



Castleplunkett NS Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

March 2023

It has been another jam-packed month in school!

The Senior Room pupils have started into their next novels and have been busy enjoying *There's a boy in the Girls' Bathroom* and *The Dancing Bear*. Work continues on Confirmation preparation and the children have also been learning about the Plantations in Irish history and Africa in Geography.



In the Junior room, the children spent March learning about the bakery, compared and contrasted two great books about a Bunny Bake Off and a Dragon Bake Off and also learned lots about colours and rainbows, the maker of Crayola colours Edwin Binney and all things to do with weather and wind, in English and Irish! We also focused on some recount writing as well as covering the measures topics in maths.

World Book Day on the 2nd of March involved library scavenger hunts and lots of discussion and wonder about a great story called *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi*. Both classrooms continued work on *Stay Safe* and the Senior room also completed RSE work. Lovely gifts for mums were made and sent home for Mother's Day as well as enjoying some damhsa, ceol and a Tráth na gCeist for our St. Patrick's Day Lá Glas. We completed our block of Reading Buddies and then 1st – 6th class pupils worked on some readers' theatre script to focus on fluency, expression and reading to an audience. We really enjoyed listening to the groups perform their stories at the end of these sessions. We have plenty of future actors in our midst! We are working hard to encourage reading and find pleasure in books. Well done to the children for their continued hard work throughout the month.



We were very grateful to receive a new set of jerseys for our school sports activities, sponsored by Damien McDonagh Tiling. The Sixth class pupils were delighted to give them their inaugural wear when they participated in the Roscommon Primary

Basketball Blitz Day in the Hub in Castlerea on Monday 20th of March. The team performed very well and Ms. Feely was delighted with how well they acquitted themselves while out representing the school. 5-Side Soccer and Cumann na mBunscol football will take place after Easter. The confirmation retreat will also take place on the first Wednesday back as well as the celebration of the Sacrament on Friday 28th of April. We wish everyone a restful and safe Easter break and thank you for your continued support of the school and our work.



