



Castleplunkett NS Newsletter

April 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

A busy fortnight has gone by, as April drew to a quick close.

The Senior Room pupils have really had a jam-packed two weeks, with all the curricular and extra-curricular activities that have been completed in a short space of time. Ahead of Confirmation, 5th and 6th Class enjoyed their parish retreat day in Knock Shrine, participated in a Penitential Service with Fr. Liam and completed their final in school preparations before the Ceremony on Friday 28th. The children acquitted themselves excellently, at Confirmation and were a credit to the school and their families.



The 6th Class boys and all the Senior room girls, performed really well at the Five- Aside Soccer tournament in Creggs on Thursday 20th. The boys were unfortunate to narrowly miss out on qualification to the next round, not losing a game, while the girls played with great determination also. Our new jerseys are getting plenty of wear, as all the Senior Room will attend the Football Blitz, Tuesday 2nd and no doubt continue to represent the school excellently. Other work over the fortnight included some further planting work, 3rd and 4th class project work on the topic of Egypt and a block of study on the experience of refugees. 6th Class had their RSE day last week also.

In the Junior Room, the children have been working on the theme of Pets. Our Aistear pet shop has been open for business, we wrote about our own pets and have been learning how to take care of pets. We read a lovely book Called the Library Cat and completed lots of free writing with pet pictures also. We learned about a Brazilian artist called Romero Britto and have worked on pet pictures with his style of bright colours and patterns. 1st and 2nd class planted up our window boxes with Nasturtium seeds also.



We will continue our 'Book Club', for our Wednesday reading activities for the next fortnight and then commence the final block of three weeks before end of term, which is a Read Aloud session. We are encouraging everyone to do a little more reading at home or before bedtime, as the benefits are so important.



We were very grateful to the Parents' Association who looked after the cost of the bus to Creggs and also to Tusk on Tuesday 2nd May for the Football Blitz. Sincere thanks to Ms. Feely and Ms. Toman for their work in preparing 5th and 6th class for confirmation. Our School Tours will be held on the 21st of June. The Junior Room will go to Upsie Daises in

Roscommon and hopefully a trip to the Fire Station also. The Senior Room will travel to Lough Key on the same day to go to Boda Borg. Details will be shared shortly. Work is ongoing on preparations for the Book grant. It is hoped books and materials will be ordered this week. Lastly, a date for the diary. The end of school year and Graduation Mass will take place on Thursday 22nd of June, commencing at 12pm. Well done to everyone for all their hard work. Sincere thanks to you all for your continued support of the school and our work.

