



**St. Senan's N.S.**  
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## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Members Draw continues every month. We are always welcoming new members to join. There is a monthly cash prize of €300 for the winner. February's winner was Diane Downes - well done Diane!

We now have an online payment facility set up via the following link or QR code (see back page):

<https://stsenansns.clubzap.com/categories/fundraising/products>

Please join the draw to raise vital funds for school resources and activities.

THANK YOU to the Parents' Association who held the annual Valentine's Bake Sale on Tuesday 13th February. Thanks to the parents/grandparents who volunteered their time, baked, donated, sold tickets and helped on the day. A special thanks to Laura for baking the beautiful cake and well done to Ruby in 5th Class who won the prize! A total of €727.70 was raised.

Also, we would like to extend a thank you to Louise, Geraldine & Mary who kindly gave up their day to make pancakes for all the children in St. Senan's. Your time was much appreciated and the children really enjoyed the delicious pancakes! Check out the school website for more pictures.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- ☑ **Engineers Week** 4-8th March: 6th Class trip to Aviation Museum **Wednesday 6th March**
- ☑ **Swimming:** 2nd Class begin lessons on **5th March, 12th March, 19th March & 9th April**. 1:30-2:15pm
- ☑ **Bingo:** **Thursday 7th March @7:30pm**
- ☑ **Paddy Carrig:** School blitz 10am-2pm **Tuesday 5th March**
- ☑ **World Book Day:** **Thursday 7th March**
- ☑ **School Closure:** No school due to Referendum Day **Friday 8th March**
- ☑ **Paddy Carrig Finals:** 4:30pm onwards **Friday 8th March**
- ☑ **Seachtain na Gaeilge:** **11th-15th March**  
Tráth na gCeist - 5th Class @11am **13th March**
- ☑ **School closure:** St. Patrick's Day **Monday 18th March**
- ☑ **FAI Soccer:** 5-aside boys & girls competition, Lee's Road **Tuesday 19th March**
- ☑ **Indoor Athletics:** Competition in Corofin week of **19-21st March**, exact date TBC
- ☑ **Easter Holidays:** closing 12pm **22nd March**  
School reopens: 8:50am **Monday 8th April**
- ☑ **Ceremony of Light:** **24th April @7pm** Mary Immaculate Church
- ☑ **First Communion:** **Saturday 11th May @11am**  
**Confirmation:** **Friday 24th May @11am**
- ☑ **School closure:** no school due to full staff training day **Tuesday 4th June**

## FÉILE NA HINSE

Féile na hInse takes place this year from the 29th of February until the 8th of March. This festival is a celebration of Irish language and culture and St. Senan's has a proud history of taking part in the various competitions. This year we have children performing in the following: comórtas ealaíne, amhránaíocht aonair, agallamh beirte agus aithriseoireacht. We wish all competitors the best when they take to the stage in Ennis. Ádh mór oraibh!

**BEST  
OF LUCK**

## LIFE IN JUNIOR INFANTS

Junior Infants have been busy for the month of February. We celebrated Saint Brigid's day on the 1st and we have been learning lots about Spring. We went on a Spring Walk recently and we saw some lovely daffodils and buds beginning to grow on trees. We have also been learning about the Crèche in Aistear. We were busy minding, feeding and bathing the babies in the Creche and we also even got a visit from Príomhoide Tori and baby Joseph!



## SACRAMENTS

The children in 2nd Class received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 12th February at 7pm in Mary Immaculate Church. They were excellent on the night and were beautifully turned out in their school uniforms. Thanks to the wonderful choir who attended on the evening.



## PILATES WITH EIMER

The children in Juniors, 5th and 6th classes have finished their 6 week block of pilates lessons with Eimer McCarthy. We'd like to thank Eimer for helping us work on balance and strengthening our core, learning different stretches and also some techniques to teach us how to relax.

## PADDY CARRIG TOURNAMENT 2024

Paddy Carrig Tournament has been rescheduled for Tuesday 5th March from 10am-2pm. Finals night is scheduled for Friday 8th March from 4:30pm onwards.

## AFTER SCHOOL TRAINING

Training continues on Tuesdays from 2.30 - 3.15pm for pupils from 2nd to 6th class for both soccer and basketball.

The basketballers had a very successful outing to the Shannon Leisure Centre where they competed in the Marion Keane Tournament. The children really enjoyed their day out and it was evident that their training is beginning to pay off. Well done all and thanks to the teachers and staff for accompanying them on the day!



## HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON (HSCL)

On Monday March 11th Andrea is returning to run a spring-themed art & craft workshop (both parent & child). Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Text or call Siobhán on the number below to book your place. If you have a query, need support or wish to make an appointment with me, I can be contacted on 087-7063527 or [siobhan@stsenansns.com](mailto:siobhan@stsenansns.com).



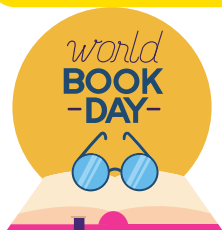
## WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day 2024; a day to help to foster a love of reading in our children. To celebrate this day, we have decided to have a dress up day and would like your help to make books come to life!

Children (and staff!) are invited to dress up as a character from a book. It can be anything from dragons, princesses, super heroes, witches, wizards, aliens and pretty much anything! Please remember that we do not want this to be an added expense and we would encourage our pupils to dress up in items they already have. There are many book characters which children could find inspiration for in their very own wardrobes, e.g. Matilda, Miss Honey, children from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Gangsta Granny, Where's Wally to name but a few.

During the course of the day, children will take part in a variety of fun activities both in their classrooms and across the school to help promote reading for pleasure. They are welcome to bring their favourite book to school to share with their classmates. This is optional as we have plenty of reading material here in the school for the children to choose from.

Your continued support as always is greatly appreciated to help make this a memorable learning experience for all the children in our school.



## INDOOR HURLING & CAMOGIE

Last week the boys and girls competed in the Indoor Hurling and Camogie Competitions in Shannon Leisure Centre. The boys from 2nd to 4th played some competitive matches but unfortunately did not qualify for the next round.

The girls from 2nd to 5th were successful & won all their games. They are now through to the next round. We are waiting for confirmation on who the next opponents will be. Maith sibh go léir!



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform consists of a royal blue jumper, white shirt, grey tie, grey trousers/knee-length skirt/pinafore & white socks/grey tights. This must be worn on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The school tracksuit consists of school tracksuit top, grey tracksuit bottoms, school t-shirt or white collared shirt. The uniform is designed so that parents can avail of generic items such as skirts, shirts and pants in the major stores and from the local suppliers. All children are expected to wear the correct uniform on the correct day as per school policy.

## RANG SINÉAD

On Monday February 12th we wore purple to mark Epilepsy Ireland Awareness Day. To raise our awareness and understanding of the condition, we explored the storybook 'When My Lights Go Out.' Our classmate Logan also bravely shared his experience of living with epilepsy.

The children have also been attending Shannon Leisure Centre for familiarisation sessions in the pool. They have proven to be very successful and the children are gaining more & more confidence in the water every week.



## ATTENDANCE DRIVE

During the month of February we hosted our Attendance Drive again - HERO month.

Our overall school attendance rate for February 2023 was 90.3% so our aim was improve this figure. Upon completion of the attendance drive, our attendance rate for February 2024 is **90.6%**. We are constantly striving to improve whole school attendance and lessen the amount of absent days.

Thank you for supporting this drive. The winners for each were as follows:

Week 1 - Senior Infants

Week 2 - 2nd Class

Week 3 - 3rd Class

Week 4 - 3rd Class

Extra P.E. was the prize for the classes with the best attendance. Well done everyone!



## NOW ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

We are now accepting enrolments for September 2024. Please ensure you have submitted the form if you have a child due to start school in September. Ensure friends and families are aware we are accepting enrolments. Forms can be downloaded from [www.stsenans.weebly.com](http://www.stsenans.weebly.com) or by emailing [contact@stsenansns.com](mailto:contact@stsenansns.com).

**NOW ENROLLING**



The mini chefs in Múinteoir Sinéad's room have been busy cooking up a storm. Last week's masterpieces included some delicious cheesy muffins.



RINKA is coming to St. Senan's N.S!

RINKA is designed as a non-competitive alternative to mainstream sports and aims to show children that fitness through a wide variety of age appropriate activities can be fun whether they are sporty or not! We welcome every child, and praise and encourage them whatever their skill level is.

Your kids can expect exercise and dance routines, obstacle courses, athletic and sports skills, gymnastics, high energy games, yoga and relaxation techniques - to name but a few!!

There are limited spaces in both age groups remaining for the taster session on Thursday 29th March, so book now to secure your child's spot. Book using the following link: <https://rinka-midwest.classforkids.io/> Easter Camps also available.



# INTERNET SAFETY – PARENTAL CONTROLS

## Parental Controls on Social Media Apps

### Instagram:

Instagram Family Centre provides tools for parents and carers to supervise their teenager's account, including staying up to date with who follows them, and who they follow, and view their daily time spent on the app, and set daily time limits.

More information on this is available here:

<https://familycenter.instagram.com/dashboard/>

<https://familycenter.instagram.com/uk/>

### TikTok:

TikTok has Family Pairing options which allows parents/carers and their teenagers to set up safety settings based on their individual needs. This includes restricting content that may not be appropriate; selecting privacy settings on the TikTok account; restricting Direct Messages; setting screen time limits; and other useful tools.

TikTok Family Pairing:

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/user-safety#4>

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-information/screen-time>

### Snapchat:

The Snapchat Family Centre provides tools for parents/carers to supervise who their teenager is interacting with.

<https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-us/articles/7121384944788-What-is-Family-Center->

← Useful links & tips for turning on parental controls for some of the most used apps by children.

Webwise.ie is an Irish site where you will find information on how to keep your child safe online, how the various apps work & what is/isn't appropriate for your child to use/access.

## Marion Keane Tournament Teams



## AN CHOILL BHEAG - 5TH CLASS



6th Class paid a visit to Junior Infants this month and helped them plant some sunflower seeds. They also helped them with their reading and read their favourite books. We look forward to watching the flowers bloom in the coming weeks 🌻



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## MEMBERS DRAW

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15TH OF EACH MONTH**



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