



Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine

Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine awards were presented to pupils who made a special effort to use Irish throughout the week every Friday. Comhghairdeas to all our wonderful Gaeilgeoirí!



Catholic Schools Week

St. Oliver's recently celebrated Catholic Schools Week, with our theme this year: "Catholic Schools — Normal Lives, Called to Holiness." This reminded us that holiness isn't about being famous or perfect, but about living our everyday lives with love, kindness and faith.

Every day a pupil shared a reflection over the intercom about how we can be holy by being kind, doing the right thing, helping others, and loving God and people each day. We are proud of how our school community lives out these values in class, on the yard and at home.



Creative Cluster in St. Oliver's

Hi everyone! We are here to tell you about our Creative Clusters project and the exciting work we're doing with two other schools! Creative Clusters is a 2-year programme where schools come together to work on a creative project and learn new things. Our cluster is made up of St. Oliver's N.S., Coolick N.S., and Loughguittane N.S. The name of our cluster is WOW – Walking Our World

Over the next 2 years we will research and find out as much as we can about our chosen walks – the history, plants, rivers, animals and other living things that are there. We will then design a suitable app and upload everything that we have learned about our chosen walks. The walks will be shared between our schools and then shared with the wider community.

Our committee and our fifth classes will lead the project. We are really excited about this project because it lets us explore nature, be creative, work together with other schools, and make something real – our very own app!



Photographs

The Memory Lane photographers visited our school and took some lovely photographs of each of our classes.

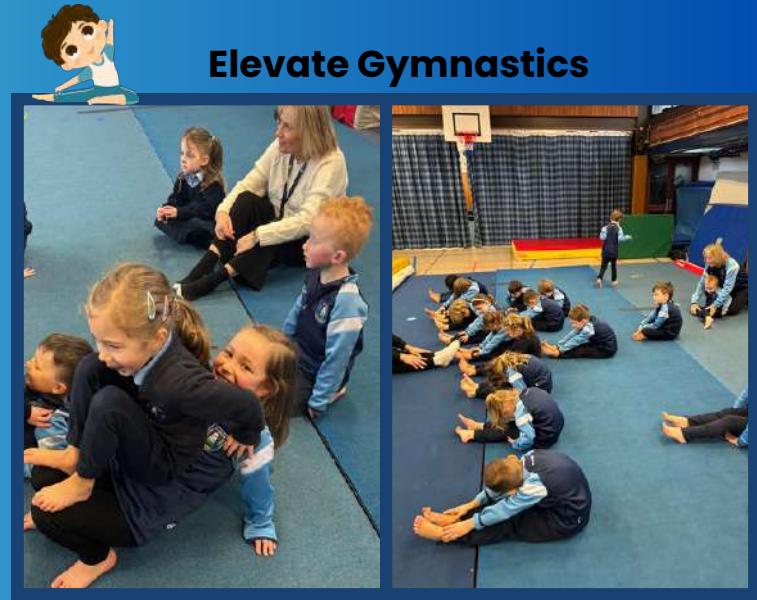


Between us we have decided to create an app that will map 3 walks near each of our schools. St. Oliver's is mapping the River Walk down the Demesne. Coolick is mapping the Bog Walk in Kilcummin. Loughguittane is mapping the Blue Pool.

Active Flag



Active Breaks Challenge is taking place from 19th January to 13th February and is a daily, 4 week challenge designed to incorporate movement breaks in to the school day. This year's challenge is proudly supported by the GAA who, working with the Active School Flag team, have created a set of English and Irish movement break videos to help get more schools, more active, more often.



Elevate Gymnastics have been in St. Oliver's for the month of January where each class has had a lesson every week. Jake and Carlos have been teaching the children some moves including handstands, cartwheels, bridges, and forward rolls.



The movement breaks videos are filmed in different locations around Croke Park giving classes a behind-the-scenes look at where the team buses arrive, inside the players' dressing rooms and the warmup areas where legends get game ready. Classes in school have had great fun doing these movement breaks every day.



Chess



Well done to all the children that were involved in the chess tournament this week. We cannot wait to hear who will become the Chess Champion this year!



Swimming



Congratulations to Reese who swam at the Munster Minor Schools Championships at University of Limerick representing St. Oliver's. He won a Bronze Munster Medal in the 50M Backstroke. He achieved two national qualifying times, 50M Butterfly and 50M Backstroke. He will be going to the Sport Ireland National Aquatic Centre Dublin in March representing St. Oliver's for the Irish National Minor Schools Championships.

6th Class Mass

6th Class attended mass on Saturday 24th of January in preparation for their confirmation in the Cathedral.



HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents from the three 3rd Classes visited the school on January 23rd and enjoyed sharing stories and memories with the children. They also took part in a special Prayer Service, which was a meaningful and reflective experience for all. The children loved hearing about life long ago, and it was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the connection between generations.

