Polytunnel Project

We are delighted to share that our new polytunnel has now been erected in the front garden of the school. This wonderful addition was made possible through the generous support of our recent Bake Sale in Leenane Hotel.

Our next task is to fill the beds with soil and compost so we can begin planting for the spring season. This is a brilliant resource for the school and will provide endless opportunities for hands-on learning, sustainability projects, and outdoor education.

We are especially excited that during the summer months, the polytunnel will also serve as a **community resource**. More details on this will follow in the coming months. We look forward to plenty of growing and learning ahead!

Pancake Tuesday Coffee Morning

A big thank you to Chloe and Conor and everyone at The Purple Door for hosting a lovely Pancake Tuesday Coffee Morning in support of MADRA.

Thanks to online donations and contributions on the day, we raised over €200 for this very worthy cause. It was a simple but thoroughly enjoyable morning and a lovely opportunity for the community to come together.

We look forward to hosting similar gatherings in the future.

Garda Visit

We were delighted to welcome our Community Garda, Alan, to the school this month. He delivered an excellent and engaging talk to both classes on:

- Road safety
- Online safety

The visit was particularly timely as we focus on internet safety this term. Garda Alan kindly distributed hi-vis jackets to the children and even managed to "arrest" a few students for good measure - all in good fun!!

Buddy Reading Initiative

In February, we introduced a new initiative — Buddy Reading.

Our senior pupils are paired with younger students to:

- Read aloud together
- Support early literacy development
- Build confidence and responsibility

It has been wonderful to see the encouragement shown by our older pupils and the enthusiasm of our younger readers. We hope this will become a valued and regular feature of school life in Leenane NS.

Enrolment Afternoon

It was a pleasure to welcome our incoming Junior Infants for our recent Enrolment Afternoon. We hope there will be more opportunities for the children to visit again later in the year before they begin "big school."

We were especially delighted that their teacher, Maria, was able to meet them all. She really enjoyed meeting the children in all the classes and their families and looking forward to starting in April.

Upcoming Events

- **Engineers Week:** 2nd–6th March
- **Seachtain na Gaeilge:** 9th–13th March
- **School Closure:** 16th–17th March
- **Easter Holidays Begin:** 27th March

As we move into spring and hopefully leave behind the recent bad weather, there is a great sense of growth and energy around the school, both in the classroom and now in our school yard! Thank you, as always, for your continued support.