

Annagh Hill N.S. Easter Newsletter April 2022

It has been a busy term in school with lots of different events happening over the last few months.

Sacraments: The children in 2nd class made their first Confession in the school hall on Tuesday 8th March.

The 6th class children made their Confirmation on Tuesday 29th March in Corofin Church. Congratulations to all the children on receiving their sacraments!

The 2nd class children look forward to making their First Holy Communion on Saturday April 30th in Corofin Church.

St. Brigid's Day: All of the children celebrated St. Brigid's Day on February 1st with many classes making crosses using paper, reeds or straws.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Bhain na páistí an taitneamh as Seachtain na Gaeilge ó 1ú-17ú Márta. Rinne na páistí i Rang a 3 & 4 tráth na gceist, mata as Gaeilge agus comórtas fógra seanfhocail. Fuair páiste amháin ó gach rang teastas don 'Gaeilgeoir na Míosa' freisin.

World Book Day: All of the classes celebrated World Book Day on March 3rd. The children brought in their favourite books to read during buddy reading and 1st and 2nd class enjoyed a live webinar with Irish author Caitriona Sweeney. Buddy reading has continued each Thursday since with 1st/ 2nd and 3rd/4th reading to each other and 5th/6th reading to the infant classes.

Infants Day Out: The boys and girls in Junior and Senior infants enjoyed a fabulous day out in Wildlands, Moycullen on March 11th where they visited the 'Baile Beag', the fairy trail and playground.

Sports:

Camogie/ hurling: The 1st and 2nd class children have been enjoying hurling/camogie training with Lauren Solan over the past number of weeks. Their last session took place on Monday 4th April.

Very well done to our 5th/ 6th class hurlers who took part in the Clarin College Super 8s tournament on March 25th. A big thank you to Clarin College Athenry for hosting us and welcoming us to their school afterwards. It was also great to see some of our past pupils on the day.

Football: The 3rd to 6th class children have been taking part in football training with Jack Hynes for the last few weeks and have really enjoyed themselves. Their last session also took place on Monday 4th April.

Handball: Very well done to Saorlaith, Losalia and Freya who represented the school on March 12th in the Cumann na mBunscol Challenger 2 handball competition in Salthill. Huge congratulations to Freya who won the U13 singles competition and represented Galway in the Connacht finals on March 26th. She did really well and finished 3rd overall.

Swimming: 1st-6th class children will have the opportunity to attend swimming lessons in Coral leisure Tuam beginning the first Friday after Easter.

School initiatives:

Spring visitors: The children enjoyed a lovely Spring themed day on 6th April when Tom, Norah and Saibh Gibson brought their lovely baby chicks to school. Keith Fahey from Teagasc also visited the school later in the day with a baby calf and three lambs. He then gave a talk to the 1st-6th class children in the hall about farming. Thanks to both Keith and the Gibsons for their time.

Money raised: The school was delighted to donate €300 to the MADRA - Mutts Anonymous Dog Rescue and Adoption charity from our Sale of Work raffle. This charity was chosen by our 6th class students.

Green Flag: The school is currently working on attaining the green flag under the theme 'Global Citizenship and the Marine Environment'. All classes have celebrated Marine Week on 4th-8th April by participating in marine themed webinars. We will be making our application in April 2023.

Amber Flag: The school is currently working on it's second Amber Flag which promotes positive mental health and wellbeing. We were delighted to obtain a 'buddy bench' as part of the initiative which was kindly donated by the Geraghty family. The Amber flag committee worked hard to organise our Easter raffle and mental health awareness day for Thursday 7th April which raised a fantastic €850 for Pieta House. Thanks so much to everyone for their support in purchasing tickets and donating Easter eggs. A huge thank you also to Shane Walsh who visited the school to speak to the children about wellbeing on the day and played football with them.

School Garden: The Brooklodge gardening team have been visiting the school over the last few weeks and helped the children to prepare the garden and plant some vegetables.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely, safe Easter break and we look forward to welcoming all of the children back for our last term!

