

March 2014



## 'St. Patrick's Day' Celebrations!



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2014 is knocking on our door, so next week we are planning the following.....

**World Book Day:** To celebrate 'World Book Day' and make it a fun experience for the pupils, we are asking all pupils to bring in the costume of their favourite book character (*An carachtar is fearr...*) on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. We will dress up and have a book reading / listening session involving both classes. A book quiz and other activities for both classes will be held, with the winners receiving 'treats'.  
*Beidh an spórt againn!*

**'Rith 2014':** 'Rith 2014' is a new national festival for Ireland which takes place from, today, 7<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March and is one of the main events of Seachtain na Gaeilge. A 700km course, from Cork to Belfast, takes place, along which, a baton changes hands between groups every kilometre. St. Comgall's will receive the baton outside Clones (Mullamoy Lane) at 2pm, on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, and we will run our kilometre as far as the Canal Stores. There, it will be passed onto the next group. We will continue onto the Diamond, where all groups involved will meet and enjoy entertainment and light refreshments. On that day, children travelling on the bus will go home on the bus from Clones, but we are asking parents of children who travel by car to collect your child in Clones at 3pm. All are welcome to join in the celebrations on the Diamond!

**'Retreat':** A reminder to sixth class parents that your child will attend a retreat, organised by Fr. Deery, with other Confirmation children from St. Tiernach's P.S., on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, in St. Joseph's Hall, Monaghan. The retreat will take place during school hours and the pupils will travel home at 3pm, as usual on the bus. I would be grateful if you would sign the permission slip attached.

**'St Patrick's Parade':** We have been informed by Clones Chamber of Commerce that this year's St. Patrick's Day parade in Clones will take place at 7pm, Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. The starting point will be St. Tiernach's GAA Park and participants are encouraged to wear luminous costumes. We are more than willing and happy to make luminous sashes / festive symbols for the occasion here at school, if parents are agreeable to represent the school at this annual event.

**'On Your Bike':** As part of the SPHE programme / Green Flag's initiative, a cycling programme, organised by Monaghan Sports Partnership, will take place at St. Comgall's N.S. on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014. This initiative is being offered to senior classes in all primary schools in Monaghan.

On that morning, parents of pupils in the senior classes are asked, to bring their children and bicycles to school. Please ensure there are no punctures, that brakes are operating correctly and that the bicycle is in perfect working order. Pupils must wear a helmet and gloves. Also, as this training will take place out on the yard, the pupils are asked, pending weather conditions, to dress suitably ie wet gear. A final decision on clothing can be made the week of the training.

**School Holiday:** School will be close on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March and will re-open at 9:20a.m. on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

**I give my permission for my child to attend the Confirmation retreat on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014      ☐**

**I do not give my permission for my child to attend the Confirmation retreat on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014      ☐**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

Thanking you.

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Catriona Donnelly (Principal)