*S.n An Croí Ró Naofa*

# March Newsletter 2019

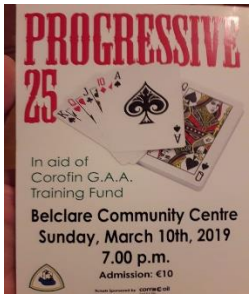
**Corofin Team – All Ireland Final – Good Luck!**

We wish Mr Sice & Mr Leonard and the Corofin players and management the very best of luck as they head to Croke Park for their club All Ireland Final on St Patrick's Day. What an amazing achievement for this team, 3 finals in the last 5 years.

There was great excitement in the school for Marty Morrissey's visit earlier this week. The segment is due to be aired on the RTE news next Thursday or Friday.

**Scór na nÓg Finalist Group - Congratulations**

Huge congratulations to the Corofin GAA Instrumental Music Group, who reached the All Ireland finals of Scór na nÓg recently. The group will also perform at half time in Croke Park on St Patrick's Day, we wish you the very best of luck ahead of this performance. The students from this group are also members of Belclare Comhaltas and past pupils of Belclare NS.




**Corofin GAA Card Game Fundraiser**

Corofin GAA are holding a card game fundraiser in the Belclare Community Centre, this coming Sunday evening, March 10th at 7pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated for this event.

***School General Purpose Voluntary Contribution***

Many thanks to all who have paid the per family voluntary fee of €80 so far. To remind those who have yet to pay that we are more than happy to accept this payment in instalments over the school year.

**St Patrick's Weekend School Closure**

School will close next week on Friday March 15th and the following week on Monday March 18th (bank holiday) and Tuesday March 19th, we will reopen on Wednesday March 20th. We hope you all enjoy the break.

**Shared Reading**

Junior infants are currently running their *Shared Reading Programme*. This is a lovely literacy initiative where the children bring home books to read with their parents each evening. This is fun for the children and a great way of encouraging them to read and improve their literacy skills.

**Green School Renewal Visit**

We had a green school renewal visit last month. The inspector was pleased with the progress the children have made from planting vegetables in the garden patch, school clean up and composting initiatives and the recent project to increase awareness on marine environment, the children made lovely posters which we have put up around the school. Our application for flag renewal is due at the end of this month.

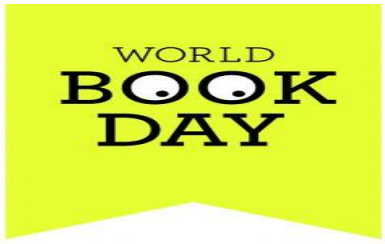
**Seactain Na Gaeilge**

Seachtain Na Gaeilge is running from March 1st to 17th. The children will be encouraged through their school work, to use the Irish language more each day in recognition of this event. Have a look at this link https://snag.ie/ , for more information.

**4th Class Trip To Brigit's Gardens**

The children from 4th class had a lovely trip to Brigit's Gardens this week where they took part in the programme "Nature's Power, Energy In Action". This was a very fun and informative programme including the following topics:

- Investigate solar, hydro and wind technologies on site.
- Experiment and generate your own energy!
- Explore energy concepts: Food chains, insulation and conduction
- Care for the Environment: Reduce your energy use!




**World Book Day**

Today is World Book Day – March 7th. See link for more information https://www.worldbookday.com/world-book-day-ireland/.

Celebrate this event by encouraging the children to read at home this evening!

**School Drop Off / Pick Up – Safety**

The safety of the children at drop off and pick up times is most important. Please collect the children at 3pm at the end of the ramp at the front of school. We ask you as always to exercise care and caution when driving in and out of the school grounds each day.