

Scoil Mochua

Readathon 2024

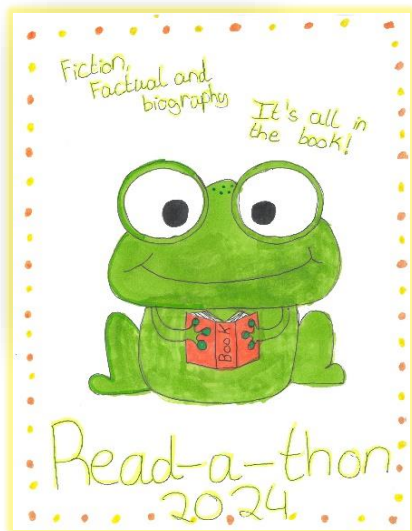
January 22nd - February 16th 2024

Our **annual Readathon** will commence on **Monday 22nd January** and continue until **Friday 16th February**. During the Readathon, the children are asked to make an extra effort to read as many books as possible and to collect sponsorship money. The main aims of the Readathon are:

- to foster good reading habits and a love of reading
- to teach our pupils the important traits of compassion and generosity for others, by involving them in a charitable activity

During the course of the Readathon, the children will engage in a **variety of reading activities** including: buddy reading, writing book reports and reviews, dramatising scenes from novels, participating in workshops with authors, dressing up as a book character and much more. Please continue to promote reading at home as it will benefit your child in so many ways.

Please note the following arrangements:



- All pupils from Senior Infants to Sixth Class may take part in the Readathon.
- On Monday 22nd January each child will receive their own Readathon card to record the number of books read and the sponsorship money collected.
- Children will set their own target for the number of books they hope to read in the four weeks.
- All cards and sponsorship money must be returned by Monday 19th February.
- An award will be presented to children who meet their reading target

The following awards will be presented:

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| ▪ Senior Infants | Silver medal | ▪ Fourth Class | LED Light Keyring |
| ▪ First Class | Gold medal | ▪ Fifth Class | Pen |
| ▪ Second Class | Readathon badge | ▪ Sixth Class | Choice of Prize |
| ▪ Third Class | Ruler | | |

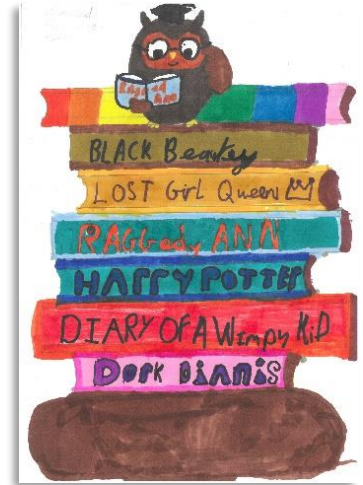
- Children who reach their reading target and collect €10 in sponsorship will be included in a **Monster Draw** which will take place on **Tuesday 27th February**.
- All monies collected will be used to invest in literacy in the school and to support our chosen charities:
 - The Red Cross - Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza
 - Cystic Fibrosis Ireland
 - Celbridge Community First Responders
- Congratulations to Ciara Land, R.14, whose artwork adorns the front of the Readathon Card 2024 and to Ria Murphy, Sarah Walsh, Méabh Walsh, Sinéad Brennan, Lia Lefter, Mairéad Gilchrist, Luca Colasanta, Ciarán Kennedy, Ciara Whelan, Alicia Gilmartin and Aleksandra Hakhumyan, whose pictures feature on this newsletter.



Tips for Parents

During the Readathon we ask all parents to make a special effort to read with their children every night. Literacy is the key to success in life and we are passionate about giving children a flying start to becoming independent, confident, life-long readers who can engage with the written word for functional and personal purposes. Below are some suggestions on how you can help your child become a happy and confident reader.

- Be a role model and let your child see you reading – a newspaper, a book, a magazine.
- Talk to your child about the joy of reading.
- Read together every day. Make it an enjoyable activity.
- Read to your child with humour and expression. Use different voices.
- Be interactive. Discuss what is happening in the book, ask questions about the story, point out objects and words on the page.
- Know when to stop. Put the book away when your child loses interest. Choose a different book or come back to it later.
- Read it again and again. Young children especially love repetition so go ahead and read your child's favourite book for the 100th time!

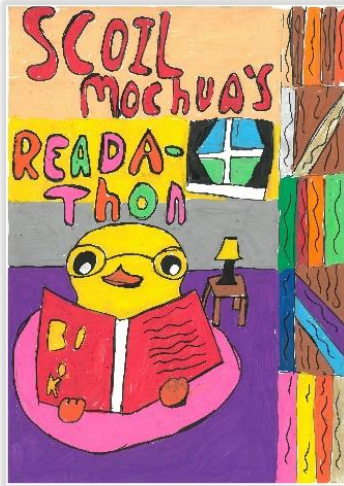


- Join the local library and visit it regularly. Check out the library for audiobooks, eBooks and access to book clubs.
- Give everything a name. Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects and discussing words in the reading and in the environment around you.
- Point out print everywhere. Talk about written words you see in the world around you. Find new words on each outing.
- In the evening time, turn off the TV and all interactive devices and let your child 'get lost' in a book.
- Check out our school website www.scoilmochara.com for links to websites that promote literacy.



'Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.' - Margaret Fuller

Celbridge Library Details



Celbridge library is opened Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm with two late openings on Tuesday and Thursday evening till 8pm.

Want to sign up for a library card?

If you are not a library member, you can sign up for free and with access to online services by registering on the Libraries Ireland Website:

<https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>

On registering you will be sent a temporary code which you can then bring into the library and they will issue you with a library card. Please bring proof of ID and address with you for signing up. If you are opening a children's account – we do

not need proof of ID and address for children as an adult will be guarantor on their account.

There is no charge for Library membership and Libraries Ireland are no longer charging fines for overdue items.

Library members can take 12 items out at a time with a loan period of three weeks. Books can be renewed too for longer if needed.

Kildare Libraries is part of a national collection – if there is a book that a patron would like that's not available on our shelves, you can request that it be sent to us free of charge from another library.

Library members can use their Celbridge Library card in any public library in Ireland.

For information about Celbridge

Library: <https://kildarecoco.ie/library/Libraries/Celbridge/>

Enjoy a virtual tour of Celbridge Library: <https://lookinside-ie.captur3d.io/view/kildare-libraries/celbridge-library>

