



School Newsletter #17

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School Information



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Grandparents Day

The theme of Catholic Schools Week 2026 is " Normal Lives, Called to Holiness".

The theme will be connected at primary level with Grandparents' Day on Tuesday the 27th of January.

As part of Catholic Schools week we are delighted to welcome Grandparents of 2nd and 6th class children to visit our school and to see their Grandchildren and their friends in their learning environment.

We acknowledge and appreciate all that Grandparents contribute so much to society and we wish to celebrate that and learn from them on Grandparents Day.



Grandparents Day will take place on **Tuesday the 27th of January 2026.**

Time : 10:00am

Venue : 2nd class Grandparents Campus 1

Time: 11:30am

6th class Grandparents Campus 2

To help us with planning and to ensure we have adequate space, seats etc we are asking parents to please notify class teachers via a message on Aladdin Connect or fill in the google form sent via class teachers to let them know how many many grandparents are able to attend. If numbers are low we may be able to extend invites.

Taster Day - 6th Class

Monday 19th January 2026 - 9.10am – 2.40pm

The Taster Day experience is ONLY for students who have been offered and accepted a place with Calasanctius College for September 2026. Students are to be dropped off and collected from Calasanctius at the times given above. Children are marked absent on Scoil Íosa's rolla on Monday. They are not required to wear school uniform on the day. Students are to bring a packed lunch only. No further requirements



University of Galway Youth Academy



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University of Galway's Youth Academy, an outreach programme for high ability students in primary is launching a new series of courses for spring 2026. Eligibility is based on achievement in a student's most recent English, maths or Irish standardised test carried out in either primary or secondary school, or on an

educational psychologist's report demonstrating high ability. Applications are now accepted using the following link:

<https://youthacademy.universityofgalway.ie/login/login.php>

Please see link below for additional information:

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/youthacademy/primaryschool/>

Supporting Your Child's Mental Health and Wellbeing

Are you a parent of a primary school child? Join us for **FREE virtual training sessions** designed to give you the tools and knowledge to support your child's mental health and wellbeing.



This interactive programme offers practical advice to help you:

Foster resilience in your child to navigate life's challenges.

Promote emotional well-being through meaningful communication.

Strengthen your relationship with your child by understanding their needs.

Key Details:

- **Who it's for:** Parents of primary school children.
- The same content is covered in all sessions – pick the time and day that suits you best.
- **Spaces are limited** – secure your spot today!

Session Times and Date:

- 10am and 7.30pm Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd January
- 10am - Friday 23rd January

[Register Now](#)

Why Attend?

By attending, you'll gain strategies to:

Encourage open conversations about emotions with your child.

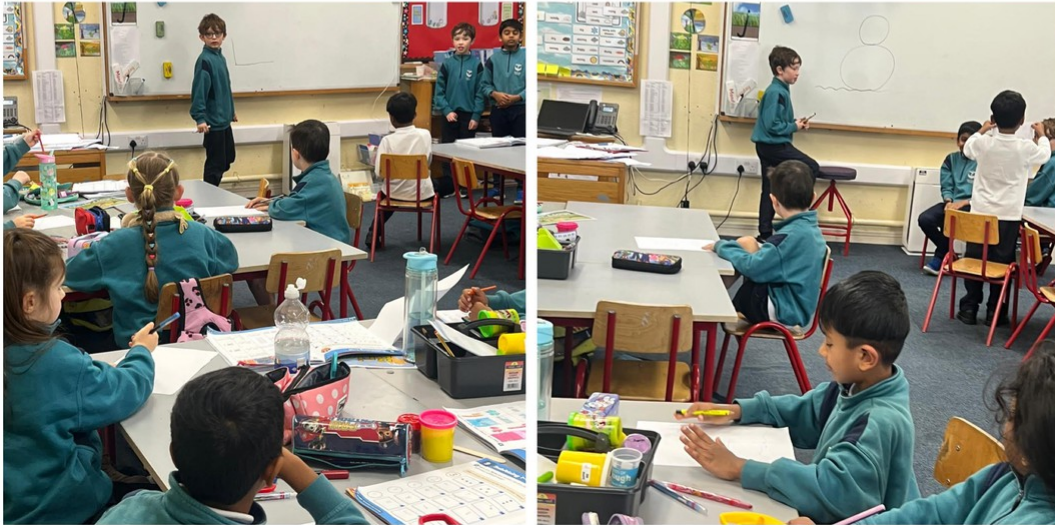
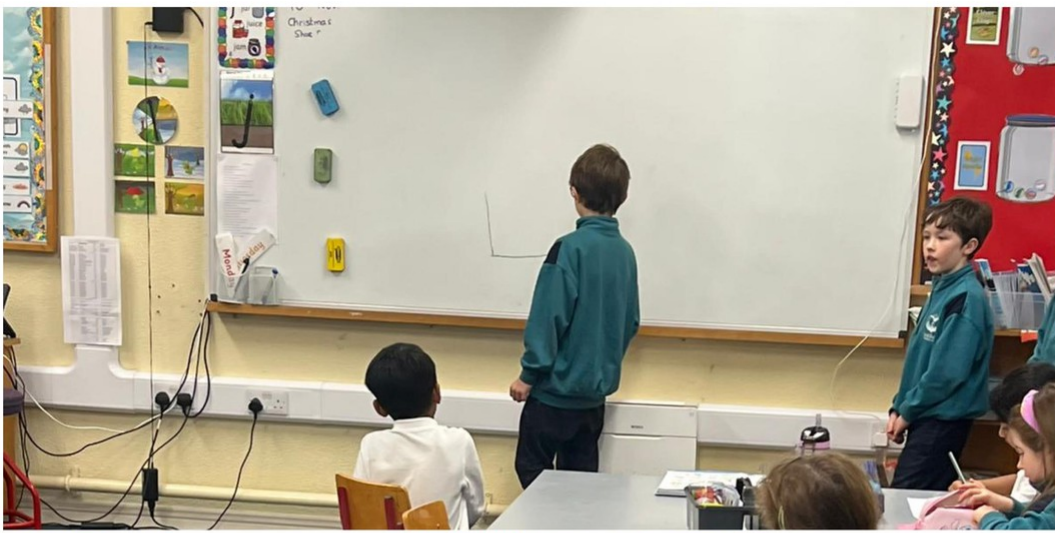
Identify early signs of stress or anxiety and know how to address them.

Build confidence in managing common challenges in your child's development.

Register here - <https://forms.office.com/e/MDw1HDP3wM>

Ms.Mullins'/ Ms. Jennings' Class Update

Ms. Mullins' and Ms. Jennings' class were very lucky to have a visit from three third class boys, who helped with an Art lesson. An example of peer modeling at its best!!!



Oranmore Maree Winning Teams

History was made in the Oranmore Maree One Club in 2025. For the first time they won both Minor hurling and football County Championships and the U19 Football and U20 Hurling County Championships in the same year. The Minor footballers also went on to win the Minor Connacht Championship and the Minor League.

Naomh Mhuire won the Minor Football Championship and League and a Junior Championship

A number of our past pupils of our school are members of the victorious teams and a selection of the various teams and managements visited the school with the cups



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