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Welcome to the March edition of our school newsletter! At Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir, we had a packed schedule with exciting events, including World Book Day and St. Patrick's Day celebrations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a Confirmation Retreat to Holycross Abbey. Read on for important updates and news from our school community.

School Twitter Page

Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir is now on Twitter! Follow us for the latest updates, events and achievements from our students and staff. Stay connected with our school and never miss a beat. We look forward to engaging with our followers and sharing our school's journey with the world. Our Twitter handle is @LoughGurNS.

World Book Day

On March 3rd, our school celebrated World Book Day by encouraging our pupils to dress up as their favourite character from their favourite book. But the fun didn't stop there. Our older pupils had the opportunity to read to the younger children, sharing their love of literature and inspiring the next generation of readers. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the joy of books and the power of reading. We are grateful to have such an enthusiastic and dedicated community of readers at our school!



Swimming

Our swimming lessons in UL started on 8th March for a block of 6 weeks. The aim of these lessons is to gain competence and confidence near, in, under and on water. The emphasis is also on enjoyment and developing specific swimming techniques, including learning to swim a stroke or a variety of strokes while also gaining an awareness of water safety.

School Raffle

Our Limerick GAA themed school raffle took place on Friday 3rd March. A huge thank you to all those who bought tickets to help support our school. There was a fantastic response to this raffle and all the children were delighted to hear that enough money was raised to purchase a new school set of O'Neills GAA jerseys. These jerseys will be worn at various sporting competitions during the year and we can represent our school with pride. This raffle would not have been a success without the various businesses that kindly donated a spot prize.

The list of all the prize winners are as follows:

Signed Limerick Jersey: Aoife Micks

Limerick Flag: Charlie Hicks and Patricia O Connell

JBR GAA pack: Mary O'Donnell

Pack of Limerick Headbands and Limerick Teddy: Isabella Crawford

Pack of Hurley Grips and sliotar: Sadhbh Feely

Rep Your Local Clothing Company Limerick Hoodie: Joanne Hayes

Aaron Gillane Sportswear Hoodie: Charlie Hicks

Talbot Hotel Voucher- Sadhbh Feely

Woodlands House Afternoon Tea Voucher: James McLoughlin

Aherlow House Afternoon Tea Voucher: Clodagh Hourigan

Tuscany Restaurant Voucher: Faye Young

Bulgaden Castle Voucher: Seán Dunworth

Cahill Apparel (CA Sports) windbreaker jacket: Charlie Hicks

Large Easter Eggs: Lucia Crawford and Apinhín Keane

Nom Treats voucher: Aoife Micks and Darren Meehan

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Scoil Náisúnta Loch Guir. Our pupils learned about the fascinating history of St. Patrick and his contribution to Irish culture. They listened to stories about his life and accomplishments, and then created their own St. Patrick's Day art.

In addition, the senior classroom took a more in-depth approach by writing the story of St. Patrick in their own words. This exercise was not only a great way to improve their literacy skills, but also an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the cultural significance of St. Patrick's Day.

It was a wonderful day of learning, creativity, and appreciation for our Irish heritage.

Mother's Day

Our school celebrated Mother's Day in a special way. The junior room created personalized jars filled with things they love about their mothers, while the senior classroom created a beautiful bouquet using colored paper and flowers they designed during art. It was a lovely way to show appreciation and love for all the amazing mothers out there.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to our pupils in Second Class, Orlaith, Seán, Isabella and James who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the 9th of March with Fr Eddie. This sacrament allows children to come to know and love Jesus. We are now looking forward to our First Communion which takes place on Saturday 20th May.



Confirmation Retreat

Knockainey N.S. and Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir travelled to Holycross Abbey near Thurles for a Confirmation retreat ahead of our pupils making their Confirmation on 26th May. The retreat was a day filled with reflection, prayer and spiritual guidance. The pupils had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of their faith and prepare for the important sacrament of Confirmation. They took part in a range of activities, including a tour of the abbey, where the pupils learned about the history and significance of the site; group discussion, meditation and project work.

The retreat was a valuable experience for all involved and helped to strengthen the pupils' connection with their faith as they prepare for this important milestone in their spiritual journey.

FAI Primary 5 Soccer Blitz

Pupils from 4th to 6th class recently participated in the FAI Primary 5-a-side soccer blitz in the Seanchóill Complex, Corbally. Our students had a great time showcasing their skills on the field and competing against other schools. It was a

fun and competitive event, and our team displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Well done to all involved and thank you to the parents who came to support us on the day.



Woodies Budding Gardeners Project

We were delighted to have been chosen for the Woodies Budding Gardening Project here in our school. This projects involves creating a small class garden and following the three progressive phases of SOW IT, GROW IT & SHOW IT.. Thanks to John Cronin who called into us, provided gardening tips and showed us how to plant cabbage and potatoes in our school garden.



Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir Parents Association

Thanks to the Parents Association, all children received an Easter egg to mark the beginning of the Easter holidays. Additionally, the Parents Association will be hosting a cake sale on Easter Sunday morning after mass at 10.30 a.m. in the Honey Fitz Theatre. It's a wonderful way to come together as a community and celebrate this special time of the year while fundraising for the school.



Wishing you all a very happy Easter,

Le gach dea-ghuí,

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