



St. Conleth's N.S.,
Derrinturn.

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Confirmation at St. Conleth's N. S. April 16th 2015

Preparation for Confirmation emphasises the graces that the Spirit brings. It is intended that those preparing for this Sacrament would be enabled to see the Spirit working in their own lives. In preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, our sixth class children, attended a retreat on March 3rd. Preparation also includes an Enrolment Ceremony/Ceremony of light. The children renew the Baptismal Promises made by their parents on their behalf when they were infants. Now they are mature enough to take on these promises themselves. During the Confirmation ceremony the Bishop will anoint the children with chrism and says the words 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'. The children and their parents have also participated in a parish-based programme called 'You will be My Witness' We thank all those that have participated in the programme. At the ceremony the Bishop lays his hands on the children in gesture of appointing or sending. The children are called upon to be active participants in the Church. At Confirmation children make a promise to abstain from alcohol/drugs for a given time. We call this taking the pledge. A Confirmation name is also selected and traditionally this was a saint's name. The children are very careful to select the name of somebody that inspired them in a positive way. In order to maintain the link between Baptism and Confirmation, one of the godparents usually acts as sponsor to the child. In some cases a new sponsor is chosen by the child. The children are looking forward to their Confirmation Day and the Board of Management and staff of the school wish them well. We ask you to remember them in your prayer intentions as they take on their new responsibilities and commitments. We wish them all the best on Thursday April 16th.

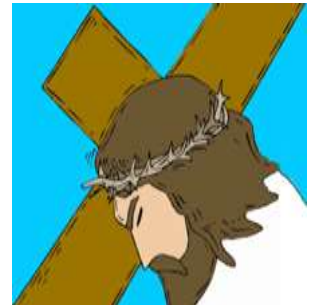
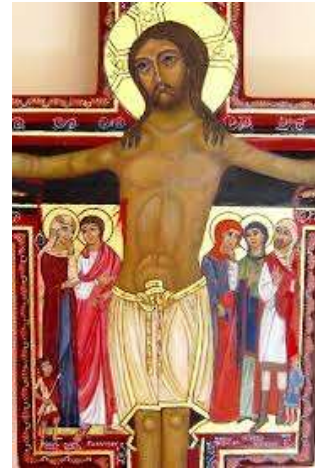
Easter and the School Cross

On Good Friday we remember the day that Jesus was killed on the cross. He was nailed to a wooden cross by Roman soldiers. This is the reason why the cross is an important sign for all Christians today. There are crosses in churches and many Christians wear a cross on a chain.

Good Friday is a sad day and churches never have flowers or decorations on this day. The church is left dark and there is just a simple cross on the altar. It is known as Good Friday because Christians believe that Jesus gave up His life for the good of everyone.

In some countries people act out the story of Jesus' last day while others watch and think about the events which happened long ago. The Crucifixion is remembered in Jerusalem even today. Large crowds of Christians take the same path as Jesus as He carried His cross to Calvary. All over the world people eat hot cross buns which have a cross on the top. There are many ways of recalling the events of Good Friday.

Our school cross, the Cross of San Damiano has particular significance for us at this time. The cross depicts the crucifixion of Christ, but there are other figures on the cross. These are all characters that were present at the crucifixion. We can see Mary, the mother of Jesus, St. John the Evangelist, Mary, the mother of John, Mary Magdalene and a centurion. Smaller images show Longinus, the centurion that pierced the side of Jesus and Stephaton, the soldier that offered Jesus the sponge soaked in vinegar. We can also see six angels.



Tá Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl anois ar scoil. Tá go leor rudaí ar siúl sna ranganna éagsúla. Táimid ag iarraidh úsáid a bhaint as an Ghaeilge. Bíonn gach duine ag baint úsáid as an Ghaeilge ar scoil i láthair na huaire. Bhí ceolchoirm iontach againn ar an Déardaoin. Ghlac gach rang páirt sa cheolchoirm. Chualamar an múinteoir nua, an tUasal O' Duinn ag seinm ar an mandolin agus ar an mbodhrán. Bhí sé thar chinn. Bhí cead againn éadaí glasa a chaitheamh ar an Aoine. Lá glas a bhí againn agus bhí an-lá againn, buiochas le Dia. Tá súil againn gur bhain gach dalta sport as an tseachtain agus go ndéanfaidh 'chuile duine iarracht an teanga a labhairt. Bain sult as an teanga agus coimead beo í!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

LÁ GLAS

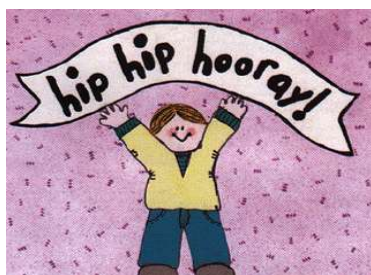


May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow.
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.
~Irish Blessing



Mini Sevens

The girls mini sevens will take place on Wednesday 18th March in Clogherinkoe Gaelic Football Club. The first game will start at 11.30am. Two games will be played at a time in order to run the competition through completely during the school day. We know our girls will represent their school proudly on the day. They have had great success in football this year and we are very proud of them. Thanks to Mrs. Kenny for organising the team, to all the schools, referees and organisers who have made the day possible for the girls. We anticipate an enjoyable and fulfilling experience for all.



Mini-Seven Stars.

Dates for Your Diary

School closed	Monday March 16 th
	Tuesday March 17 th
Easter holidays	Friday March 27 th (12.30)
Re-opening	Monday April 13 th
Confirmation	Thursday April 16 th



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