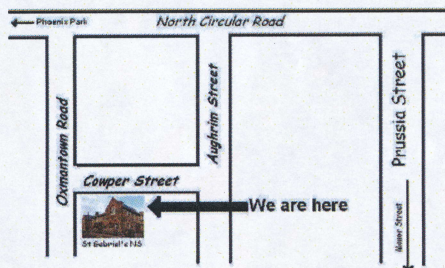
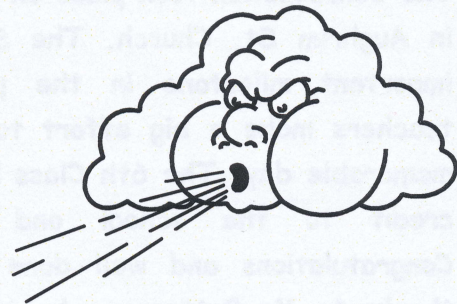


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We are now coming to the end of our second term in school and as usual there have been lots of activities taking place each week such as 'Seachtain na Gaeilge', One World Soccer tournaments, tours, guitar classes, swimming and of course a very special event - the Confirmation.
We wish all our pupils and parents a very happy Easter and we look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays.

IMPORTANT DATES

Easter Holidays - School closes on Fri 22nd March 12pm
re-opens on Monday 8th April.

Friday May 3rd	-	School Closed
Monday May 6th	-	School Closed
Friday May 31st	-	School Closed
Monday June 3rd	-	School Closed

FIRST CONFESSION

The 21st of February was an important day for 2nd class as this was the day they made their first Confession.

After weeks of preparation the children along with their parents came to the church in Aughrim St. to celebrate this Sacrament. Well done to all the children who behaved so well and we look forward to their First Communion on the 11th May 2013.

TRIP TO DUBLINIA

Ms Leonard's class went to visit Dublinia on Wed 6th March as they are studying the 'Normans' in their history class. They were given a guided tour of the centre and afterwards the Education Officer from Christ Church gave a very interesting talk to the class. They got to see 'Strongbow's tomb' and Skeletons which dated back to medieval Dublin. A big thankyou to all the children whose behaviour was excellent throughout the day.

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored and supported this event.

GREEN WALK

Our annual sponsored green walk took place on Monday 11th March. All the children wore something green for St. Patrick's Day. It was a very colourful event. The walk was a great success and we have collected 1,300 euro to date for our school.

Please return any outstanding sponsorship cards and money.



CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation took place on Thursday 14th March in Aughrim St. Church. The Sacrament marked an important milestone in the pupils lives and the teachers make a big effort to ensure that it is a memorable day. The 6th Class boys and girls were a credit to the school and to their parents. Congratulations and well done to all of you. Many thanks to Ms Patterson who invested so much time and energy in the preparation of the children.



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place between the 11th and 15th of March.

There were many activities 'as gaeilge' taking place in the school such as an Irish Quiz, Irish games, and a 'Ceolchoirm' for the children and parents. It was a very enjoyable week and we hope that it helped the children to improve their Irish language and make them more aware of its importance. Thank you to Ms Cleary who organised 'Seachtain na Gaeilge'. Ba mhaith leí buíochas a gabháil do na muinteoirí as ucht a gcuid olbre ar son Seachtain na Gaeilge.

FREE Pre School Places

Dunard Playgroup in St Gabriel's NS is now taking names for those wishing to enrol for September 2013. Children born before the 30th June 2010 are entitled to a free pre school year. Please drop in or contact Imelda on 085 1465901

Girls Soccer Easter Camp

Aughrim St Sports Hall & Drumalee (Astro Pitch)

April 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Girls 8-12 years of age

Contact Ian: 086 0489920

ONE WORLD CUP SOCCER

Over the past 4 weeks the children have been taking part in a World Cup Style competition. All nationalities in the school are represented from Ireland to Benin, from Morocco to Poland. There has been great fun and excitement and some great football too. Thanks to Ian Hill, FAI who has helped in organising the matches.

Congratulations to the winners Zimbabwe and runners-up Morocco.

Well done to all the children who took part!



Winners: Zimbabwe

Parents Classes

Parents Classes still running:

Operation Transformation Mon/Wed/Fri

Cookery For Fun every Friday

Feel free to drop in!

More details contact Niall: 087 96 26 708



Runners-up: Morocco

We are currently enrolling pupils for September 2013. Please contact the office on 01-8384853