



# Monagea National School

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## School Community Newsletter Easter 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and wider school community,

Please see below some important dates for your diary:

Easter Holidays April 12<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

School Reopens- Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2025

First Holy Communion 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025



### Recent News:

#### Mackey Cup

Congratulations to Tony Kenneally and Paddy O Sullivan (captain) who represented Monagea NS and their club in the West Limerick team for the Mackey Cup competition. Their team won the semifinal defeating their opponents from the South. In the final they took on the might of the City and were narrowly defeated on a score of 3:02 to 0:08. Well done to both boys. Great things are yet to come. Beidh lá eile!





### Grandparents' Day

The children from Third Class spent a beautiful morning celebrating the wonderful part which their grandparents play in their lives. Mass was celebrated by Fr O Dea at 11:30am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The parents and grandparents were then treated to a fantastic performance of song, recitation and sign language followed by some sweet treats, teas, coffees and sandwiches. Well done to Miss Murphy and all in Rang a Trí. Míle Buíochas to all who helped out on the day.

### 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Class Concert

Congratulations to the pupils of fourth and fifth class who wrote, produced and directed their version of I'm a Celebrity. The children also designed the set and created all of the props for the show! It was a wonderful production and the school community is very proud of their extremely hard work. Thank you to all who attended and for your generous donations.



### Analog Devices Robotics Competition

Congratulations to Faye Doody, Alan Szewczyk and Darragh Condon from 6<sup>th</sup> Class who represented Monagea NS in the Analog Devices Robotics final in Limerick. A fun-filled day where they participated in building and coding their robot. They worked collaboratively and using trial and error, successfully coded their robot to perform a variety of tasks and avoid obstacles. They highly enjoyed their day, and had an amazing experience!



### New IT Equipment

The school has recently received 18 new tablets and 13 new Chrome books to add to our suite of IT equipment, which is used to support our pupils' learning experiences. These items are made available to all children across the school. The children are afforded with further opportunities to develop their critical thinking skills through engagement with open ended tasks. A huge thank you to our Parents Association who provided us with the money to purchase this equipment.



### HumourFit Theatre in Education

Our Parents Association have organised a one man show "HumourFit" to visit our school on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. The show explores the theme of Bullying in an interactive way. He will perform two shows one for the younger students and one for the older students. We hope these performances will be of benefit to the school during Term 3.



### B'í Cineálta Initiative and Half Day

B'í Cineálta is a national initiative promoting kindness, respect, and positive behaviour in primary schools. It encourages pupils to treat others with empathy and care in all interactions. It officially comes into action next September, in the meantime we must draft a Cinealtas Plan and update our Code of Behaviour. I hope to discuss this initiative at upcoming Parents Association meetings.

Please note, we are required by the Department of Education to take a half day, to facilitate staff training in this area, before the end of this academic year. **As a result, we have decided we will close at 12:00pm on Friday, 23rd May.**

### WSE MLL

We welcomed two members of the Department of Education, Inspectorate last week to our school. They completed a Whole School Evaluation in Management, Leadership and Learning. The children gave an excellent representation of themselves and what it means to them to be a member of our school community. We are extremely proud of them.

### **Hot Meals**

Unfortunately, we are still waiting for an update from the Department of Social Protection regarding the Hot Meals Scheme. Our expression of interest was sent in over a year ago. We have engaged with the Department since this and have been told that we have done everything we can do on our side and must now wait until the next phases. Fingers crossed we get some movement on this soon.

### **Upcoming Events**

**UL Outing** -Our Hard of Hearing Class will take a Trip to UL for their Annual Athletics Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Library Trip**- 5<sup>th</sup> Class trip to Newcastle West library on May 6<sup>th</sup> In conjunction with Limerick Sports Partnership Programme.

### **Attendance**

#### **March**

94.9%

#### **April**

96.0%, partial

Please ensure that all absences are recorded online. Thank you

We are extremely grateful to you all for your continued support in ensuring that we can work together to provide your child/children with the best educational experience possible. Wishing you and your families a safe and Happy Easter.

Yours Sincerely,

Bernard Dalton

Principal

Maria Collins

Deputy Principal