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Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a busy February and I am delighted to share some of our highlights.

February Newsletter

School Attendance

Our attendance for the month of **February is 92.8%**. We hope to see an improvement in the coming months.

New Pupils

We welcomed Nathan to our school this month. We are delighted he has settled in so well this term.

Feast of St. Brigid

We attended Mass on Thursday 1st of February with Fr. Kevin to celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid.

Science Dome

The Science Dome visited our school on Friday 2nd of February. The children enjoyed a fun and exciting day learning about astronomy.

Gymnastics

We completed our gymnastics course with Coolmine Gymnastics Club. We have learned many new skills and techniques which has really increased our confidence in gymnastics.

Food Dudes Programme

We completed our Food Dudes Programme and children are bringing more fruit and vegetables to school in their lunch boxes. This programme supports our Healthy Eating Policy <https://www.standrewscurragha.com/school-policies.html>

New Life 4 Clothes

Thank you to all our families and the local community who supported our New Life 4 Clothes fundraiser. We raised a fantastic €360. Thank you to 3rd and 4th class who collected the bags of clothes every morning and helped with the final count and weigh in. Well done everyone!

GAA

Our new Participation Officer (PO) Caroline Butler is currently providing coaching sessions in school for all classes. Children are really enjoying learning new skills and drills. Thank you to Curragha GAA who is funding the employment of the PO for our school.

Féile Fichille

Congratulations to our two teams of Chess Masters from 5th/6th class and our Chess Buds team from 4th class who played brilliantly at the Féile Fichille day recently. Our 1st Master's team who finished in 2nd place out of 12 schools have now progressed to the next round to play again on the 21st March. We wish them luck in the next round.

Confirmation 2024

Congratulations to our 5th and 6th class who were Confirmed by Bishop Tom Deenihan on Friday 23rd of February in St. Andrew's Church. Thank you to their teacher Ms Niamh Ronan for all her hard work in preparing the children for their special day. Thank you to Ms Hannah Horgan for preparing the choir and soloists who sang so beautifully on the day. A huge thank you to our Parents' Association for the wonderful reception for our families in the school hall afterwards.

Inter Schools Equestrian League

Congratulations to the school's show jumping teams who finished off the league with great success placing 3rd and 4th. Both teams were placed in every competition during the league. A great achievement!

CumannamBunscol Mini 7s

Congratulations to our boys' and girls' football teams who competed at the CumannamBunscol Mini 7s competition in Ratoath GAA on Tuesday, February 27th. They played 3 very close games and it was a great day of sport. Thanks to John and Paddy for helping out with coaching and to all parents who drove our teams to and from the event.

First Confession

2nd class children had their First Confession on Wednesday 28th of February. Thank you to Ms Siobhan Gilligan for preparing the children so well for the sacrament. Thank you as always to Fr. Kevin for guiding and supporting the children in their faith.

news2day

We welcomed RTÉ's news2day to our school today to cover the leap year birthday of Ben in 5th class. They interviewed Ben and his friends and filmed Ben's party celebration. Tune in to RTÉ's news2day at 4.20pm or watch back on RTÉ Player to see the segment. Happy birthday Ben!

ComingUp....

FAI Schools Primary 5s competition

Our boys' and girls' soccer teams are busy preparing for the FAI Schools Primary 5s Competition on 5th & 12th of March.

World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th of March. Pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite book characters on the day.

Referendum

School will close for the national Referendum on Friday 8th of March as the school premises is used as a polling station.

SeachtainnaGaeilge

Táullmhucháin do SheachtainnaGaeilgefaoilánseoilagainn. Beidhséarsiúl ó 11-15 Márta.

Dráma

High Rock Productions will bring their high energy Irish drama Sceitimíní to our Senior Classes (3rd - 6th) here in school on Friday 5th of March. The cost of the drama will be €5 per child.

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Mise le meas,

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