



CAIM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal's Note

Dear families of Caim NS,

Welcome to our final School Newsletter of this year and what a year it has been! Who could have imagined on the 12th of March when we closed our doors, we would not be returning to school for the rest of the academic year.

However, this is how it has been. I am so proud of all the boys and girls in our school who have continued to work hard at home each week and produce some outstanding work. Well done to you all.

Thank you to the parents who have supported and helped your children through this difficult time. Thank you to the great staff of Caim NS for continuing to work hard under unusual circumstances and adapting to school online. We have still managed to do so much and achieve great things in Caim NS over the past few months, [congratulations](#).

As the term comes to a close, we say a fond farewell to our 6th class who move on to secondary school.

Finally, thank you to all our families and school community for your continued support of Caim NS. Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe summer,

Mise le meas,

Áine Doyle



THANK YOU

We wish the best of luck to Ms. O' Neill who finished with us this week. Thank you to her for all her hard work and dedication to our school over the past 7 months.

Amber Flag



Caim NS has been working hard all year to achieve our amber flag promoting mental health across our school. We were awarded our amber flag status in May. A huge congratulations to all our amber flag committee for their time and dedication all year and to all our students who assisted us with achieving our award. We hope to have our flag flying high outside the school early next year.

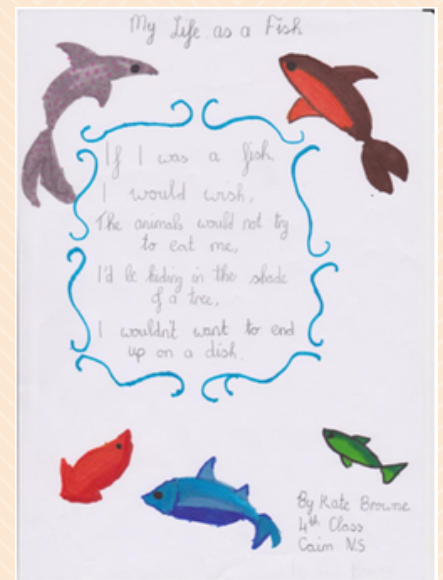


Something Fishy

As part of the “Something Fishy” programme which was running in fourth class this year, the Inland Fisheries Board had a poetry competition in May for all schools that were taking part in the programme.

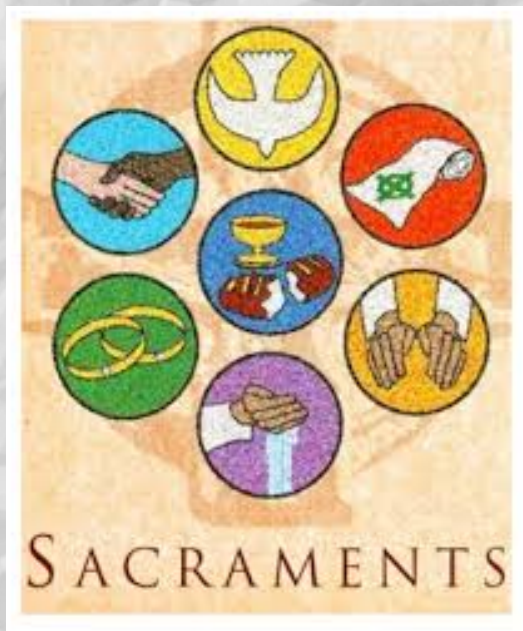
Fourth class were given the opportunity to write a 5 line Poem on the topic: “What you think it is like to be a Fish”

Kate Browne from 4th class won a prize as one of 6 regional winners. Kate wrote a fabulous poem for her entry.



In order to progress our language skills in Gaeilge during these unusual times, some of the teachers set up Duolingo for their classes to use as a tool to assist in distance learning. Duolingo is fun and can be addictive! It is a free app whereby the children (and grown-ups too) can choose a language to learn. Jamuna Lambert has taken on French and is working her way through the levels as she learns more and more vocabulary and phrases!

Users earn points for correct answers, race against the clock, and level up. Lessons are short and sweet. It is personalized for each user, and they receive instant grading and feedback. The app encourages users to stay motivated through various rewards. Darragh Gethings in Ms. O'Neill's Gaeilge class merits a very special mention as he is zooming through the levels. Maith thú Darragh!



Bishop Dennis Brennan has now given permission for the Sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation to proceed in July.

- Confirmation for the children in 5th and 6th class will take place on Thursday 23rd July at 11am and 2pm.
- First Communion will take place on Saturday 25th July at 11am.

Ceremonies will be held in Caim church. Following strict Government guidelines, only the children and their immediate family will be invited to the church on the day.

We look forward to celebrating these special and sacred days.



“ While the school building has been closed for the past few months, our staff has still been very busy working, making sure the children had work to do at home and supporting the families of Caim NS all the time.

Staff have also been upskilling by undertaking a number of courses to help and support our teaching and learning next year. Some of the courses completed are: ‘Spellings for me’, ‘Brain Calm’ and ‘Child Psychology’.



CLASS OF *2020*

Congratulations to the 22 boys and girls in 6th class who graduated from Caim NS this week. Although Graduation was very different this year, we still managed to give them all a good send off. We wish them the very best of luck in secondary school and we hope they all have fond memories of their time in primary school.



What have we been up to during Lockdown...

