

# KEEV'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our latest school newsletter. As always, there is lots going on all around the school and the pupils have all been very engaged and excited about their learning.

Fáilte Fridays are back and we'd like to thank you so much for supporting these. The children really enjoy the opportunity to share and discuss their learning.

After School Activities have also kicked off for Term 2. Please contact the school office if you need any information about the various clubs and activities involved.

Our focus on Gaeilge is going strong. Our teachers have shared phrases and suggestions for supporting your child with Gaeilge at home. Please do ask your child's teacher if you need a copy of these.

Many thanks for your support with the recent Parent Teacher meetings in our Infant classes, Ms Hynes' class and Ms Stewart/Ms Joyce's classes. As always, the meetings had great attendance and we hope you found them helpful.

Corrina Bailey

## *Student Council*

Our election campaigns and voting for Student Council were held in January in our 3rd—6th classes.

Congratulations to everyone who put themselves forward for election. The successful candidates for our new Council are:

**3rd class:** Arthur, Laina, Oscar and Ariana

**4th class:** Isabel, Aron, Ollie and Chloe

**5th class:** April, James, Pippa and Scottie

**6th class:** Tom, Connor, Marcus and Will

## *Upcoming Dates*

**7th & 9th Feb**—Holy Communion Parents' Information evenings

**13th—17th Feb (incl)** —Mid Term Break

**20th Feb—12pm 13th Mar**—Language Class enrolments for Sep 23

**24th Feb**—Fáilte Friday

**2nd March**—World Book Day—Dress up as a book character

**13th—16th Mar**—Seachtain na Gaeilge

**17th March**—School closed

**24th March**—Junior Disco (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> classes)

**21st April**—Parents' Association Table Quiz at Greystones Golf Club

## *Singing Assemblies*

We have recently started our new Singing Assemblies with pupils across the school coming together in song and music. There are two assemblies—Ms Begg leads the Junior assembly for pupils from Junior Infants to 2nd class.



Mr O'Neill leads the Senior assembly for pupils from 3rd to 6th classes.

The children learn a new song at each assembly, which they practice in their classes and then we come together at the next assembly to sing and enjoy. The assemblies have been a big hit since they began.

## *Smart Watches*

If any pupil needs to wear a smart watch to school, these devices should only be used as a watch while in school. Pupils do not have permission to make calls on their watch in school. If parents need to contact their child, please contact the school office.

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## Junior Infants

Junior infants have been very busy! We've started our Jolly Phonics programme and have had great fun with our new Aistear topic - 'The Doctor's Surgery'. We've been busy treating patients in our role play and small world areas as well as a visit from Dr. Chloe. We've also been busy with junk art, cutting and sticking and painting. We've been ag caint as Gaeilge about 'An Aimsir' each day. Magic dust has been helping us with our dance moves at PE and we have learned The Cha Cha Slide!



## Senior Infants

Senior Infants have been learning lots about life in the Polar Regions and we even went on a polar expedition! We created some fabulous junk art and pictures based on our theme and had lots of fun while learning all about it! We've also been working very hard on our reading, learning about procedural writing and have been using lots of Gaeilge talking about 'An Aimsir'.



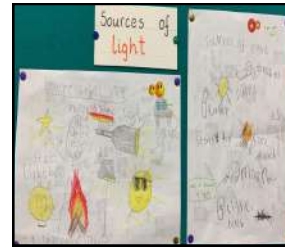
## First Classes

The pupils in First Class have been looking at the difference between cameras and photographs in the past, and today. Some children have loved bringing in their grandparents' cameras to show each other! We have also been busy learning about materials and insulation in Science and designing and making our own coats using fabric and fibre in visual arts.

## Second Classes

Second Class pupils have been busy learning creating 3D models of Arctic scenes. We have also been enjoying some creative learning with clay and different materials. We are loving gymnastics, our focus in Gaeilge on 'Bia', Procedural Writing in literacy and our maths focus of symmetry.

## Ms Daly's Class



January has been a very busy month in Room 27. We have been talking and learning about time - reading the clock and learning about the days, months and seasons. We looked at sources of light as well as investigating materials in Science. We've had a good look at our coats to see what makes them good for staying warm and dry in the winter.

## Third Classes



Our Third Classes have been learning multiplication and division for the first time as well as learning all about fractions too. In History we have been learning about Ancient Egypt and writing our names in hieroglyphics. We have been learning about An Caitheamh Aimsire in Gaeilge and have written fantastic Procedural Writing pieces.



## Fourth Classes

We have been learning about Japan, and creating very cool Japanese style comics. We have also been doing lots of Science experiments about light, including creating rainbows and investigating how convex and concave lenses work. In music, we have been practising our songs for our singing assemblies. Our recent Student Council elections gave us the opportunity to deliver our Persuasive Writing.





### Fifth Classes

We are learning about Life in the Past as part of SESE. Fifth class pupils have been conducting interviews with grandparents/elderly relatives to discover more. One focus of our topic 'Life in the Past' is toys. The 5th class pupils have each designed and created their own toys/board games taking into account their target market, materials required and what makes the toy unique. They have been using their Persuasive Writing skills to market their toy. Our focus on fractions, decimals and percentages has linked nicely into our toy projects.



### Sixth Classes

Our history topic is Irish Rebellions through the ages and we have learned about people like Wolfe Tone and groups like the Fenians. Táimid ag caint Gaeilge gach lá and our téama is 'Bia' this month. We are also working on our free writing and taking care to practise cursive writing whenever we can. Both classes have performed short dramas too, as well as taking part in our singing assemblies. In PE we have been competing in bench ball and even the triple jump in athletics!

### Ms Joyce and Ms Stewart's Class

Our recent Aistear topic has been 'Polar Regions'. We have been learning about the different types of Arctic animals and have made some fabulous creations in art. We have also gone on an Arctic Animal hunt around the school. The Junior Boys have been doing great work in maths - working on sorting/classifying objects and making patterns as well as addition within 10. They have been continuing to progress with the sounds of the Jolly Phonics Programme and are learning all about conventions of print. The Senior Boys have been busy with comprehension skills and working on improving their writing skills.



## *Swimming Success*

Congratulations to Isabelle Murphy who recently competed for St Kevin's in the Leinster Schools Gala which was held at the National Aquatic Centre recently.

Isabelle achieved three personal best times in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly races. She also qualified for the Irish Schools Gala which will be held in March. Maith thú Isabelle!

## *Ceannaire Gaeilge*

Pupils in our 5th classes, led by Pippa C and Laura C have been volunteering to support our infants in yard, playing with our younger pupils and acting as STKEV role models. The team is now also working on encouraging the infants in their use of Gaeilge and chatting with them as Gaeilge during play times. Maith sibh go léir!

## *Parents' Association News*

St Kevin's Parents' Association are in the process of putting together a St. Kevin's Cookbook. Each family is invited to submit one recipe for the cookbook by Monday, 20th February. Recipes are being collected by Google Forms. To send in your submission, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/jQ8MgJg3sbFDyD949>

The Parents' Association are also carrying out a parental survey. The Parents' Association will distribute their survey to families next week.

## *Supporting Syria*

We recently teamed up with Fr William Stewart to lend our support to a school that Fr Will is working with in Syria. A container of supplies including second hand St Kevin's uniforms, art supplies, furniture and other goodies was donated to the school from our school for the children.

Our Student Council has been discussing other ways in which we can link with the children in Fr Will's school.

They would like to involve our pupils in fun and creative ways and build a connection of care, friendship and STKEV. We will discuss this at our upcoming Student Council meetings.