

# URLINGFORD NATIONAL SCHOOL

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## March/April Newsletter

### Confirmation

Last Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April Bishop Dermot Farrell visited the parish to confirm fifty-six of our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils. They made their Confirmation in front of friends, family and the wider community. Congratulations to all the children.

### 'Split the Pot'

A big thanks to all who supported 'Split the Pot' during February. The school purchased beautiful new noticeboards for the classrooms in the school with the funds raised.

Split the Pot continues to run for various causes in the community. This month 'Split the Pot' is being run in aid of Lyme's Disease. The school continues to have envelopes available for anyone who wishes to enter. All community groups that are benefiting from this initiative are selling for each other so we are all helping each other. We have had a number of winners in the school since it began including parents and teachers. The beneficiaries of Split the Pot are rotated so the school through the Parents' Council will benefit again from 'Split the Pot'.

### New Building

Plans for the new building have been reviewed by the BOM and have been sent to the Department of Education for approval. Once approved by the Department, the school can then apply for planning permission.

### Easter Holidays

The school closes for Easter this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm. **Happy Easter to all parents, teachers and students. We hope you all enjoy the break 😊.**

### Aldi Stickers for Sports Equipment

The closing date for collecting the stickers has passed. We thank everyone who sent in stickers. The response was incredible. We managed to enter 7 posters into the competition. We will cross all our fingers and toes that we will win something in the big draw. We are guaranteed to receive rugby and sports as part of the promotion.

### Road Safety

It has been brought to our attention that some unsafe road practises have been witnessed outside the school especially in the morning times. These include children running out from between cars to cross the road without looking and cars swinging in behind school buses without due awareness of children who may be alighting from the buses or coming out from behind the buses.

We would ask that all drivers manoeuvre their cars as though a child might appear from anywhere. We also ask parents to remind children of their own responsibilities when using the road. Child safety is most important. Please be vigilant.



## Emerald's GAA



### **Hurling**

**U7 & U9** training has started back on Wednesday evenings 6.30pm.

**U11** are back training on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm and Saturday mornings at 11am.

**U13** training is on Mondays & Thursday 5.30 - 7pm.

### **Camogie**

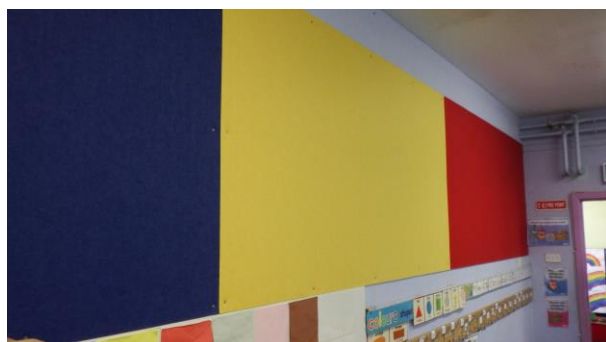
**U6, U8 & U10** are back on Wednesdays at 6pm. U10 also training Saturday mornings 11am.

**U12** are back training at 6pm Monday & Thursdays.

**Note:** membership must be paid before children begin training for insurance purposes.

There is an individual WhatsApp group for each of the training groups above which allows for short notice changes to training sessions. If you wish to be added contact Juvenile Secretary Carol Hickey for hurling or Caroline Butler for camogie.

**Easter Camp** will run from 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Emerald's GAA pitch. Cost is €50 per child. Anyone interested should contact Conor on 086 3734963.



New Notice Boards in Junior Infants



## School Hurling Leagues

The boys' school hurling league has completed Round 1 and each of the teams will play each other again after Easter before the play-offs. The Girls' league will start after Easter.

In the county competitions, the girls have finished their league campaign and are awaiting their championship fixtures. The boys have two league matches left to play in both the Under 13 and Under 11 leagues while the boys lost out to Thomastown in the Country Cup. While there have been good performances by all teams, it has been a tough spring so far!

### Class News:

Sixth Class are working hard with their Beebots and will take part in a cluster showcase on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Fifth Class had a wonderful day in Thurles CBS this week, enjoying a sampler day in Secondary School. Lots of fun, games and learning were to be had.

Fourth Class all together, held a cake sale and a run in the field to raise funds for Trocaire as part of the Lenten Campaign and Global Awareness. €550 was raised! Well done.

Second Class are very busy preparing for First Communion at the moment which will be on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **BREAKING NEWS!**

Just in today - The School has been awarded its **SIXTH GREEN FLAG** - for Global Awareness and Litter Management.

The flag will be awarded on May 23<sup>rd</sup> so prepare for a flag raising sometime in **JUNE!**