

Diary Dates

Mon 5 th May	Public holiday – school closed
Wed 21 st May	Cork City Sports
Thurs 29 th May	Junior classroom tour, school as usual for pupils in the senior classroom
Fri 30 th May	Senior classroom tour, no school for pupils in the junior classroom
Mon 2 nd June	Public holiday – school closed
Thurs 5 th June	Chattyboo performance “The Children of Lir”
Fri 6 th June	Sports Day and BBQ
Mon 23 rd June	End of Year Service
Thurs 26 th June	Last day of the school year

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Easter raffle. We raised the grand total of €526. An indoor table tennis table has now been purchased and placed in the hall for the pupils to practise their skills.



On Down Syndrome Day we welcomed Anna Russell our special visitor to celebrate the day with us.



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Practising their new skills on the newly purchased table tennis table. Continuing with our work towards earning “An Active School” flag pupils are having sessions with Cycle Sense learning how to cycle safely and how to look after their bikes as well.



CRAFTed - Session 1

Today a woman named Anke came in to make charcoal with us. She first explained how oxygen and CO₂ work. She then brought us outside to whittle wood. After that was done she put the whittled wood into a tin box and put it on a bbq. Twenty minutes later we opened the tin box and inside was charcoal. We all got one piece of charcoal each. We used the charcoal to draw trees. I had great fun.
by Luke



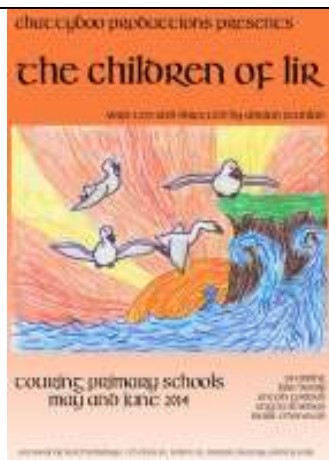
CRAFTed - Session 2

Today, the 1st of May 2014, Anke came to do wood work with us. We were going to make shields out of wood. First we got 10 pieces of wood and put them in the order we wanted. Next we drew a shape on them. Most people did circles. Then me and my partner Rhea were given a saw. To make the cutting easier we used vice grips to hold our pieces of wood to the table. Cutting it with a saw was harder than I thought! While all this was happening sticks were boiling in a bag. When we took them out they were really easy to bend. Soon they would be used as handles on our shield. We had a really good day!

by Caitlin



Our walking bus service has resumed for the summer term. Weather permitting, it operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It's a good way to come to school!



Congratulations to Hazel on winning a poster competition for "The Children of Lir". Along with her individual prize Chattyboo Productions will give a free performance of their play at the school.

Other prize-winners were Sarah and Shonagh.

Well done! Hazel, Sarah and Shonagh.