



Castleplunkett NS Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

February 2023

The Senior Room have completed their novel work this month. A really enjoyable day out was had by the pupils on Friday 24th at Strokestown Park House and the National Famine Museum. The day was really interesting and children were very well behaved while out representing the school. Throughout the month the children also learned about plant reproduction, carried out experiments involving plants and food dye and planted some bulbs for future examination!



In the Junior room, the children spent February learning about the towns around us, the shops and businesses we need and the people who work there. We built our own town from brown paper bags and loved our town role play set up. The children also explored the signs of spring around us, planted up some of our pots and window boxes for later in the year and made beautiful daffodils and paper chain flowers. We were also busy learning about Time, forming curvy letters correctly and ag siopadoireacht as Gaeilge.

We packed in quite a lot of extra bits and pieces this month! St. Brigid's day already seems like quite a while ago but we spent a busy afternoon making St. Brigid's crosses, which Fr. Devine blessed for us. Both rooms have been working away steadily on Stay Safe materials We started GAA with Tulsk GAA Club coach Meghan and are enjoying the fun games and skills activities. The children in 2nd – 6th class covered a wide variety of computer skills with Margaret from C  IT Roscom  in during the month. This year's block of computer classes ended on Monday last. We were treated to a feast of pancakes on Pancake Tuesday thanks to the Satchwell family! They were delicious. On Wednesday afternoons during February we have been paired up and reading together. Our Reading Buddies work pairs a Junior Room pupil with a Senior room pupil, to read and listen to stories together for pleasure. We are working hard to encourage reading and find pleasure in books. Well done to the children for their hard work throughout the month.



We were blown away by families' generosity, in response to our Non-Uniform Day collection to support the Earthquake relief appeal following the tragic events in Turkey. We were delighted to donate   180 to Unicef via the An Post donation system. Sincere thanks to everyone for their kindness and support. Thanks also to the Parents Association who contributed to the cost of the computer lessons, in giving the monies received from Cash for Clobber (  260) towards the classes. March will be another busy month. Sporting events will commence for the Senior Pupils and we will complete Food Dudes Week 3, during the week of March 6th. We will mark World Book Day on March 2nd and will have some small activities to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge during the month also. Thank you for your continued support of the school and our work.

