

# Scoil Phádraig Milltown Ns

Newsletter- 2023/2024

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please note the following:

**Scór na bpáistí:** Well done to all our pupils who participated in the Scór na bpáistí competition in March. Our set dancers, solo singers, ballad group and quiz teams should be very proud of their efforts. Many of these pupils practiced for hours during their lunch break. A special word of congratulations to our Set Dancers who have qualified for the county final! This is due to take place on April 18th in The Downs, and we all wish them the very best of luck.

## **Sporting Events**

Our 5th and 6th class girls and boys had a busy March on the playing fields. We travelled to Gainstown for the FAI 5 a side soccer blitzes and both teams represented the school proudly. In our first ever hurling/camogie blitz we came away with three victories and narrowly missed out on qualification for the county final. A massive well done to all involved, we hope that hurling/camogie will be here to stay in Milltown!

**Other events:** Throughout March we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge, World Book Day, Book Fair and completed our "Run around Europe". Check out our website from some photos of all of our events.

**School Year Planner 2024/2025:** All key dates for the 2024/2025 academic year will be communicated in May when they are finalised.

**Confessions:** Well done to all 2nd class pupils who made their First Confession before Easter. We thank Ms. Hebron for preparing the pupils so well and to Fr. Fitzsimons for presiding over the ceremony. We look forward to their Communion on Saturday May 18th.

**School Standardised Assessments:** Over the course of May teachers will carry out standardised assessments throughout the various classes. If you have any queries regarding these assessments, please contact the school.

**Spring Clean:** Our annual school spring clean will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

**Parents Association:** Following a recent survey, the overwhelming majority of parents believe that there is a need for the establishment of a Parents Association to support the school. Many thanks to all who took the time to complete the survey. I will be sending out a form for parents to express their interest in being a part of this association.

**Road Safety:** Parents are asked to be extra vigilant of pupils cycling and walking to school in the coming months. Cycling on the school premises is prohibited.

**Playing on grass at break times:** Pupils in the senior rooms must wear appropriate footwear before playing football on the grass at break time.

**Aladdin Connect:** Thank you all for your fantastic engagement and response to our implementation of Aladdin connect. To date 93% of our families are connected. The closer we get to 100% the less we as a school have to pay for communication with our parents. Please check that your phone number is up to date and verified through the app. If you have any issues connecting, please let us know and we will help you. We will be using Aladdin for all communication going forward.

**School Closures:** School will be closed on **Monday May 6th** for the Bank Holiday. We will have our final half day closure on **May 10th** for a teacher training day. An interactive school calendar and school year planner can be downloaded from our school website [www.milltownns.ie](http://www.milltownns.ie).

**Internet safety:**

I have signed up all parents, students and teachers in the school to Internet Safety Lessons from Cyber School. The parents courses can be completed in your own time. The school has covered the cost for parents, for what is a very important area in the lives of our children, both inside and outside of school.

I've attached a pdf explaining how to access the courses.

Our enrolment code is: ParentsCS-19008U

Please let me know if you have difficulty accessing the course or have any further questions.

**Instructions**

**School Garden/ Help Needed:** It is that time of year again to plan for our school garden. Our school garden is a wonderful resource **but we need help**. This year Mullingar Tidy Towns will once again help with our garden preparation in April. We are planning to make more new additions and upgrades to our garden. If you are interested in **helping with** the development of the school garden for 2024, please contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

**Ronan Scally**

Acting Principal

