

# FEBRUARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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St. Michael's National School Trim

## RTÉ MASS 2025



Saint Michael's Choir sang at the Sunday Mass broadcast on RTÉ on December 21st. This marked the final in-house Mass recorded in RTÉ, and the choir had the great privilege of being part of this special occasion.

The choir performed pieces from their annual Carol Service, carefully chosen to reflect the theme of the Mass as we approached Christmas. Their singing was both beautiful and uplifting, adding greatly to the celebration. It was an amazing experience for everyone involved. We are incredibly proud of how well the choir sang, the reverence they showed throughout the Mass, and the clarity and confidence with which they delivered their responses. Their behaviour on the day was impeccable, and they have undoubtedly created musical memories that they will cherish for years to come.

Sincere thanks to all who helped make this such a successful and memorable event, and a special thank you to RTÉ for looking after us so warmly on the day.



**UNEARTHED**

## LEGO LEAGUE



We are delighted to share that our school will be represented at the First LEGO League Challenge – UNEARTHED regional competition, taking place on 24th February in the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan.

Two fantastic teams made up of pupils from 4th to 6th class will be competing on the day. Over the past number of weeks, the children have been working incredibly hard to design, build, and programme their LEGO robots, as well as researching and developing innovative solutions connected to this year's UNEARTHED theme. Along the way, they have shown excellent teamwork, creativity, problem-solving skills, and perseverance.

The competition day will involve robot games, project presentations and judging sessions, giving pupils a wonderful opportunity to showcase their learning and represent our school community with pride. Best of luck to both teams!

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026



During Catholic Schools Week we celebrate what it means to be a Catholic and to live how Jesus wants us to. Catholic schools are communities where every pupil can discover that their life matters, that they are loved by God, and that they are called to be saints—not in some distant way, but right now, today, in the classroom, the playground, and at home. During the week we celebrated five themes:

1. Called to Holiness through Prayer
2. Called to Holiness through Love and Friendship
3. Called to Holiness in Family Life – Grandparents' / Special Persons Day
4. Called to Holiness through Service and Courage
5. Called to Holiness through Joy and Mission

Our 2nd class pupils had the honour of inviting their grandparents or special persons in to their classrooms for a visit. Pupils sang songs, said poems and showed off their work in their copies or scrapbooks. They also had a juice and a treat while their visitors had a cup of tea. It was a lovely day for all! We marked the end of the week with an assembly. The Student Council led the assembly with readings and prayer, and the choir led the music with all pupils singing along. Thank you to all for their participation throughout the week.

# CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to the students from St. Michael's N.S., St Mary's P.S., Boardsmill N.S., Trim Educate Together N.S. and Gaelscoil na Bóinne who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The Confirmation Ceremony was officiated by Bishop Tom Deenihan, Fr. Paul Crosbie and Fr. John Kennedy Tibaagalika. Many thanks to the students and teachers from St. Michael's N.S. and St. Mary's P.S. who performed in the choir. The beautiful hymns echoed around St. Patrick's Church to make the occasion very special.



# CHESS

Well done to the boys from St. Michael's N.S. who represented the school at the Féile Fichille in Ballivor recently. The boys put in a tremendous effort and focus across six challenge games. Congratulations to all involved!



## SSE UPDATE

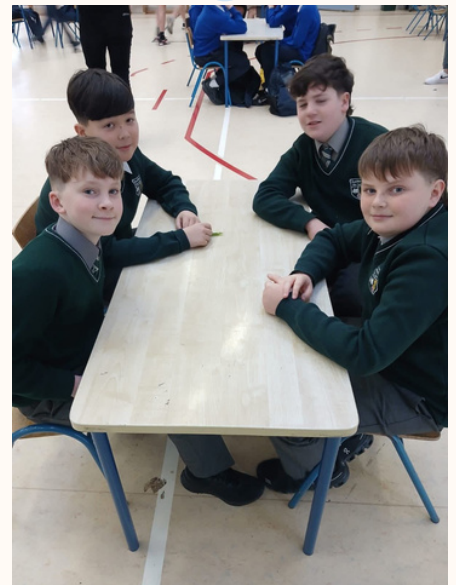


As part of the continuous SSE (School Self-Evaluation) work here in St. Michael's, and following our wholeschool PE plan, pupils have participated in PE lessons in the strand areas of Games and Athletics in January and February. They have also covered the fundamental movement skill of Dodging. They will participate in PE lessons in the strand areas of Dance and Games in March and April. They will also cover the fundamental movement skill of Catching. Below is a reminder of our three SSE targets for this year:

1. Continue to implement the wholeschool PE plan, incorporating the Move Well, Move Often Programme focusing on the fundamental movement skills of jumping for height, side stepping, dodging, catching and landing
2. Develop the pupils' physical literacy with enhanced participation in PE lessons through the use of self assessment tasks
3. Help pupils to feel confident, motivated and enthusiastic about PE

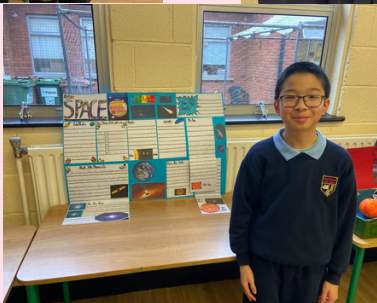
## CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL QUIZ

Tommy Leonard, Ollie Quinn, Isaac Harrington and Ben Battersby represented St. Michael's N.S. at the recent Cumann na mBunscol Sports Quiz County Final. Well done to them on competing in a challenging quiz against 12 other Meath Primary Schools.



## SPACE PROJECTS

Mr. Dwane's 5<sup>th</sup> Class recently completed projects on 'Space', as part of their Geography and Science curriculum studies. They displayed the projects in the P.E. hall and all pupils had the opportunity to visit the display, admire the wonderful work on show, and learn lots of interesting facts about space.



## DON'T BE MEAN BEHIND THE SCREEN

Paula O' Connor (Don't be mean behind the screen) was in our school on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February and spoke to the children in 6th class on how to stay safe online. She presented an excellent workshop and spoke about online stranger danger, online gaming, privacy settings, cyberbullying, peer pressure, social media, mental health, digital consent and digital footprint.



## GOLF

UNLEASHYOURDRIVE



We are delighted that our school has been accepted onto the Unleash Your Drive programme, an initiative run by Golf Ireland to introduce primary pupils to golf in a fun, inclusive and skill-focused way, while promoting physical activity, confidence and teamwork. As part of the programme, our 4th class pupils will receive six weeks of professional golf coaching. Five staff members have completed the online training, and the school will receive almost €1,000 worth of golf equipment, which will be available for pupils from 4th–6th class. We are also pleased to be developing a community link with County Meath Golf Club.

## 6TH CLASS HOODIES



Many thanks to the St. Michael's Parents' Association for subsidising the cost of this years 'Class of 2026' hoodies. The students received the hoodies in January and wear them as part of their uniform each week.

## FIRST CONFESSION

Congratulations to the pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup> class who received the Sacrament of Penance last Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> of February at St. Patrick's Church, Trim. The students sang, 'This Little Light of Mine' at the ceremony. They will now continue to prepare for the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which they will receive on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2026.



## KILMAINHAM GAOL

6th Class had a fantastic visit to Kilmainham Gaol recently. The pupils explored key moments in Irish history, learning about the stories of those imprisoned there – from ordinary criminals to leaders of Ireland's fight for independence. They finished off the day with lunch in the food court in Liffey Valley. A very engaging and memorable experience that brought their history learning to life!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY  
24<sup>TH</sup>

Lego League

FEBRUARY  
27<sup>TH</sup>

Wellbeing Day

MARCH  
3<sup>RD</sup>

Cumann na mBunscol Mini  
Sevens Football

MARCH  
6<sup>TH</sup>

FAI Schools 5-a-side Soccer

MARCH  
9<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup>

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026

APRIL  
14<sup>TH</sup>

Cumann na mBunscol Hurling League starts