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Easter Holidays

The school will close for Easter holidays on Friday March 31st at 12.15 pm and will re-open at 9.00 am on Monday April 17^h. I would like to thank you all for your support so far this year and to wish each family a happy and relaxing Easter break.

School Plan/ Plean Scoile

As part of our school plan we are reviewing different areas within the school to focus on. As already communicated we are working really hard to improve attendance at school with our 'Strive For Five' initiative. As a school community we have also identified specific areas that we will focus on in both Numeracy and Literacy. Our Literacy focus is on Oral Language and in Numeracy we will focus on making improvements in the areas of mental maths and problem solving.

Student Council News

A few of our Student Council members met with the Board of Management last Tuesday. They spoke about what being a student councillor means to them and what their role involves. They discussed things that they have achieved so far, such as new football goals for yard time, bike racks for children who want to cycle to school and helping to get new books for our school library. They also spoke about their aim to get *Buddy Benches* for our school yard to promote friendship, kindness, and inclusion. The children spoke so well in the meeting and did a fantastic job representing the children of our school.

We are very proud of them!

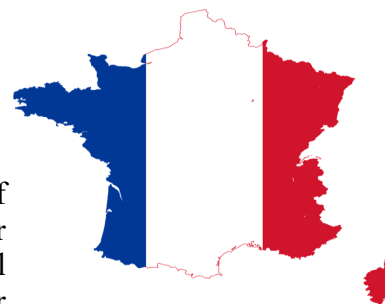
French visit

We recently had a French delegation of teachers and inspectors that paid a visit to our school. The group were really impressed by all the positive work that is carried out in our school particularly regarding Childrens' wellbeing. The children really made a great impression on the visitors and were wonderful ambassadors for our school and Killinarden.

Well done everyone!

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh!

G Diver
Principal



SportNews

On 21st and 22nd of March, two teams from our school took part in the FAI Primary Schools 5 a side competition in Ronanstown, Clondalkin.

The first team to take part was our girls, team. This consisted of a team squad of eight girls, five from 6th class and three from 5th class.

It was very exciting to arrive at the venue and see all the pitches set up and all the teams from other schools getting ready to play. We were in a group of five schools, so we had to play four matches. In each and every match our girls were just amazing. They played with great skill and commitment, and, one by one, they swept aside the opposition, winning comfortably. As group winners we found ourselves in the final, playing the winning team from the other group for a place in the the All-Dublin championship.

Unfortunately, it was not to be. Our girls played brilliantly and were probably the better team, but we came unstuck when we were unable to beat the opposing goalkeeper. Shot after shot rained into their goal, but at the end a losing score of 1 – 2 meant that the dream was over. Even so we returned to school with pride in our performance and happy with our morning of sport and fun.



The next day saw the boys making the same journey, with the same sense of excitement. Again our students put their heart and souls into their matches and ended up third in their group after earning both winning and losing results. Good, but not good enough to progress, so we also returned to school tired but happy, and just dying to play again.

Well done to both teams. They were great representatives for our school, playing their games in a sporting way and getting the maximum amount of fun and enjoyment from their football. It was heartening to see all the players bonding as a team and supporting one another, even though they had not played together before. Huge respect to all involved.

Mr. Cassidy.

Cycle Safety Course

Fourth class finished up their last lesson of a 6-week cycle safety course today. The children had a blast cycling around the yard every Friday morning. The instructors Noel and Colin were great fun and very encouraging. The children learned about the importance of wearing a helmet, paying close attention to other drivers on the road, keeping to the left-hand side at a safe distance from others and always indicating before turning. A few people in the class had never been on a bike before and by the end they were cycling around confidently! Fourth class are so grateful to Ms Sanfey for organising these lessons and so proud of themselves for their achievement.



STEM Updates

We have been very busy this term with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

We have been luckily enough to get a set of IZAK 9 cubes to help the teaching of Maths and problem solving. The children love working in teams to figure out the puzzles and challenging their thinking skills.



TU Dublin

4th class have continued to take part in the Try Five initiative with Technical University Dublin. This term they made their own constellation torches and learned all about electricity. Thanks to Ana and the team from TU who were delighted with how well the children engaged in the workshop.

Birdwatching

Our resident nature expert Pat Hunt came to visit us in March to teach us all about native Irish Birds. He took the children out the garden to do some birdwatching with binoculars and a telescope. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore the local wildlife and the children were really well behaved. We look forward to our next visit from Pat in the autumn.

World Book Day

On Friday March 3rd we celebrated World Book Day here in the school. We had so much fun dressing up in our book character costumes. The children made such an effort and they looked fantastic. Thanks so much to all parents who spent the morning painting faces and getting the hair and costumes just right! :) Even the teachers got involved! We had to watch out for a very scary Ms Trunchbull on yard...! Some Oompa Loompas were spotted roaming around 5th class with Willy Wonka, and we had a massive Where's Wally hunt in the afternoon. By the end of the day, we had found the last Where's Wally in our hunt sitting on Mr Divers' chair! We spent the day focusing on reading and remembering that there's nothing like snuggling up with a good book!



Creative Schools

There are lots of activities happening around the school. The Drama Club on Wednesdays is going from strength to strength. Ms Fox, Ms Connolly, and Ms Dalton are extremely impressed with how well the children have been progressing.

Our ceramic artist Christien Van Bussell has been busy making tiles with the different grades in the school and Michelle and Bronwyn from Freshly Ground Theatre Company have been working with 6th class children on a project supported by The Arts Council.

The Civic Theatre have been fantastic at bringing new opportunities to our school. The children taking part in Ready, Steady Show are continuing to create, collaborate and perform every Monday afternoon in The Civic. We are all very excited to see what the final product will be.

Ms Byrne's 5th took part in a four-part workshop with a group of actors and puppeteers called A Letter to my Irish Friend. This was a great success, and the children were magnificent with engaging with the project.

There will be more drama classes for all of 3rd, 4th and 5th class children taking place after Easter, so lots to look forward to from the creative school initiative in term 3.

HSCL News

We've had a busy term and lots of activities in HSCL! A group of our parents trained and got certified in First Aid Training, facilitated by Craig Wade. We ran Maths for Fun with our 3rd Class children in January and had a huge turn out from parents. Thanks for coming along and getting involved.

We began our Crafts Course for parents in February with our lovely facilitator Audrey. This course runs right up until the Easter holidays and parents have shown how creative and talented they are. Our 5th Class children invited a member of their family to take part in our Family Games on the 3rd of March, thanks to Ms Maye for organising and to all the family members who came in, the children really enjoyed it.

Our 6th Class children have started visiting their new secondary schools in preparation for September.

After Easter we will invite our 2nd Class children to come and visit us in the senior school in preparation for September.

Next term will see more preparations around transitions, more activities around Maths and English that we'll invite parents to and a very special Parent's Trip!

Keep an eye on School Dojo and our HSCL Instagram page for details @hsclsacredheartnsn
Karen, HSCL



Dublin Bus trip to DSPCA

On the 9th February, 6th class students made a trip to visit the volunteers and animals in the DSPCA shelter in Rathfarnham. We were treated to a tour of the shelter as well as learning how the animals are cared for and how they can be adopted. We visited the new cat house and also got to see all the dogs who are ready for adoption. This trip was kindly rewarded to 6th class by Joanne who is the School and Community Co-ordinator with Dublin Bus. Joanne has worked with our school for many years helping us bring classes on lots of trips. So when there was a big effort to stop anti-social behaviour on our local buses, Joanne was very happy to organise this brilliant trip for us. Thanks Joanne!

