



Hope you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend.

### Creative February

With thanks to Mrs. Donovan we are participating in "Creative February" as part of the creative schools initiative that is ongoing since last year. The theme for February is Make, See, Do. (further details on this poster which is displayed inside the main door). Each Friday this February will see all classes engaging with artists as we all work together to develop our creative skills. We kicked off the month on Friday last with creative dance, STEM with Mr. Shepherd and Drama with Emmett! Ms. Donnell created a lovely video clip of the day, which is attached here also.





Here are some pictures from last year:



## St. Bridget's Day

Some classes celebrated St. Bridget's Day on Thursday by attending mass. Fr. O'Dea told us some great stories about St. Bridget, St. Patrick, St. Ita and St. Munchin who feature on the stained glass windows in the church. Other classes learned about the life and significance of St. Bridget through stories and some art projects during the week.



## Parents Association

### AGM

A reminder of the Parents Association AGM which will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February @7 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will take place across the EU on this Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. More information and resources in connection with safer internet day can be found at: [Safer Internet Day 2024 - \(webwise.ie\)](https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/)

We are looking forward to learning more about the role of both children and adults as safe and responsible digital citizens on Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see as many parents as possible at 7 p.m. on the evening of February 27<sup>th</sup> for an information session in relation to how we can support children to learn about their rights, roles and responsibilities as they grow and develop as digital users.

A subtle reminder also that children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. We are aware that some pupils in the older classes hand their mobile phones to the teacher when they come in each day, however, we would like to remind all parents that mobile phones should be left at home.

## Aladdin

At times, it is necessary for teachers to contact parents during the school day and vice versa. We are aiming to use the Aladdin app to do this as much as possible. If you have notifications turned on for Aladdin it will alert you to any message that may be sent to you from Aladdin by a teacher during the school day.

## Enrolment

We will be responding to all who have applied for enrolment for Junior Infants (September 2024) over the coming weeks. Some applications will need to be approved by our local SENO initially, but as soon as this process is complete, we will write to all applicants for Junior Infants.

## Upcoming School Closures:

Mid Term Break takes place on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> next. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, the school will close at 12.30. We apologise to parents for any inconvenience caused by this, but the closure is to accommodate whole staff planning and development on the day.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, we have been directed to close the school as it will be used as a polling station on that day. This request is outside of our control unfortunately.



## School Calendar

School Re-opening	Wednesday 30th August 2023
October Mid-Term	27th Oct 2023 - 6th Nov 2023 (Inclusive)
Christmas Holidays	Close 22nd Dec 2023 - Re-open 8th Jan 2024
January School Closure	Tuesday 16th January 2024
February Bank Holiday	Monday 5th February 2024
February Mid-Term	Thursday 15th & Friday 16th February 2024
St. Patrick's Day	Monday 18th March 2024
Easter Holidays	Close Friday 22nd March 2024 - Re-opens Monday 8th April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
June Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd June 2024
School closes for Summer Holidays	Friday 21st June 2024