

Scoil Maelruain News

May 2023.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



A message from our Principal.

As we approach the end of our school year, we have many things to celebrate. Our Second Class children have been very busy this month. Stephen from *Old Bawn Taekwondo* has been teaching them the basics in Taekwondo, they diligently prepared for their First Holy Communion and finally celebrated it on the 13th May. And huge congratulations from all of us here at Scoil Maelruain Junior to those 2nd Class children! Through their participation and reverence during the ceremony, we could see how much it meant to both the 2nd Class children and their families. We would also like to thank their teachers Ms Bradley, Mr. Brady, Ms McGrath, Ms O'Sullivan and Ms White for all their hard work ensuring that the children were so well prepared! We would like to thank the Parents Association for hosting a reception for families in the school after each ceremony.

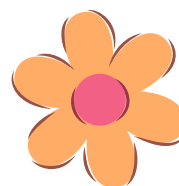
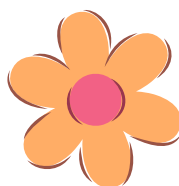
Children from different classes throughout the school participated in the 'Curious Minds Awards' and we are delighted to announce that they achieved a Silver Award for their efforts. Thanks to all the teachers involved and to Ms McGrath for coordinating.

We also welcomed our incoming Junior Infants for 2023/2024. We would like to thank our School Completion Programme for their support in our induction programme and parents, Parents Association and teachers for hopefully making the transition to Junior Infants a little easier.

We are looking forward to June when we will be getting active in 'Active Week', going on tours and preparing for the summer holidays.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

Mrs. Claire Durr.



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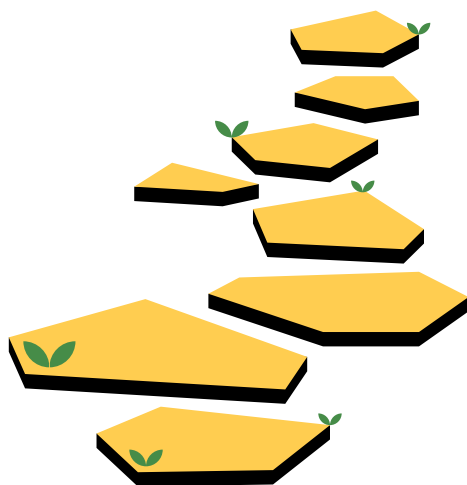
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Health & Safety Update.

We are delighted that over the Mid Term we were able to get the pathways widened. We now have room for parents to walk both to and from the school on the paths. There is no need to use the car park to exit the school.

We would like to thank those parents who continue to use the pathways when walking their children through the school grounds.

We appreciate your continued support!



Provisional School Calendar for 2023-2024.



*The following are details of **PROVISIONAL DATES** when the school will be closed during the school year 2023/2024.*

August 2023:

School reopens Wednesday August 30th at 08:50am

October 2023:

School is closed from Monday 30th October- Friday November 3rd-Inclusive

December 2023:

Schools will close on Friday December 22nd at 12:00pm

School is closed from Monday December 25th - Friday January 5th 2024-Inclusive

February 2024:

School is closed on Monday Feb 5th

School is closed on Thursday 15th February and Friday 16th February

March 2024:

School is closed on Monday March 18th

Schools will close on Friday March 22nd at 12:00pm

School is closed from Monday March 25th- Friday April 5th- Inclusive

May 2024:

School is closed from Monday May 6th -Friday May 10th- Inclusive

June 2024:

School is closed on Monday June 3rd and Tuesday June 4th

School closes Friday 28th June at 12pm

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Junior Infant Induction Programme

This year we have introduced a new 'Junior Infant Induction Programme'. This was supported by our School Completion Programme, local preschool providers, Parents Association and school staff.

We have worked with our local preschool providers to promote the programme and to facilitate a smooth transition of our new students. Our incoming Junior Infants have visited the school three times in the past number of weeks. They have participated in our 'Active Start Programme' and two 'Stay and Play' visits.



We are very excited to welcome them in September.

Don't forget our Teddy Bear's Picnic this August!

The Parents Association will host a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' on **Monday the 28th August** for families and children in the school, to welcome the Junior Infant children who will be starting in September.

This will be a casual, fun morning to re-introduce the children to school in a fun way before the school year kicks off.



Picnic snacks, blankets and teddies are a must!



Trócaire

We would like to say thank you, on behalf of Trócaire, for the Lenten Gift that children and families in the school gave to the organisation this Lent.

We raised €1,162.61 in total.

The spirit of generosity and good will is alive and well in Scoil Maelruain Junior!

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Curious Minds Silver Award.

We will get our 'Curious Minds Award' soon. We had to learn all about the STEM subjects.

The STEM subjects are Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We did Show and Tell too. Six classes in our school did different parts.

The classes did Science experiments and graphs on the whiteboard to show how many coats were in a class, built a land yacht, went on a Maths trail outside and presented a Show and Tell. We learned lots!

By: **Sofia Bozyk-Second Class.**



Library book reminder

Could we ask parents to check for school library books that may have been left at home. The school stamp is on the first couple of pages or on the cover of the book. The PA helpers will be tidying the Library in the next couple of weeks in readiness for next year.

Again a huge thank you to those parents without whom we would not be able to run a library service for our students.



Active Week 2023.

'Active Week' will be celebrated as a whole school event from **12th -16th June.**

Classes will participate in fun & enjoyable activities every day during school time.

Parents are invited to attend Afternoon Races to see their child in action!

Junior and Senior Infants: Tuesday 13th June @ 12.00pm on the Senior pitch.

First & Second Classes: Thursday 15th June @12.30pm on the Senior pitch.



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Junior Infant Enrolment for September 2024.

Important Notice:

We will be changing when we will be accepting applications for Junior Infants for September 2024 from January 2024 to October 2023.



School closures for rest of academic year.

June 2023:

5th & 6th June: The school is closed on both days.

30th June: The school will close at 12pm for the Summer Holidays.



Taekwondo.

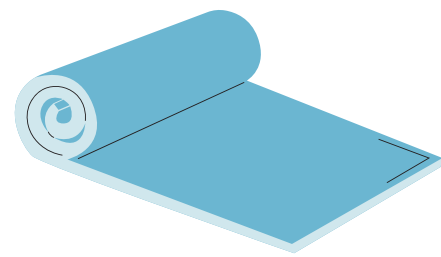
Some of the classes have been taking part in Taekwondo each Wednesday in Scoil Maelruain Junior. Second Class students, Chloe Brady and Harrison Lynch now outline their experience of participating in Taekwondo.

'Taekwondo was developed in Korea. You learn sparring, spinning, kicks and blocking. There is a Taekwondo teacher in our school and his name is Steven. He teaches us numbers in Korean and he teaches us kicks. He makes sure that it is safe. Also, sometimes, the teacher helps too.'

Chloe Brady.

'Second class have started the Korean martial art of self defence called taekwondo. We are learning how to punch, kick and block. Moving forward to punch and moving back to block is also taught. Our coach is Steven. He is very good. He has a lot of black belts. We're learning a lot in the classes and are even learning to count to 10 in Korean. We will get better and better as we learn more moves.'

Harrison Lynch.



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First Holy Communion.



Congratulations to all the Second Class children who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion recently. Second class students, **Katie Doyle** and **Hannah Healy** now give us an insight into their special day.

'It was a fantastic day. Everyone was excited. When we arrived at the Church, some people took pictures. Eventually, the Mass started. The priests were Fr. James, Fr. Hector, Fr. Michael and Fr. Hillary. The Church we were in was St. Martin de Porres. At first, Mrs. Durr said a few words. Then Fr. James welcomed everyone. Later in the Mass, Fr. Hector talked about what we should be grateful for. After a time, it was time for the Holy Bread. After Mass, families took more pictures and some went home to have a party. At the school, there was biscuits and tea for parents. There was a photographer taking photos. After this, the children went back home and had a party.'

Katie Doyle.

'On Saturday, it was my First Holy Communion Day. I was so excited at the Church. I played the tin whistle. It was so cool. After, my family and I went to the school. My brother, my cousin and I played with my friends. After that, we met my whole family.'

Hannah Healy.



Author Visit for 'World Book Day'.

Recently, Shauna Healy, author of 'Appley Tapple Do' came to our school.

She read her book to us. The book is about three kids trying to get their magic spells right. They keep getting it wrong and changing objects into things they shouldn't be. Finally, they got it right.

It is a very good book. She asked us lots of questions and we got to ask her questions about being an author too.

By: **Ameilia Millard-Second Class.**



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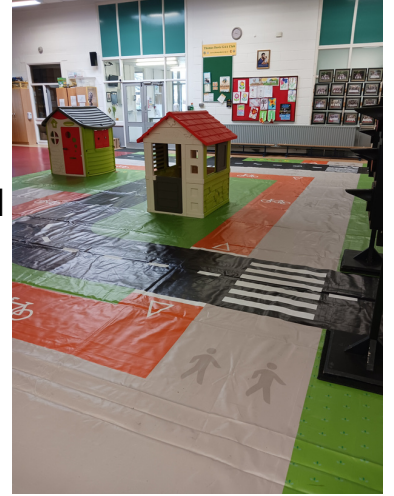
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Road Safety Workshop

The Road Safety Authority recently visited Scoil Maelruain Junior to complete a workshop with all children.

The workshop focussed on road safety and had a particular emphasis on crossing the road safely and being a responsible walker and cyclist.

The children found the workshop both enjoyable and informative. Thanks to Ms. McGrath for organising this visit.



Our beautiful school garden.



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Parents' Association



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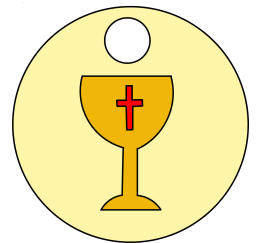
Bake Sale & Raffle - 23 June 2023.

The Parent's Association is hosting a bake sale in the Hall on Friday the 23rd June. We are hoping that parents and children will get baking for the day. A raffle will also take place with the top prize being a tablet.



First Holy Communion- May 2023.

We want to congratulate all the children in 2nd class who celebrated their First Holy Communion on the 13th May 2023. We were delighted to host refreshments and snacks in the school after each service. It was great to see all the children getting an opportunity to properly see each other and play before families went on with their own celebrations. The fashion was mighty!



School Library.

We have a group of parents who dedicate their time each week to run the school library. They manage the library every Tuesday and Wednesday. They continue to look at ways to develop the library and make sure there is a range of books to suit all children.



Pre-Loved Uniforms – June 2023 (Second Hand Uniforms)

We will be looking for uniforms that families are finished with to support the reuse and recycling of clothes. The aim is to have a pop-up stall at the Bake Sale and again in August.



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Amazing Van Gogh Artwork!

