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Scoil Phádraic Cailíní | Upcoming events – March/April 2022

Dear Parents,

There was great excitement yesterday as the girls adapted to our new arrival/dismissal arrangements. It was lovely to see how excited they were with the prospect of being able to play and mix with more children on the yard. Well done to the girls for the ease with which they followed the new arrangements.



Today we are celebrating **International Women's Day**. In many regards I don't feel we have actually come as far as we think we have. One example of this, just in education, is the use of gender as a criteria for allocating, or in the case of girls not allocating, resources to children with specific needs. Boys with specific diagnoses are twice and in some cases three times more likely to have access to a Special Needs Assistant than girls with the same diagnosis. The allocation of learning support teachers to schools is also weighted significantly in favour of boys. Girls, while they may present differently from boys in how their symptoms manifest (and this can be hugely impactful on their mental health) are no less deserving or in need of support. A progressive society recognises these differences but provides for them equally!



Next week we are celebrating the cultural diversity of our school community and how it contributes greatly to our school. Activities on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will include the children performing dramas based on poems/stories from different cultures, creating story books from around the world, researching folklore tales from other countries, doing projects based on different countries, colouring and drawing competition based on a fairytale, myth or legend as well as many other activities. Wednesday next, the 16th of March, is our official **Culture Day**. The girls are invited to come into school dressed up in the colours of their cultural heritage and/or any traditional costumes that they might have, and this includes of course the Irish culture.



The Parents' Association are busy organising our upcoming **Easter Fair!** The Easter Fair will take place on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th of April. Our junior infants to 4th class will enjoy a visit with Paul's Pets. Paul will introduce the girls to some unusual animals including parrots, lizards, snakes etc. The girls might have fun working out who the bravest teacher on the staff is! There will be a visit to Scrumdiddly's for the 5th and 6th classes. We will also have class raffles, colour competitions and a tambola with prizes. There will be a charge of €6 per child for the Easter Fair Day - payment can be made via the link on Aladdin Connect. Many thanks to Stephen Delaney in Tesco Distribution Centre for supporting the school once again and for the generous donation of Easter eggs we received on Friday.



Reminder:

School is closed on Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March – *Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig!* 