



# River Valley CNS

NEWSLETTER  
April 2024



## A Message from Ms. Kildea

**Dear parents/guardians,**

What a fantastic start we have had to our third and final term of this school year. This month we have had Active April which has been so much fun and was a great way of getting our whole school community together through activity. As you will see through the following pages our classes have been busy with Earth Day, continuing our quest for our next green flag with a "Walk for Water" and many more exciting learning experiences. We are now looking forward to Culture Month in May.

## Active April

This month we had our Annual Active April in the school. Thank you to the Parent's Association for organising some fantastic events such as the Park Run, WOW (Walk on Wednesday, Playground Buddy and Spring Clean. Thank you to the parents and local coaches who came in to coach us in lots of different sports and activities. Thank you to all the staff for the wonderful 10 at 10 sessions, our Water Walk and all the other activities. It really was an amazing Active April.



## Tennis



This month our senior infant to 3rd class children began a 6 week block of tennis coaching with Coach Jim.



## Dates for the Calendar

**Super Hero Scoot or Cycle  
17th May**

**Culture Month Celebration  
Day  
Wednesday, 29th May**

**Book Fair in School  
24th to 31st May**

## Anti Bullying April's

**Anti-Bullying Topic -  
Speak Out Against Bullying**





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### Junior Infants



April was a month full of fantastic learning in our classroom. We explored the themes of camping and restaurants in integrated learning and studied clothes and colours in Irish. We also took part in all our fun 'Active April' activities such as basketball, football and capoeira lessons. We had great fun going on our water walk in River Valley park too. The children learnt all about the many uses of water and why its so important to reduce our use. In Geography we learnt about different types of weather. I hope you all enjoy the May bank holiday and I cant wait to do more great work with Junior Infants next month!



## Active April



## Our Campsite







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### Senior Infants



**Fáilte ar ais gach duine! I hope everyone had a fun filled month of April! We really had the best time here in Senior Infants partaking in the amazing activities organised throughout Active April. The children have been working so hard and are doing fantastic work. We have explored learning themes such as the Farm, the Bakery and the Pizza Parlour through integrated learning.**

**We also had great excitement in the class as we watched our class caterpillars break out of their chrysalis.**

**The students had turns holding the butterflies and we then had a special releasing ceremony. I hope everyone has a terrific May.**

**We celebrated Earth Day on the 22nd of April**

### Active April



**Have a look at our great Capoeira lesson with Sansao!**



**We created gorgeous bakery items in clay, studied the different types of farms around the world and roleplayed in the pizza parlour.**







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### First Class

Hello everyone!  
 We have had such a fun filled month for Active April. We loved taking part in 10@10 and all of the fun activities that were planned for us this month. Have a look at what we have been up to!



Have a look at our Spring Art!



Learning new skills during Active April!



Thank you so much to all of the parents that came in to teach us their skills during Active April! We had so much fun and can't believe the month has already come to an end! We can wait to see what is in store for Culture Month in May!







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### Second Class



Second Class were active in so many ways throughout the month of April. To build up to the **Olympic Games** this summer, we've started tracking our progress on the **Dare To Believe** website, recording any exercise we do in school or in our spare time.

To mark the important global event of **Earth Day**, the boys and girls made a huge mural, highlighting some of the animals threatened with extinction and visited the other classes to share their work. The theme of Earth Day this year was **Planet Vs Plastic** and we examined ways to reduce our use of plastic at home and at school.

The boys and girls wrote amazing diary entries to mark our **Walk For Water**, focusing on the hardship some have to endure every day just to access water to use in their homes. This made us very grateful for all we have.

As ever, Second Class created some wonderful artwork which you'll see in our photographs!



### OPTICAL ILLUSIONS



### fabric and fibre fashion



### Mono-Printing







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### Third Class



Phew! What a busy April it's been! We've been keeping fit with active April, which meant 10 at 10, basketball, GAA, tennis, capoeira, our water walk and more! On top of that we've learned so much this month. Take a look!



**Egg-speriments**



**symmetry**



**Water Walk!**



**Earth Day**

