



Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine



Comhgairdeas to ár nGaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine for speaking Irish in class and throughout the school day.



Congratulations to our latest Jackpot Winner!



Fay Dayman, mother of Oisín Dayman in Ms. Doyle's Junior Infants class was the lucky winner of our school lotto jackpot, worth €3,000.

Thanks to all families who continue to support the school through our School Lotto and if anyone would like to join please use the link below.

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stolivers>



Happy = Pancake Day!



Our school was a hive of activity on Shrove Tuesday as students enjoyed flipping and feasting on delicious pancakes. We then transitioned into a time of reflection on Ash Wednesday, with ashes distributed to classes to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey.



Credit Union Quiz



On Sunday, February 8th the Great Southern Hotel was packed with children competing in the Credit Union Quiz. Approximately 70 teams participated. St. Oliver's were represented brilliantly by 2 teams in the U11 and 2 teams in the U13 categories. We are delighted to have come joint 1st in the U13 which lead to a tie break where we finished second. We also finished second in the U11 category. This means both of these teams advance to regional finals in Tralee.

Congratulations to all four teams who represented the school so well and to Ms Ryan who had the teams so well prepared. We wish the teams going forward the best of luck.



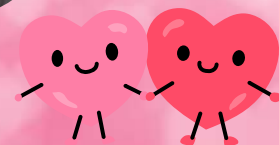
Trip to Easons

Excitement was high as the second-class students headed to Eason's Bookshop to swap their World Book Day vouchers for brand-new stories.



Valentines

Love is in the air! Our students celebrated Valentine's Day with fun activities to brighten up the school day.





First Confessions



The 2nd classes made their First Confessions in the Church of the Resurrection on Friday 6th February. Thank you to Fr Vitalis, Fr Begley and Fr Lenihan for concelebrating this important milestone in their faith journey.



All Shook Up

All Shook Up by Killarney's Musical Society wowed the audiences earlier in the month with people reporting how energising and fun the production was. Many of the students and staff of St. Oliver's enjoyed the matinee and the night shows, and it was a particularly proud moment for St Oliver's community, as many students and staff attended the matinee and evening performances to cheer on Ms. Brosnan and Ms. Doncel as they graced the stage.



Say Yes to Languages

The three 6th classes took part in the Say Yes to Languages programme with Ms. Catherine Hickey teaching them Spanish and an appreciation for Languages. They enjoyed expanding and sharing their cultural experiences of language, travel, food, festivals, celebrations, dance, music and more.



Boxing Champ



John Casey (aka Son Casey) in 5th class is having a very impressive season, having just won the Munster U12 3kg weight division in boxing. So far this season, he has also won the County Championship in Castleisland, the Barrun Box

Tournament in the UK, the International Box Tournament in Palanga, Lithuania and the Monkstown Box Tournament Gold medal (a qualifier for the All Irelands). Well done and congrats to John. We are so proud of you.

Spa GAA



Spa GAA came to visit with a very special friend called Spark. The boys and girls loved meeting him.

6th Class Muckross House Visit

Sixth Class recently enjoyed a wonderful visit to our local treasure, Muckross House, where history truly came to life. The three outstanding tour guides captivated us with fascinating facts and colourful stories about the house's elegant rooms, antique furnishings, and the famous visit of Queen Victoria in 1861. They learned how the Herbert family once lived in the house and how it later became one of Ireland's most cherished heritage sites. After exploring the beautifully preserved interiors and soaking up the rich history, they were delighted to enjoy a sweet treat and refreshing juice, the perfect ending to a memorable day.



Service of Light

What a truly special night celebrating our amazing Sixth Class. Their beautiful singing, confident reading, and outstanding behaviour during the ceremony made us so proud. It was wonderful to share the evening with their families and see all of their hard work shining through. Their teachers couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. Now they are busy preparing for Confirmation on 6th March.



Féile Fichille



On Shrove Tuesday St. Oliver's took part in its inaugural Féile Fichille in Fossa N.S. Two teams, one from 3rd - 4th and one from 5th - 6th, participated in the chess tournament alongside other primary schools in the county such as Holy Cross Mercy, Furies N.S., Fossa N.S., Gaelscoil Faithleann agus Scoil Iognáid Rís. It was the first opportunity for many children to experience playing in a chess tournament and all children did very well. Well done to the boys and girls involved who all represented themselves and their school gallantly.



School Chess Tournament



The second annual St. Oliver's Chess Tournament commenced on Monday the 26th of January and continued for successive Fridays throughout the month of February. Each week saw competitors giving their best effort with some thrilling encounters until the competition was whittled down to two final contestants. Reigning school champion Robert Enright locked horns with title challenger Vytis Starosas. The match up was a tense encounter held in the halla with a bumper crowd in attendance. After a stellar performance from each player Vytis emerged victorious capitalising on shrewd end game strategy to dethrone the champion of last year. Well done to the more than 100 students who took part and helped out in making this tournament successful.



Munster Champion

We have another Munster champion in St Oliver's! Allie Casey won 1st prize in the Under 11 Storytelling competition in the Munster Ceol an Gheimhridh competition last Sunday. Maith thú Allie - we are all very proud of you!

Book Competiton

Congratulations to Dáithí O'Neill from Mr. Graham O'Sullivan's 5th class on being runner-up in the Specsavers National Irish Book Awards competition. Dáithí wrote a story titled 'Manny and the Forces'. His prize was a copy of each of the shortlisted books in the Specsavers Irish Book of the Year Awards 2025!



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