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Monthly Memoirs February 2026

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February Birthdays:

Happiest of birthdays to Joshika, Sean, Muhammed, Jonath, Mackenzie, Ishioma, Heaven, James, Marharyta, Caelyn, Samuel and Ramzi!



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

New pupils:

A very warm welcome to our new pupils, Hamza and Manal. We hope you will settle in quickly to your new classes!

Féile Scoildrámaíochta Success!

Congratulations to Willow Class and their teacher Natasha who have qualified for the Munster Final of Féile Scoildrámaíochta with their play 'Luch sa Teach'.



School Calendar 2026/2027:

The calendar for the 2026/2027 school year is attached with this newsletter. Children will return to school on Thursday, 27th of August. Please note that there may be additional closures throughout the year, if the Department of Education schedule whole-school training for staff. We will let you know if there are any changes to the scheduled calendar.

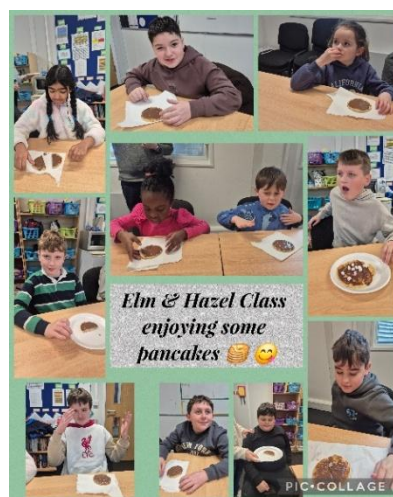
Staffroom Steppers Challenge:

Congratulations to all staff members who participated in the recent Staffroom Steppers Challenge. With a combined total of 1417.23km, we came in first place in the medium school category.



Hazel Class:

Hazel class have had a busy month of February. We have been all loved up making some beautiful gifts for our loved ones. We had some lovely pancakes on Pancake Tuesday. We also celebrated the Chinese New Year, the year of the horse. Despite the weather, we have been getting out for some beautiful walks and exploring our local surrounding area. We are super proud of James who took part in the Marian Keane Basketball competition with the school. Also, Aaron got to take part in 'Luch sa Teach' with Willow class in Glór who have progressed to the Munster Finals.



Ash Class:

February was a busy and enjoyable month for pupils in Ash Class. To celebrate Valentine's Day, pupils designed and wrote thoughtful Valentine's cards, showing great creativity and kindness towards friends and family. We also marked Pancake Tuesday with a special treat in class, which created a lovely sense of fun and community. A highlight of the month was our Coral Reef Exhibition, created in collaboration with Beech Class. Pupils proudly showcased their coral reef dioramas, which they had worked on over several weeks. All classes in the school visited our room, giving pupils a wonderful opportunity to present their work, share interesting facts about coral reefs, and explain how they constructed their models. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication skills, and confidence while answering questions from visitors. Overall, it was a fantastic month of creativity, celebration, and shared learning experiences for everyone involved.



Beech Class:

Beech class began the month of February with a survey of the school grounds, mapping out areas where water accumulates, as part of the GLOBE Ireland campaign. After weeks of rain there was plenty of evidence to be found! We then brainstormed some possible nature-based solutions for creating a spongier school, and are excited to present our ideas to our principal, David, in the weeks to come. A lesson about St. Brigid led us to the discovery that February 1st is also World Hijab Day, after one of us noticed the similarity between St. Brigid's veil and the hijab worn by Muslim women. We designed our own hijabs, and learned about St. Brigid's good deeds, and her cloak that spread across Co. Kildare. Basketball taster sessions with Claire from Ennis Rockets Basketball club were a big hit with Beech class. We loved the activities, and hope to continue them ourselves once we get a dry day! Our Coral Reef Diorama collaboration with Ash class continued throughout the month, as we added seaweed, colourful shrink plastic creatures, handmade mermaids, seashells and cute but deadly pufferfish to our collection of reef materials. We can't wait to invite the rest of the school to our exhibition at the end of the month!



Elm Class:

Elm class have had a very creative month of February. We have been learning about people who help us in the community. We have been making lots of beautiful art and crafts for Valentine's Day. We have had great fun playing with foam this month. We made earth art using foam and food dye. We designed animals using clay. We are watching our bulbs grow bigger every day. We have had our usual trips to Elm Café, Lidl and Barneys. We also have been doing basketball and yoga every week.



Basketball:



On Wednesday the 11th of February, the boys and girls basketball teams went to Gurteen to play the Marion Keane Tournament against the hosts Scoil Chríost Rí, Ennis CBS and Holy Family NS. We played in an indoor court that was very big so it was hard to score baskets. We had great games against all the schools, there were a lot of baskets scored by all teams and it was a great day. We had a very good referee and there was a brilliant atmosphere after every team scored a basket. After every game we shook our opponent's hands to show a sign of respect. When we came back, we told our teachers and they were very proud.

By Abdullahi (Oak Class)

Cherry Blossom Class:

Optimism has been the buzz word in Cherry Blossom room throughout the month of February. Having spent the first week or so reading and carrying out activities based on the book "A Little Spot of Optimism" by Diane Alber. Pupils learned a lot about looking on the bright side, focusing on the positives and having a growth mindset. The last couple of weeks in February were spent undertaking fun activities like turning lemons into lemonade (turning a sour situation into a sweet one!) and doing arts and crafts activities based on pushing out negative thoughts. All in all, there was great learning undertaken on overcoming challenges and being optimistic by all pupils this month.



Holly Class:

The theme focused on in Holly class for the month of February was The Farm. During Aistear the children got to learn how to milk a cow, plant crops and flowers and also got a chance to make their own butter! They learned all about the role of the farmer in the community and all the important work they do. We looked at how and where crops grow and also learned the names of the different animals found on the farm and their babies. We spent a lot of time in February learning about different celebrations around the world. We learned about the Chinese New Year and created art for the year of the horse, we also learned about Pancake Tuesday, Lent and Ramadan during the month of February. The children have also started maths stations each morning and have been looking at money and how much things cost as well as learning all about the clock. Holly class also started yoga with Kelly and got basketball coaching every Thursday.



Willow Class:

This month, Willow Class took to the stage in the 'Feile Scoilríomáíochta' Irish play competition which was held in the Glór Theatre in Ennis. The children performed their play 'Luch sa Teach' and they were fantastic! We are thrilled to share that they have qualified for the Munster Finals which will take place in Glór on March 11th! In other news this month, Willow Class enjoyed learning about Shrove Tuesday and enjoyed tucking into their tasty pancakes. They also learned about Ash Wednesday, Lent and Ramadan. Willow Class have also been fortunate enough to do basketball sessions with Coach Clare. They have also enjoyed learning and writing about Australia, China, Italy and Helen Keller in report writing.



Oak Class:

This month, our wonderful Oak Class pupils have been busy developing their procedural writing skills. They put their learning into action on Pancake Tuesday, when they wrote their own recipes and carefully followed each step to create delicious pancakes - a fun (and tasty!) way to bring their writing to life. They have also been working hard on non-chronological reports, researching and writing detailed pieces about animals found in the Amazon Rainforest. In History, the class have been exploring modern Irish history, learning about important events and developments that have shaped Ireland in recent times. It has been a very productive and engaging month of learning for all!



Chess:

Well done to everyone who participated in Feile Ficheall in the Holy Family. We were very proud of the sportsmanship that everyone showed.



Rowan Class:

February was another busy month in Rowan, with pupils continuing to build on their learning. In English, discussions centered on our local area, with pupils describing places in Ennis and considering what makes a community special. Later, we turned our attention to France, exploring cities, landmarks and daily life through discussion and storytelling. Reading lessons developed comprehension skills such as predicting, sequencing and answering "why" questions. A highlight this month was our buddy reading sessions. It was wonderful to see the older pupils supporting younger readers with encouragement. Our focus in Mathematics was multiplication. Pupils revised multiplication facts and explored multiplication as repeated addition and groups of. Using concrete materials and whiteboards, they practised long multiplication step by step. Real-life word problems helped pupils apply their learning. At the beginning of the month, pupils learned about the Celts, exploring their homes, food, clothing, art and beliefs. They examined evidence from the past and recorded their learning using timelines. Later, we studied the Vikings, learning about their settlements and influence in Ireland. Pupils compared aspects of Celtic and Viking life. As part of our Learn Together lessons on belief systems and belonging, pupils learned about Saint Brigid. The children learned about the tradition of making St Brigid's crosses on 1st of February. As a hands-on activity, pupils created their own St Brigid's crosses using rushes. In Geography, pupils located County Clare and explored its towns, landmarks and industries. Later, they studied France, identifying Paris and other major features, and comparing life in France with life in Ireland. In Visual Art, pupils created detailed observational drawings of buildings and natural structures. Later, they explored clay, designing simple models inspired by French landmarks. In Music, pupils practised keeping a steady beat and responding physically to music, comparing French and Irish styles. In PE, pupils focused on movement skills and small-sided basketball games, improving control, teamwork and decision-making. In SPHE, pupils engaged with the Stay Safe programme, discussing feelings, recognising safe and unsafe situations and practising strategies such as saying "no" and identifying trusted adults. February was a rich month in Rowan. From buddy reading and multiplication to learning about St Brigid, the Celts and Vikings, and exploring France, pupils approached every activity with enthusiasm and curiosity.



Dahlia from Cherry Class working on her breathing skills!

Dates for your diary:

- **2nd March:** School closed for staff training day.
- **11th March:** Féile Scoil drámaíochta (Willow class) in Glór at 10.30am
- **16th and 17th of March:** School closed for St. Patrick's Day
- **Fri 27th March-Sun 12th April:** Easter Holidays