



St John's Parochial Newsletter

March/April 2017

What's happened so far this term?

- ❖ We have recently purchased a graded reading scheme thanks to the fundraising of the Parents Association. The children will be able to choose a book of their own preference to read at a level appropriate to them. This is a valuable literacy resource and we look forward to using the books in class.
- ❖ The school has begun to pursue a Green Flag. This flag is awarded to schools with a strong focus on recycling and reducing waste. The children have voted in a Green Schools Committee, who will meet to discuss a plan of action. Sara Clifford and Belinda Gascoigne are leading the project.
- ❖ We enjoyed performing in a short ceolchoirm for Seachtain na Gaeilge. We sang songs, recited poetry and danced Shoo the Donkey in Teach an tSolais on Thursday 16th March. [More images on the school website www.stjohnsschooltralee.weebly.com](http://www.stjohnsschooltralee.weebly.com)



What's happening after mid-term?

- ❖ The children are now taking part in monthly church services. We would like to invite all children to participate in Wednesday and Sunday services by reading, reciting prayers and singing hymns.
- ❖ The school recently received an ICT grant. We will be purchasing and installing a new interactive whiteboard in the junior room over the Easter holidays.

More News:

- ❖ The school will close at 12 noon on Friday 7th April for the Easter holidays. We will reopen on Monday 24th April.
- ❖ Congratulations to Nathan Rogers, Kelsee Moore and Yvonne Hurley on making their confirmation on Thursday 30th March in St. Johns Church, Castle Street.
- ❖ The holidays for next year have been set and are available for viewing on our website.
- ❖ Children from the junior room will feature in this weeks' The Kerryman, Newspaper. They were interviewed for an article on school children's ideas, thoughts and opinions.