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As we fast approach the Easter holidays on  
Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> please take some time to  
read our latest newsletter.

### School Open Evening

We will hold our annual open evening tomorrow  
night Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm - 8pm for all  
new enrolments for next year. Thanks in advance  
to the children in 6<sup>th</sup> class for helping out on the  
night displaying science projects. Thanks also to  
members of the Parents Association for providing  
refreshments on the night.

### Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Mrs Gilmartin on  
the birth of a baby boy last week. We wish Orla  
and her family every good wish from all at Cappy  
N.S. In her absence we would like to welcome back  
Ms Michelle Kerrigan who will be teaching Mrs  
Gilmartin's classes for the coming months.

### Appointments/Meetings

Mrs Burke will begin her Maternity leave after  
the Easter holidays. In her absence Ms Fiona Egan  
will be acting Principal and Ms Edel Mannion will be  
acting Deputy Principal. We would like to welcome  
back Ms Gráinne Kelly who will be teaching 1<sup>st</sup> and  
2<sup>nd</sup> classes over the coming months.

Teachers are available to meet with parents by  
appointment only. Please ring the school secretary  
Mary to make an appointment.

### Green Schools Global Citizenship Poster

#### Competition

The winners pictured  
here with Mrs O'  
Brien, Oisín Finn and  
Liam Collins from the  
Green Schools  
Committee at the  
recent prize giving.  
They are Maia Nevin,  
Iosabélla Treacy,  
Aisling Curley, Lewis  
Coughlan & Katie  
Sheridan.



### Sport Update - GAA

Due to poor weather conditions recently and  
waterlogged pitches the Girls Football Mini 7's  
competition scheduled to take place on  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March in Kilconnell and the Boys  
Football scheduled to take place on Monday  
14<sup>th</sup> March have been postponed until further  
notice. We wish all of our teams and their  
coaches Ms Mannion and Mrs Fallon the very  
best of luck in upcoming competitions.

Well done to our hurling and camogie teams  
who both had impressive wins over Kilcooley  
N.S. last Thursday afternoon here in  
Cappataggle as part of the Inter-schools  
tournament. Thanks again to Tomás Finn for  
helping out on the day. It is much appreciated.

### Tiarnán Bowes wins Gold for Ireland

I Tiarnán Bowes travelled to Budapest,  
Hungary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February with my family  
to compete in the 2016 Taekwondo European  
Championships. I was representing the Irish  
Taekwondo Team as a member of the Athlone  
Taekwondo club. I was participating in the  
Taekwondo sparring u12 category and  
defeated 3 opponents. I defeated a 12 year  
old from Gloucestershire club in England and a  
12 year old from Scotland and qualified to get  
into the final against a 12 year old Romanian  
from Bucharest and I won 9 - 1. I won gold for  
Ireland as the youngest member of the Irish  
team. *By Tiarnán Bowes*



Tiarnán pictured here with his sister Shiona  
and his gold medal on their return from  
Budapest. Congratulations Tiarnán, we are  
very proud of your achievements in Hungary.

## Discover Primary Science

The children in all classes have been very busy over the last few weeks and months experimenting and they are now in the final stages of completing their discovery log. The log will include science and maths experiments, reports on our visiting scientists and much more. Thanks to Brian Egan pictured below and his colleague Teng from Woodkenny Group who visited us recently and gave a very interesting talk on engineering, the work they do in Woodkenny Group and demonstrated experiments with the children based on the pressure and kinetic energy. Thanks to Ms Mannion for organising this talk during Engineering Week. Thanks to Ms Kerrigan and the children for all their hard work in completing this project and we wish them every success in achieving an Award of Science and Maths Excellence for the school.



## Scratch

Scratch is a visual programming language that makes it easy for young people to create their own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art - and share their creations on the web. It is a fun and interesting way to introduce software development to students. Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively - essential skills for life in the 21st century. It teaches young people computational thinking and problem-solving skills. The children in Cappataggle have been enjoying learning about scratch and have created stories, designed games with levels and much more. Thanks to Brendan Smith, NUIG, for his input into this for the last month.



## Hurling Helmets

Under the 2016 GAA Helmet Subsidy Scheme the school may purchase up to a maximum of fifteen Helmets for our pupils at a subsidised price. If you wish to avail of this offer please place your order along with full payment to Mary in the school office on or before Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April (first come first served basis). Marc, Mycro and O' Neills are available in a colour of your choice - Small/Medium = €35; Large = €45.

If you have any helmets at home that are no longer used we would be very grateful if you would consider donating them to the school. We have a very limited supply of helmets and would appreciate all donations. Classes from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> avail of hurling training sessions throughout the school year.

## Parents Association

Reminder re. Easter Cake Sale which will take place in the community centre on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4pm - 8pm and on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am - 12.30pm. There will be a coffee stand, face painting and a raffle for an Easter Egg Basket plus lots more on the day. All funds raised go back into the school. Please support.

## Dates for your diary...

- ✚ Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Proclamation Day/Open Evening 7pm - 8pm
- ✚ Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Non - Uniform Day/Easter Holidays 12 Noon
- ✚ Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Cake Sale
- ✚ School Reopens Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April
- ✚ Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Confirmation Mass
- ✚ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May- First Confession Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May - First Communion Mass 11am
- ✚ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June - 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Mass
- ✚ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Sports Day & Prize Giving
- ✚ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Holidays 12 Noon

