We wrapped up the month of March with a fun Easter Egg Hunt and are now looking forward to a well-earned Easter break. It has been a busy and eventful few weeks, filled with activities, new arrivals, farewells and plenty more to look forward to after the holidays.

Slán go fóill Shauna

We said a 'goodbye for now' to Shauna, who has been a fantastic addition to our school over the past few months. She was a great support to Ciara and I and built a wonderful rapport with the boys and girls. Shauna settled into our school naturally and took on many extra roles and responsibilities. As we said, *Slán go fóill*, and we hope our paths will cross again in the future.

Welcome Maria

We are delighted to welcome Maria to Leenane on the Monday after the holidays. She is very much looking forward to meeting everyone and getting started. Maria brings great experience from her previous roles and will be a great asset to our school community.

Welcome to Yusuf and Mukhammad

This month, we were also delighted to welcome two new pupils to our classrooms: Yusuf and Mukhammad. Although they only joined us a few weeks ago, they have settled in extremely well. The children have been warm, welcoming and supportive, which has helped them adjust so positively to their new school.

Engineering Week

As part of Engineering Week, the boys and girls in the Senior Room worked collaboratively in groups to design and build bridges. These were then tested for load-bearing capacity and span, before being judged by a panel of 'external' judges. Congratulations to Mallaidh, Indie and Anastasia on achieving joint first place. Photos of all the bridges will be shared on our website in the coming week.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We had a very enjoyable Seachtain na Gaeilge, with the children taking part in a wide range of activities. These included a Tráth na gCeist, Irish dancing, Irish films, singing, and a Lá Glas to round off the celebrations.

First Aid Course
Our sincere thanks to Rob King for facilitating a First Aid Course for the 6th class pupils. It was an engaging and hands-on learning experience, providing valuable skills and knowledge. We look forward to offering similar opportunities to other classes in the future.

Spikeball
We enjoyed a fantastic morning in Carrakennedy, making the most of the sunshine while taking part in a Spikeball blitz. It was an exciting new challenge for the children, who have only recently been introduced to the sport. Thank you to all the parents who provided transport and made the outing possible.

North Connemara Soccer Blitz
The Senior Room also took part in a 5-a-side soccer blitz in Letterfrack. We entered two teams, both of whom represented the school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. It was a highly enjoyable and competitive event and a great opportunity to play against other schools.

Thank You

After a few weather delays, our polytunnel is finally ready for use. A huge thank you to Peter Gaynor who spent an afternoon filling the raised beds. Thank you to Zoe for getting the ball rolling by donating two berry plants which have just been sown.

Also, thank you to Fr. Burke for his Apple tree and to Ann Tynan for donating a beautiful cherry blossom tree which we planted in our Wild Garden patch behind the school. We hope to add to this over the coming weeks.

Dates to Remember
April 30th: Swimming lessons begin (details to follow)
May 13th: School Closure – Primary Curriculum Framework Staff Training Day
May 17th: First Communion