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Welcome to the Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir newsletter. We are excited to share updates on our students' academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and upcoming events. This month, we celebrated St. Brigid's Day and 'La Chandeleur', engaging our students in rich cultural experiences. Read on to find out more.



Lá le Bríde

On 1st February, the boys and girls at Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir celebrated St. Brigid's life and legacy. They listened to stories about her and made St. Brigid's Day crosses using rushes, exploring the cross's symbolism and significance. While crafting, they discussed St. Brigid's values of compassion, kindness, and generosity and how to apply them in their lives.

The celebration deepened their understanding of Irish culture and heritage and taught them the importance of showing kindness and compassion to others.

'La Chandeleur'

Our students had a wonderful time learning about the history and significance of the traditional French feast day 'La Chandeleur' on 2nd February. They were introduced to the ingredients used in making crepes, a staple dish of the

celebration. Our French teacher, Maria O'Brien, led the class in a fun and interactive lesson, teaching the students how to make crepes from scratch. The students were delighted to put their new skills to the test and enjoyed the delicious results of their hard work. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about a different cultural celebration and the perfect way to build excitement ahead of Ireland's opening Six Nations match against France.



Ash Wednesday

Fr. Eddie visited the school on Ash Wednesday to distribute ashes to the children as a symbol of the start of the Lenten season. The students were engaged and interested in learning more about the significance of Ash Wednesday and the spiritual practices associated with Lent such as giving up something or fasting, volunteering and praying. They came up ideas for ways they could celebrate Lent and created Lenten promises which are on display at the front of our school.

GAA Coaching

Every Tuesday, our GAA coach Leah visits the school to train the boys and girls in football. Through a series of drills, exercises and



games, Leah helps the students improve their skills and teamwork, while also instilling a love for the GAA. The students always leave training feeling energized and motivated to continue practicing and improving their abilities.

JTBCS TY Musical

The boys and girls travelled to John The Baptist Community School on Friday 9th February to see 'Thank You for the Music: The Musical'. It was a fantastic show and we were very impressed by the performances of the transition year students and their renditions of classic ABBA songs. Well done to all involved.

Grandparents Day

We are excited to announce that Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir will be hosting a Grandparents Day on Thursday, 7th March. This special day is an opportunity for our students to show their appreciation for their grandparents and to celebrate the important role they play in their lives. The day will begin with a mass for grandparents at 9.30am, followed by refreshments and a chance for grandparents to visit the school and see their grandchildren's classrooms. We welcome all grandparents to join us for this special event and look forward to a day filled with love, laughter, and memories.

Parents' Association Fundraiser in Nagles Eurospar

The Board of Management, staff and pupils of Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir would like to express their sincere appreciation for the outstanding efforts of the Parents' Association and its committee in fundraising for our school on Friday 9th February in Nagles Eurospar, Bruff. Parents contributed to the raffle by purchasing tickets and by volunteering their time to sell tickets on the day.

The Board of Management, staff and pupils wish to recognise and commend Mark Nagle and Marie Mullins for the kindness and generosity shown to the school in sponsoring the raffle prizes and facilitating the event taking place in Nagles Eurospar, Bruff.

A total of €790 was raised for the school – an amazing achievement. Well done to all involved and thank you to everyone who participated. Your generous actions have greatly benefited our school community. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Knockainey Ladies Gaelic Football

We would like to thank the Knockainey Ladies Gaelic Football Club who kindly donated Smart Touch footballs for our pupils. Players of the club and Chairperson John McNamara visited the school on Wednesday 14th February to the delight of the pupils. It is fantastic that we have developed a club school link which assists us in promoting healthy living and exercise for our pupils. Any girls interested in joining the club can contact them directly.



Food Dudes

Healthy eating is of great importance in Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir. We have signed up to participate in Ireland's national healthy eating programme called Food Dudes. It works by positively changing children's attitudes towards eating fresh fruit and vegetables. We will be busy tasting a variety of fruit and vegetables every day for the next three weeks.

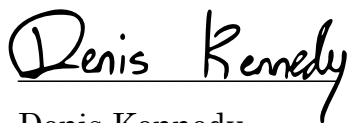
Donation of Soccer Balls

Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir would like to thank Malachy Hayes Snr. and Malachy Hayes Jnr. along with Knockainey A.F.C. for the generous donation of soccer balls to the school. This donation will greatly benefit our primary school students as they prepare for the FAI Primary 5s soccer tournament on 6th March. It ensures access to quality equipment, enhancing their training and passion for the sport.

Easter Cake Sale

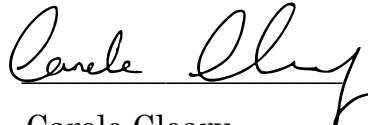
The Parents' Association is thrilled to host an Easter cake sale on 31st March following Easter Sunday Mass. Join us for a delightful selection of homemade cakes and treats to indulge in after the service. Your participation will not only satisfy your sweet tooth but also support our school and contribute towards enhancing our resources. Save the date and spread the word!

Le gach dea-ghuí,



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