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Spring Newsletter

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Confirmation Ceremony

- Our 5th & 6th class students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 16th March. It was a lovely ceremony, each student participated in some way and pupils from 4th Class sang in our choir. We thank Fr. Nolan for helping us with our preparations. We ask your prayers for the children and their families, may God bless and protect them. All our pupils enjoyed this very special day in their lives.
- In preparation for their Confirmation, the children enjoyed a retreat in Ballyvaloo. They engaged in reflective practices and team building exercises to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.
- Confession took place during school hours. Thank you to Fr. Nolan and Fr. Cushin for taking the time to hear Confessions.
- The Ceremony of Light was an evening occasion in the church where the children and parents came together. A key part of the service was when parents hand the lighted Baptismal candle to their child, acknowledging that their child is now ready to become a responsible Christian.

Deis Schools

- We received some fantastic news recently. We have successfully secured DEIS status for our school. From Sept 2022 we will be classed as a DEIS Rural school. We will benefit from enhanced supports including school lunches and many educational supports which will greatly benefit the children. This is a very exciting development for our school and we look forward to learning more about how we can use this status to make our school even better than it already is.

Farm Visit

- Our Junior & Senior Infant classes are learning all about the farm at the moment, we recently went on a visit next door to Coláiste Abbáin to check out their farm animals. We really enjoyed learning all about the sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits. Thanks to Mr. O'Connor and his great assistants for making us feel so welcome, we had a brilliant time and will be definitely returning for another visit!

Active Schools

- Since Christmas we have been enjoying some swimming lessons at the Apex Swimming Pool in New Ross. This is a great addition to our pupil's fitness and they have really enjoyed this activity.
- We are also participating in GAA coaching every Friday. It is great to get back to training and we are delighted that Philip our new coach, will be with us for the rest of the term.
- We will be starting an in-school soccer league for the older classes soon. More details of this exciting league will follow shortly.

Rackard League

- It was with great anticipation that we learned the Rackard League would be returning this term. This is a fantastic tournament for all local schools in Wexford. There has been a great turn out for the matches so far. Unfortunately, the results didn't go the girl's way, but the boys have won their first match and they have another match on Friday. Best of luck to all!

Green Schools

- We received 6 new trees from Wexford County Council which we have planted at the front of the school.
- We have set up a **No Mow** zone beside the basketball Court and have planted some wildflowers there. These wildflowers will provide a burst of color, attracting pollinators such as bees and butterflies, which are responsible for one in every three bites of food we eat.

Creative Schools

- 1st, 5th & 6th Classes have been participating in the Schools BLAST Programme. The aim of this programme is to provide children with an understanding and appreciation of contemporary visual art. We had our first session last week with visiting artist Oonagh Latchford. The children learned about different art techniques. We are looking forward to learning more of these during the coming weeks.
- For our Living Arts Programme the children in 2nd, 3rd and 4th Classes have been learning how to weave and made some beautiful art using this technique. They have made some lovely pom-poms also, we still have some more workshops to enjoy in this programme.
- Junior & Senior Infants recently had an art workshop with Carmen from the Raheen Family Resource Centre. They designed some lovely flower pots.

The Big Busk for Focus Ireland

- 3rd & 4th Class recently performed in the #BigBusk for Focus Ireland. They sang Mr. Blue Sky for their school and raised a total of €150 for Focus Ireland. Well done boys and girls!

Twitter

- The best way of keeping in touch with activities throughout the school is via our Twitter page. Please follow the school's Twitter account at https://twitter.com/Adamstown_NS?s=09

General news & information:

- Our school is a **nut free zone**. Please be reminded that products containing nuts are not permitted in children's lunchboxes.
- Please ensure that your child's uniform is labelled clearly for ease of identification, especially their jumper. With the promise of better weather it is important to have these labelled. We have several jumpers in lost & found. If you are missing a jumper please get in touch with the school office.
- When collecting children from school please collect them at the school gates. Children will not be released to parents unless they are at the school gate as teachers cannot be responsible for children who cross the road on their own. When dropping and collecting children please remember to observe social distancing.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

First Confession: **Thursday 31st March**

School Primary Language Curriculum Meeting: **School Closes at 12pm Friday 1st April**

School Closes Half Day Easter Holidays: **Friday 8th April**

School closed for Easter Holidays: **Monday 11th- Friday 22nd April**

First Holy Communion: **Saturday May 21st**