



## School Newsletter

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Welcome back, everyone. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. What a wonderful week of sunny weather to kick off term three. Please ensure your child is wearing sunscreen during very warm periods and has sufficient water in their lunch bags. It is Ireland, however, so we must be prepared for all weathers!! Continue to send in a raincoat with your child, as we will aim to head outside even if it's just a light drizzle. A bit of rain won't stop us from enjoying the great outdoors!

Reminder: Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday – No school.

### **This week's news:**

Georgie from **The Credit Union** visited Ms Curtin's class on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April. She spoke to the children about the work of the Credit Union and the history of the Credit Union. She also talked to them about setting up a savings account and how to manage money wisely. It's never too early to begin!

The Eli Lilly STEAM Engineering Programme continued this week with a focus on the movement of our hands. The children learned about how bone, muscles, tendons and ligaments come together to give us movement and then constructed models of the hand.



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Ms Fitzgerald's classes enjoyed a workshop facilitated by Mary Barry from Heritage Schools. Mary is a regular visitor to our school and always delivers the most engaging and interesting workshops. The children sowed onions and peas using toilet roll tubes and compost. Marigolds, beetroot and lettuce were also planted. The children learned how to transfer a plant from one pot to another. There are many budding gardeners in J1, S1 and 1<sup>st</sup>.



## 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> class: Creative Clusters

As you may be aware, before the Easter holidays, the children from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes were treated to three 'Wise Water' workshops under the Creative Clusters School Programme. These workshops centred on the topics of water awareness and conservation, water and wellbeing and why we need water and water needs us. Throughout the course of these workshops, the children worked on individual pieces of art which were then compiled to create a beautiful 'Vitamin Sea' display. The children were entertained from start to finish with a variety of hands-on and group activities. Have a look at the finished piece.



Tennis with Maria: We have been blessed with the weather most Fridays! Without a doubt, our skills are showing improvement, we're having lots of fun, and we are delighted to have Maria share her expertise and experience with us. Tennis finishes up next Friday.

**Polytunnel** – The growth over the Easter holidays has been phenomenal! Have a look at what the children have been up to and admire some of the beautiful, organic produce. Huge thanks to our SNAs for their continuous monitoring and watering of the plants over the Easter break.



### **Breakfast Club**

Sue O'Riordan, one of our SNAs facilitates Breakfast Club on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8am. If you are interested in sending your child to Breakfast Club, please contact Sue on 087 8525798.

### **After School Club**

After School runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30pm – 5:30pm. If you are interested in sending your child to After School Club, please contact Margaret on 087 9773348.

Here are a few things that will make the summer term extra special this year:



- 🏪🌸 Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May – St Multose Entrepreneurs: Kinsale Market

Over the past few weeks, the Síológa boys have been very busy bees. Together, they have sown and looked after over 80 plants, including flowers (with seeds donated by the Kinsale Tidy Towns Committee), vegetables, and herbs. The boys will sell their produce at the Kinsale Market on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> class boys have very kindly offered to help run the stall. If you happen to be in Kinsale on Wednesday, do call in and say hello and if you wish to make a purchase, it's cash only transactions!!

- 🎭🎪 Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils will go to see 'Oklahoma' the school musical in Bandon Grammar on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May.

- 🎾 Tennis lessons continue. We have our final tennis lesson with Maria Bolster on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May – Sonia Caldwell will visit 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class to facilitate a half-day workshop. She will teach the children about seaweed and waterside plants and edible plants by the sea. Sonia has some interesting craft activities planned for us too.
- Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May – Children from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes have kindly been invited to participate in a Tag Rugby Blitz in Bandon Grammar School. More details to follow early next week.
- ❤️ 16<sup>th</sup> May – **Half day** to facilitate Teachers' Cineáltas Training Day. School closes at **12pm**. The Bí Cineálta procedures are to prevent and address bullying behaviour for primary and post-primary schools, which will guide our school community to work together to prevent and address bullying behaviour in our school. These procedures are called "Bí Cineálta" which means "Be Kind". This is also part of our School Self Evaluation this year. I will be sending a questionnaire to parents very soon to gather data on this. We have already surveyed the school staff. We also hope to access the pupils' voice through focus groups which will be held during the summer term. Permission to participate will be sought from parents first.
- 🎓 **Transition programme** – Ms Hadden will facilitate a transition programme for our 6<sup>th</sup> Class leavers this term. This programme prepares them for secondary school.
- 📊✍️ Standardised tests will be administered during the week of **19<sup>th</sup> May**. We ask parents to **ensure full attendance** during this week, as it helps provide the most accurate and complete picture of each child's progress. Thank you for your support!
- 🎉 **Our School Disco is coming up on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, and this year's theme is Flower Power! 🌸🌺 Get ready for a groovy evening of music, dancing, and colourful fun. The event is being organised by our wonderful Parents' Association, and we're so grateful for their time and effort in putting it all together. Children are encouraged to dress in bright colours and floral outfits to match the theme! If you would like to **help out**, please let us know—we'd love to have your support! More details to follow—watch this space!
- **Interschool Sports Athletics – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. Over the coming weeks, we will be busily practising for this annual athletics event. You will be notified later in the month as to whether your child has been selected and which event(s) he/she will be participating in.
- 🏖️ **Beach Day** for 6<sup>th</sup> Class on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June
- ♀♂️🧘♂️ We're excited to announce that **Active Week** will take place from **16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June!** Our teachers have lots of fun and engaging movement activities planned throughout the week, including a special **gymnastics day**,

inspired by our most recent professional development training. We'll be encouraging **active travel**, giving children the opportunity to **teach a sport to their peers**, and enjoying a wide variety of ways to stay active and have fun. **Parents** – if you have a passion for a particular sport and would be interested in sharing your skills with the children, we'd love to hear from you! Your involvement can make the week even more memorable.

-  **Sports Day** is always a highlight of the school year, and this year it's scheduled for 16th June, weather permitting. The day promises friendly competition, teamwork, and plenty of fun for all involved. We warmly welcome parents to attend and join in the excitement—it's a great chance to support the children and even get involved in a few activities yourselves!
-  **End of year service – Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.**

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend. Here's hoping the good weather continues. See you all on Tuesday morning bright and early!

Ms Kingston