wellness training for staff last month. Of course they could do none of this without your support and I know they greatly appreciate this support.

*Despite lessons from the teachers and talks by the principal and Garda, social media is a growing issue for the children – causing noticeable problems with concentration and learning, with significant impact on friendships. Please monitor your child's use of screens. May I suggest that time limits are imposed on screen use and that all phones and tablets be removed from bedrooms at night.*

***School re-opens on Monday April 29th***