

# **Newsletter February 2024**

## **Attendance Week**

Well done to all students in Gort National School for making an extra effort to be on time for school during our attendance drive that took place during the week of the 22nd to the 26th of January this term.

## **Credit Union Quiz**

Well done to our Junior and Senior teams on participating in the annual Credit Union Quiz in Gort Community School on the 27th of January. We are very proud of every team member for all of the effort you put in, preparing for the quiz and we are already excited for another evening out next year. A big thank you to Ms Gantley for ensuring the teams were well prepared and for providing them with further encouragement on the night.

## **Peace Proms**

Peace Proms took place in Limerick on the 28th of January. Students from 3rd - 6th Classes went with their teachers and had a wonderful day out. A big thank you to all of the teachers for accompanying the students on this trip and for preparing the students to participate in this amazing concert.

## **Blue Star Programme**

6th Class are busy creating History projects as part of the Blue Star programme. Over the course of their time engaging with the Blue Star Programme, 6th Class will be learning all about European cultures and the EU through creative activities and projects. We are really looking forward to hearing more about the activities they participate in this term.

## **Gort Community School Musical**

The boys and girls from 3rd to 6th Classes attended the musical 'The Adams Family' produced by Gort Community School on the 18th of January. It was a wonderful experience and our students thoroughly enjoyed listening to all of the fabulous songs, seeing the acting and accompanying orchestra and seeing all that was involved in making such a fabulous production. It was exciting to see some of our past pupils taking part in it also.

## **Weaving Workshops**

4th Class were busy weaving this half term. They used their newly acquired skills to create a beautiful collaboration of St Brigid's Cloak. Well done to all involved!

### **Creative February**

Well done to Senior Infants and First Class who participated in online Art workshops as part of the Creative February initiative. The boys and girls really enjoyed working with the artists involved and creating their Spring Art pieces.

### **Pancake Tuesday 2024**

Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First and Second classes had a lovely treat of a pancake in their classrooms on Pancake Tuesday. The boys and girls got a lovely surprise and the pancakes and toppings were a big hit in all junior classes. Thank you to all of the teachers. Keep an eye on our facebook page for some snapshots of the excitement in some classrooms!

### **School Closure- Referendum**

The school is being used as a polling station for the upcoming Referendum. Therefore, the school will be closed on Friday, 8th of March.

### **Enrolment 2024/2025**

Gort NS are continuing to accept enrolments for new Junior Infants starting in September 2024. Please spread the word and if you know anyone wishing to enrol in school, please let us know. For further details and all relevant enrolment application forms, please contact the school on 091 631627.

### **Board of Management Agreed Report**

The last Board of Management (BOM) meeting was held on the 1st of February. Best wishes to the children who are preparing for their First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Congratulations to the children who participated in the Credit Union Quiz and to those who attended Peace Proms. Well done to all who helped to make these events possible. The BOM would like to remind parents that enrolment forms for the 2024/2025 school year are available from the school office or the school website. Funding has been secured to fix a problem with the roof and some upstairs ceilings in the Convent Building. It is hoped this work will be able to be completed during the Easter Holidays. The next BOM meeting will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

### **World Book Day Celebrations**

On Thursday March 7th our school will celebrate World Book Day. We are going to have a fun day with lots of literacy activities, storytelling and art. The children do not have to wear their uniform. Instead, children in Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st Class and 2nd Class can wear their PYJAMAS to school if they wish. If your child has a story book that he/she enjoys reading or listening to they can bring it to school

on Thursday and we will try to read as many as possible. They can also bring a cuddly toy/teddy/cushion if they wish.

Children in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th can dress up as a character in a book and can have a CRAZY HAIR DAY. Again, bring a book and get ready to have a great day reading and listening to each other's favourite books.

We have lots of books in the class libraries so don't worry if you forget to bring a book. It's going to be fun so be sure not to miss it. Happy Reading everyone!

### **Lá Glas**

As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge we will have Lá Glas on Friday 15th of March. All children are invited to wear green clothes if they wish. In school on that day we will have a number of activities organised for the children to celebrate our culture and heritage. We are all looking forward to Lá Glas.

### **Easter Holidays:**

There will be a half day for the pupils on Friday 22nd of March for the Easter Holidays. Children on the Tubber Rd. (3rd Class, 4th Class, 5th Class and 6th Class) will finish at 11:50 am. Children in Junior and Senior Infants will finish at 11:55 am and children in 1st Class and 2nd Class will finish 12 noon.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

- School Closure: Tues, 5th of March, children will have no school, this is a Primary Maths Curriculum Teacher training day.
- Confession: Tues, 5th of March, pupils in 2nd class making their Holy Communion will make their First Confession at 6 pm in St Colman's Church.
- School Closure – Fri, 8th of March the school will be closed as the building will be used as a polling station for the Referendum vote.
- Lá Glas: Fri, 15th of March, all pupils are asked to proudly wear green in celebration of Seachtain na Gaeilge and St. Patrick's Weekend.
- St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday: School closed on Monday 18th of March 2024.
- Easter Holidays: School closed for the Easter break Monday 25th of March to Friday 5th of April inclusive.
- Term 3 begins: School reopens on Mon, 8th of April 2024.
- First Holy Communion: Sat, 20th of April at 11am in St Colman's Church.
- Confirmation Wednesday 1st of May at 11 am in St Colman's Church Gort