



# St. Michael's Times

## March 2025

### Grandparents' Day

On February 5th and 6th we celebrated Grandparents' Day. Grandparents of some pupils visited the school, spent time in their grandchild's classroom with a cup of tea and of course, something sweet! The classes really enjoyed meeting the grandparents and listening to their stories. It was a lovely experience for all.



### Lego League

Our Lego Showcase will take place at 10am. on Monday, April 7th. The classes involved are 2nd Class (Ms. Treacy), 4th Class (Ms. Mullen) and 6th Class (Ms Burke). Currently the students are working on the theme of Under the Sea (Submerged). They have been learning about the ocean layers, submarines, and how climate change impacts on the ocean. This week we have built submarines, coral reefs and sunken treasure with Lego.



### 4th Class Astronomy Talk

Meath County Library marked #IrishAstronomyWeek this year with a talk in Trim Library on Tuesday, March 4th.



Dr. Donnacha O'Driscoll spoke to our 4th Class pupils about all things stars! Pupils learned about how stars begin, live and die and lots more! It was a very interesting morning for all.

### Catholic Schools Week 2025

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week on 22nd - 26th January. The overall theme was 'Alive in Christ!'



Pupils participated in activities each day based on the following themes:

Life to the Full in Our Community of Friends

Life to the Full in Our Faith Community

Life to the Full in Our Families (Grandparents' Day)

Life to the Full, For and With Others

Life to the Full For the Common Good of All

As part of our Catholic Schools Week assembly, pupils read prayers and joined the choir to sing such songs as , 'Be Still For The Presence of The Lord', 'A Mhuire Mháthair', 'Bless The Lord My Soul', and 'Thank You My Lord'.



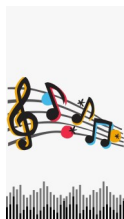
Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community



The boys recently took part in the mini 7s football competition in blustery conditions in Dunganny. The boys

played against Boardsmill, Gaelscoil na Bóinne and Ballivor in what was a really enjoyable day despite the conditions. Attention now turns to the hurling competition which starts in early April.

Well done to our choir who recorded 'A Mhuire Mháthair' for Trim GAA as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations. The video will be available to watch on the Trim GAA Facebook page during Seachtain na Gaeilge



## Basketball Court and Outdoor Boardgames

Pupils are already enjoying using our new basketball hoops. The court will be lined when the weather becomes milder and then we will have a fully functioning basketball court in St. Michael's. Pupils are also continuing to enjoy our new outdoor boardgames.



## SSE

Teachers and pupils continue to strive to achieve the targets of our School Improvement Plan focusing on physical wellbeing. Pupils will be participating in the learning of the **Dance** strand for the month of March. All pupils are learning 'An Dreoilín' and they will perform this dance together on the school yard on Wednesday, March 12th.



## Enzo

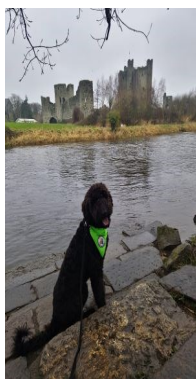
### My Canine Companion School Therapy Dog

Enzo is now 7 months old and has grown considerably since he arrived. He is settling in very well to our school. He enjoys meeting our pupils on yard at break time and before school and loves all the pets and tickles that he gets.

Some students have enjoyed trips to the Pet Shop to buy food and to see him being groomed. He has also been to the playground, church and Trim Castle. Enzo is also fond of a Puppuccino as a Friday treat.

He enjoyed the visit from the Garda Band even if he was afraid of the trumpet! His favourite activity is to chase a ball in the playground and he has plenty of volunteers to help with this.

Enzo continues to attend training once a fortnight with his brothers Echo and Eddison who are in Kilmessan NS and Dunsany NS. He recently travelled on the train which was a new experience for him. It is great to see some students that are nervous of dogs now getting more confident with Enzo. Thanks to all the students and staff that help out on a daily basis.



## Confirmation

Congratulations to all our pupils who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, January 31st. Thank you to Bishop Deenihan and Fr. Paul who conferred the Holy Spirit on the children. Thank you to all teachers and SNAs for preparing the pupils so well. Thank you also, to the combined St. Mary's and St. Michael's choir for providing the music on the day for two ceremonies. The choir members worked so hard and remained so committed over the weeks leading up to the Confirmation. Well done to all involved!



## 30 Days of Positivity

All pupils have taken on the 30 Days of Positivity Challenge as part of our wellbeing journey in St. Michael's. Pupils have been completing positive tasks such as drawing a super hero portrait of themselves, discussing people who inspire them, giving compliments to others and offering to help others. At the end of the 30 days, on February 27th, pupils received a certificate of congratulations for all their positive work. They proudly showed off their certificates at our Wellbeing assembly.





## Wellbeing Day 2025

On Friday, February 28th, we held our Wellbeing Day. This was a day like no other during the school year. It was a non-uniform day on which pupils were encouraged to wear in clothes of bright colour. As well as their regular hot lunches, pupils received a morning snack of a blueberry or chocolate muffin and a pot of fruit.

Pupils participated in a yoga session and a GAA skills session throughout the day. They completed a breathing exercise, watched wellbeing videos and completed wellbeing written activities. They engaged in discussion about various wellbeing topics and listened to positive and uplifting music.

Each class was given a specific theme for the day (Friendship, Positivity, Kindness, Gratitude or Confidence) and they created posters based on their understanding of the theme. A winner from each class was awarded. Well done to all for their participation on this day.

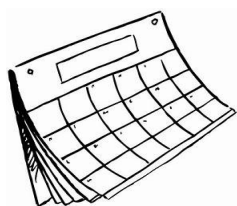


Well done to all pupils who have received Student of the Week certificates, Principal's award or have had their work chosen for display on our Good Work Wall so far this term.



### Dates for your Diary

- **Seachtain na Gaeilge**: 10th - 14th March, 2025
- **School Closure** (Maths Curriculum Day): 3rd April, 2025
- **Easter Break**: 14th - 25th April, 2025
- **Standardised Tests**: 15th (English) and 22nd (Maths) May, 2025
- **First Holy Communion**: 24th May, 2025



### Garda Band Visit

On Wednesday, February 26th, we had a visit from the Garda Band. They played for us all and also included pupils in playing percussion, singing parts of songs and encouraged the pupils to clap along and dance. It was a very musical morning which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

