

Easter Newsletter

April 2017



Principal's Note

A very Happy Easter to all! Thanks to the Board of Management, Staff and Parents for their continued support again this last Term. Enjoy the Easter Break! School re-opens on Monday 24th April.

Parents Association

Thanks to the Parents Association for organising and funding Speech and Drama for all classes for 8 weeks. The pupils look forward to having it again for 6 weeks after Easter. Thanks also to the Committee for organising a very informative Internet Safety Talk for Parents.

Catholic Schools Week

As we are a Catholic School, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week again this year in January. Thanks to the Grandparents for coming in on Grandparents Day too.

Swimming & PAWS Programme

Swimming will begin on Wednesday 26th April for 2nd-6th classes. The Junior Room and First Class will complete the PAWS Water Safety Programme in school.

Tag Rugby

Thanks to Wesley for doing Tag Rugby with 1st to 6th Class this Term.

Athletics

Thanks to St. Abban's Athletics Club and Laois Sports Partnership for organising 4 sessions again this year. All pupils from Junior Infants to 6th Class went and really enjoyed it.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Well done to the pupils of 4th, 5th and 6th class who took part in JEP for the 3rd year in a row. This year, Decorative Hangers was chosen as the project. It was very successful and the pupils made a profit of 10 euro each. Every pupil had a role and were part of the one of the following teams: Design and Production, Marketing, Finance, Sales and Storytelling. They learned so much about what it means to be an entrepreneur and setting up their own business.

First Confession

Congratulations to all the pupils in 2nd class who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Monday 6th March in Arles church. Thanks to the pupils from 3rd - 6th who sang in the choir and to the parents association for providing refreshments after the ceremony. Well done to 2nd class for all their work and are now preparing for their Holy Communion in May.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the 6th Class pupils who received the Holy Spirit on their Confirmation Day, Thursday 6th April.

BT Young Scientist

On Thursday 12th January, 5th and 6th class pupils went to the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS Dublin. The pupils had a great day attending the various science shows and displays. "Titan the Robot" was excellent as was the 3D Space Show.

Peace Proms

A sincere word of Thanks to the teachers involved with Peace Proms this year. The concert was held in RDS Dublin in February. Well done to the pupils who took part. We look forward taking part for the 5th year in a row next year!

Write A Book

The pupils of Arles N.S. are taking part in the Write a Book Project 2017. Each pupil is creating their own book for others to read. These books will be read by pupils in other schools.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

This year we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge by having a RITH, a Tráth na gCeist, Lá Go Leor Glas don Gaeilge, Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine and a Céilí Mór outside. Great fun was had by all. Maith sibh!

Cumann na mBunscol Quiz

Well done to the Quiz Team from 5th class who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Quiz in Stradbally.

St. Abban's Quiz

Congratulations to the 2 Quiz teams who got through to the St. Abban's Quiz Final. Maith sibh!

Gael Cultúr Quiz Éire Óg

This year we had 3 Quiz Teams taking part. Maith sibh go léir!

Active Schools

Well done to the Active Schools Committee who helped organise the RITH during Seachtain na Gaeilge. We look forward to our Active Schools Week later in the year.

Pancake Tuesday

Many thanks to all who supported Pancake Tuesday. The children had a great day and enjoyed the pancakes.
We raised €155 for Trocaire.

Engineer Visit

As part of Engineer's Week, an engineer visited the school and spoke to the Middle Room and Senior Room about the work of an engineer. The pupils made a catapult as part of the Workshop too.

World Book Day

World Book Day took place in our school on March 2nd. The children dressed up as a character from their favourite book.

Entrance Exams

6th Class pupils had their Entrance Exams on Friday 10th March.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to the Parents Association for organising the Creme Eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

School Website

Don't forget to check out www.arlesnationalschool.ie for News, Photos and Information on our School.