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Primary Science and Maths Award: Engineer's Week was celebrated at the school between Monday, February the 26th and Friday, March the 2nd. The week culminated with an Engineering Quiz which we held on Monday the 5th of March.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Deineadh seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh sa scoil idir an 1ú agus 16ú Márta. Deineadh amhráin a chanadh agus a chleachtadh, cluichí teangan a imirt, uirlisí ceoil agus rincí a chleachtadh chomh maith le Rólaisteoireacht agus Drámaíocht as Gaeilge. Bhí Tráth na gCeist Boird Ghaeilge sa scoil Dé hAoine an 16ú Márta. Táimid buíoch don Máistir Ó Riain agus Katherine a dhein bailiúchán airgid ar mhaithe le Conradh na Gaeilge agus na scoile ag Aifreann Lá le Pádraig. **Lá le Pádraig:** We wish to thank Castledrum Parents' Association for organising our participation in the St. Patrick's Day parade in both Milltown and Castlemaine on Saturday the 17th of March. We thank also Mrs Doody and Miss Sheehan for their help in decorating the School float for the day.

World Book Day: was marked in a fun way at the school on Tuesday the 6th of March with children dressing up as their favourite storybook character.

First Confessions: took place in the church for the children in 2nd class on Tuesday the 6th of March. Congratulations and well done to all and thank you to Miss McHugh for preparing them so diligently for the day.

Scór na bPáistí: We thank Miss McGrath for helping children at the school to prepare for the Scór music competition held in Killorglin on Friday the 23rd of March.

FAI 5-a-side Blitz: competitions for both Girls and Boys in the senior classes were held in Tralee on Thursday the 8th and on Thursday the 15th of March. Congratulations to the girls who won their competition and reached the final of stage two of the tournament which was held on the 25th of April. We would like to sincerely thank the parents who accompanied the children to the event.

Green Schools: Mrs Griffin and the Green School's Committee held a meeting with our Green Schools assessor, Angela Wall at the school on Tuesday the 13th of March to review progress on our application for our 6th Green flag. A follow up meeting was held by the committee on Thursday the 15th to review the assessor's visit and prepare our final application. Mrs Griffin and the Green Schools committee received notification on Thursday the 12th of April that the school had been awarded our 6th Green flag on Citizenship. Congratulations and well done to all. Congratulations to Keelan Foley 6th class who received the citizen of the month award for February and to Aodhán O' Shea, Junior Infants who received the award for March.

Killorglin Fire Department: Seán Coffey of Killorglin Fire Department came and spoke with the children in 3rd and 4th classes on Wednesday the 14th of March.

Castledrum BOM: held meetings at the school on Wednesday the 14th of March.

School policies/Curricular plans: Castledrum BOM recently ratified our Child Safeguarding Statement. The staff are currently working on review documents for two of our School Self-Evaluation subjects. All school policies and plans are available to parents to view on request at the school.

Active Schools/Health Promoting Schools. Mr Ryan and the Active Schools/HPS committee submitted our application for the school's first HPS flag on Thursday the 15th of March, we are currently awaiting a response to our application. The Active Schools/ HPS committee held a meeting at the school on Friday the 19th of April to discuss and plan for Active Schools week 2018. The week was celebrated between Monday the 23rd and Friday the 27th of April, the week included a Zumba Dance session with DJ Nat, Health and Fitness session with K3 Fitness Fun, Athletics and many other sporting activities. We thank Mr Ryan and the committee for organising the week's events.

Easter Confessions: As part of our preparation for Easter Fr Roche held confessions in the school on Friday the 16th of March for children from 3rd to 6th class.

An Gaelbhrtach: Comhghairdeachas le Ava Meikle a fuair an gradam ‘Gaeilgeoir na Míosa’ do mhí Feabhra agus le Daire Mac Cárthaigh a fuair an gradam do mhí Aibreáin. Bhí cruinniú ag coiste an Ghaelbhrtach fé stiúr Miss McHugh ar an Mháirt an 20ú Márta chun dul chun cinn imeachtaí do Sheachtain na Gaeilge a phlé. Deineadh plé agus athbhreithniú chomh maith ar chéimeanna 1-7 dár n-iarratas do Ghaelbhrtach a dó. **Aipeanna:** úsáideacha as Gaeilge do Thuismitheoirí agus leanaí: Aip na Míosa: Lingua-App

Boys/Girls Mini 7's Competitions: were held in Cromane on Wednesday the 21st and on Friday the 23rd of March. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the children to the games.

Sponsored Walk and Clean Up of Inch Beach: A sponsored walk and Clean Up of Inch Beach took place on Friday the 23rd of March. We sincerely thank all who participated. We thank the Parents' Association for providing refreshments on the beach and we thank you the parents and children for your efforts in selling the sponsorship lines. Míle Buíochas.

Castledrum Parents' Association: held a meeting at the school on Tuesday night the 9th of April.

GAA: Castledrum NS played Kilgobnet NS on Friday the 13th of April in the Mid Kerry 4/5 teacher competition. The team played extremely well and secured a draw at the end of a very exciting game. On Friday the 20th of April Castledrum NS played and lost to Castlemaine NS in Milltown. On Thursday the 26th we travelled to Glenbeigh and returned with a win after a very impressive second half performance.

PDST Support: Staff at the school had in class inservice training on the new language curriculum on Monday the 16th of April.

Basketball Lessons: David Falvey of Tralee Tigers Basketball club began the first of 6 Basketball sessions at the school on Friday the 27th of April.

Standardised Tests: Children at the school are currently undergoing their Standardised Tests in Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers will be holding brief meetings in the coming weeks to discuss the outcome of these tests with parents.

First Holy Communion: will be held in the church on Saturday the 5th of May at 10am. All students from classes 1st to 6th are asked to be present to support the choir.

Mini Golf: We have three mini golf sessions scheduled for the children at the school this June. A professional Golf instructor will be in attendance to give the lessons.

School Tour: Children from 2nd to 6th class will be going to Jamie Knox Watersports in Castlegregory on Friday the 1st of June on their School Tour. Children from Infants to 1st class will go to Crag Cave on the same day for their tour. Further details to follow.

Rugby Training: Corca Dhuibhne Rugby coach Alan Devane gave a Rugby training session to the children from 1st to 6th classes at the school on Friday the 31st of March.

Kerry Broadband: We are most grateful to Kerry Broadband for providing their services to the school free of charge.

Lee Strand Tokens: The school is currently collecting the Lee Strand Mighty Mikey milk tokens.

Remaining closures for 2017/2018 school year are as follows:

May Bank Holiday: Monday the 7th.

Referendum: Friday the 25th of May.

June Bank Holiday: Monday the 4th.

Summer Holidays: Friday the 22nd of June.

Please note that the staff are required to carry out a one day inservice training day at the school before the summer. The school will be closed to children on that date. Parents will be given advance notice of this closure as soon as possible.

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