



EVENTS NEXT WEEK

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

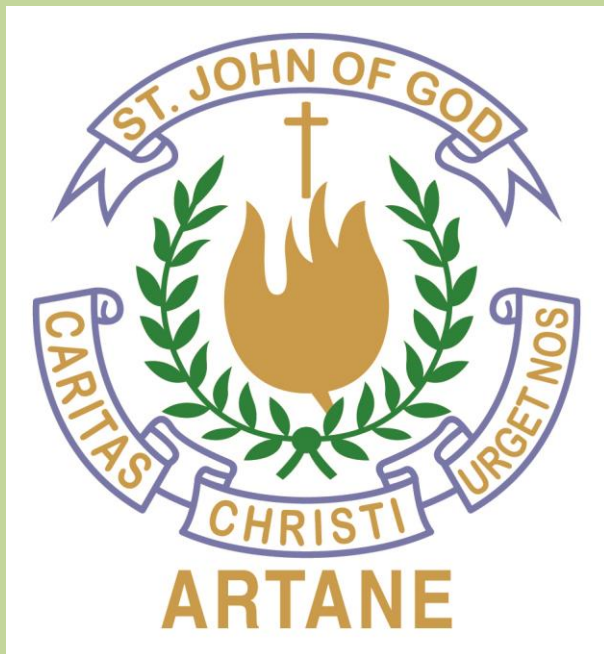
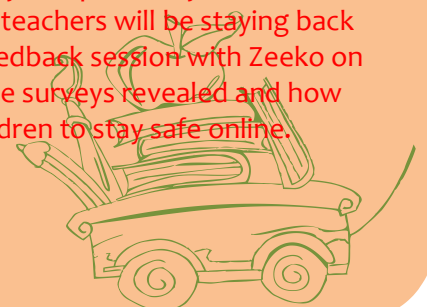
All next week we will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in the school. Each day different cultural events will be running to promote a love of Gaeilge. Examples of some of the planned whole school events are:

- Léamh le chéile on Tuesday where the 4th class girls will be peer tutoring the Junior and Senior Infants and reading a story book in Irish to their younger partner. This will be a lovely experience for the children working together through Irish.
- Gaeilge Treasure Hunt around the school for 1st- 6th class on Thursday
- Tráth na gCeist (Table Quiz through Irish) for 3rd-6th class on Friday
- Every day the 6th class girls will be playing an Irish song over the intercom for the whole school to enjoy

Children will be rewarded with special homework passes for making a big effort to speak Irish throughout the day themselves. We hope the week will be a lovely and positive experience for the girls and create happy associations with Irish for the children.

ZEEKO INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING

Zeeko Internet Safety will be in on Tuesday 20th March to do some workshops with the children from 2nd – 6th class on staying safe online. The children have already completed an anonymous survey which will help to tailor the sessions and the workshops more to the needs of our children and what apps and cyber space they are engaging with. The teachers will be staying back after school for a feedback session with Zeeko on what information the surveys revealed and how we can help the children to stay safe online.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next week will be an extremely busy week for us at school. There are loads of exciting events happening, so make sure the children don't miss out. Some of these events were previously planned but some got rescheduled to next week because of the snow. This newsletter refers only to next week's events in school.

The drama exams for 1st, 2nd and 6th class will take place on Wednesday 21st March all day. As the girls perform in groups it is essential that your daughter does her best to be in on the day. Please make sure she is wearing her full uniform if she has a drama exam on Wednesday, regardless of whether it is a P.E. day or not. The exams are a lovely way to recognise the work the girls have done during the year and provide them with a certificate of achievement and grade.

FLOWER ARRANGING FOR PARENTS

Tuesday 20th March will be the last session of flower arranging for parents. The classes have been really enjoyable so far and the parents have made some beautiful and artistic flower arrangements. Keep an eye out for the next set of parent classes.

NEAR TV

NEAR TV are a community TV group and are interested in working with our school for various pieces. They would like to come into 1st class on Tuesday and film a short clip of a visiting Easter Bunny presenting some Easter Eggs to the class. Please sign the attached TV Release form if you have a daughter in 1st class and would like her to take part in the clip. Please dress your child in her full school uniform on Tuesday for the filming, if you would like her to take part.

STATIONERY FAIR AND PARADE OF BOOK CHARACTERS

The Book and Stationery Fair which was scheduled around World Book Day had to be cancelled because of the snow and I know many people were so disappointed as they had costumes ready for the event. Therefore, we are holding the Book and Stationery Fair this Thursday 22nd March. As usual, the children can dress up as any character from a book on the day. We will have a little parade of characters together in the hall to generate discussion around the wonderful costumes and the characters behind them. Each class will visit the Stationery and Book Fair and will be able to purchase items that catch their fancy. Our thanks to the Parents' Association who have done great work in organising this event for the school.

FULL ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our full attendance assembly on Friday 23rd March. Children who have had full attendance for the month of March will receive a certificate and will have their achievement publicly acknowledged. Those children who have been in every single day in January, February and March will receive a lovely prize in addition to their certificates to congratulate them on their excellent attendance.



Choir Performance on Stage

We would like to thank everyone who made the Confirmation Ceremony such a success this year. The 6th class children were beautiful and really well behaved and carried out the jobs assigned to them with confidence and panache. The choir with their stunning solo performances, melodic harmonies and angelic voices really added to the atmosphere in the church on the day and enhanced the ceremony so much. The hard work that went into getting the choir to such a standard is a testament to the girls in 4th and 5th class and their wonderful choir teacher Ms. O' Dwyer. Mrs. Breen displayed remarkable multi-tasking abilities (as all mothers have!!) and managed to coordinate her class, participate in the ceremony and play the organ while remaining calm at all times...kudos!!!

Don't forget the school is closing for the Easter holidays on Friday 23rd March and will reopen on Monday 9th April. Junior and Senior Infants will finish on Friday at 12:05 with all other classes finishing at 12:15.

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