



Wishing Everyone a Happy Easter Time

Active Learning @ School



A visit from a historian

Earlier this term 3rd class had the pleasure of a visit from a historian as a special guest. With amazing storytelling and engaging visuals, the historian brought history to life right before our eyes. We went on a journey through time, exploring tales of ancient civilizations and so many interesting moments in history. It was a day filled with excitement and curiosity. Our classroom was buzzing with enthusiasm and excitement from the visit and it was an unforgettable day of learning and discovery.



Wellbeing Week began this week. We had a focus for the week for each day Tuesday: Terrific Tuesday (Dancing with Ms Furlong 5th & 6th), Wellness Wednesday: healthy eating focus (Dancing with Ms Furlong 3rd & 4th, fruit platters by Ms Farrell), Thursday was Thankful Thursday (Inside-Out Fundraiser Jumper Day, Focus on everything we are all thankful for.



Afterschool Digital Club

Digital Learning Club is on every Wednesday after school. We have learned so much in the last few weeks testing out and using some of the digital technologies we have here at school.

So far:

- The children have been learning how to code using Scratch. We also tested our skills on hour of code and were rewarded a certificate of completion.
- We used the DS consoles to train our brains and solve puzzles.
- We visited Ciro, underground caves and the ocean using our VR kits and tested out our new Meta Quest 2 VR headset.
- The children completed build challenges using Minecraft on our laptops.
- We used Microbits to create interactive digital characters and games that we downloaded onto our LED Microbits.

Sambanarden

Sambanarden Drumming Group have been busy working some brilliant new rhythms. Each week they're getting better and better. We have a new drumming teacher called Fernando, who is from Brazil, the land of Samba. Ms Fox has joined our team too and we're delighted to have her. Roll on our next performance!



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Trips

HSCL News

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. We've had a very busy term and I'm sure you are all looking forward to the break. On behalf of the Board of Management, I wish you all a very happy Easter break. We send our best wishes also to Ms Lysaght who is going on her maternity leave, we look forward to hearing exciting news in the coming weeks.

Wellbeing Week

The school celebrated our Easter mass with Fr. Fintan on Wednesday 21st March. As always the pupils participated in the mass and were very happy to have a chat afterwards over a biscuit and juice. Special thanks to Fr. Fintan for making the mass a lovely Easter celebration.

Sambanarden

Digital afterschool club

Chess club

Visit from Historian

Last week, our school was a sea of green as we celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Seachtaine na Gaeilge! Students and staff donned shamrocks, leprechaun hats, and Irish-themed attire. Some classes danced to traditional jigs and learned about Irish folklore. Bhí a lán spraoi ag gach duinne. This week the whole school has been celebrating Wellbeing Week, there has been plenty of activities going on which both children and staff have been taking part in.



School Plan

During assembly both Mr Diver and Ms McCarthy have had great discussions with all the children from the different grades about our school plan and how it's working everyday in all the classes. Remember our school plan is up on our school website for all to view.



Uniform

Our school uniform is something which is a great source of pride to us all in the school. The children look so smart when dressed in the full uniform. We have been working with the suppliers of the tracksuit and have listened to the children's suggestion of getting shorts for hopefully warmer weather in term 3. I am pleased to let you know that uniform shorts will be available from Mrs Green after Easter. Also as the weather gets warmer, children will be expected to wear either a white T-shirt or white polo shirt which is part of the school uniform also. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with this.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh!

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G Diver



Chess

On Wednesday the 6th March we had a chess tournament at St. Damians National School. The bus ride was about half an hour to get there and half an hour to get back. When we got there the halls were very skinny and then when we went in the hall there was loads of chess boards that everyone can play against. There were 6 matches in total for each participant. At break time we got knock off capri suns and I/Nathan had chocolate pancakes and Aaliyah had an entire pack of cookies. Aaliyah lost twice, drew twice and won twice. Nathan lost three times, Drew once and won twice. After the second break, we went outside. When we got back in we had another three matches. At the end of the tournament, we went out to go back on the bus. When we got back Ms. Jenkins bought us ice cream from the Centra. Me and Aaliyah got big cornetto's and the rest of the people got Oreos. When we went in, we flexed on the children. The chess tournament went excellent and we would love to do one in our school. How we would get all those chess boards is the question. Overall, the tournament was a lot of fun and we both enjoyed it. Nathan and Aaliyah, 5th Class.

Positive Behaviour Trip

Third and Fourth class had a great time on their Positive Behaviour trip to Marlay Park this week. Luckily, the rain cleared up and everyone had a great time. A little bit of muddy puddles never stopped us before! Thanks so much to Joanne from Dublin Bus for taking us out. We are so lucky. Looking forward to tomorrow's St Patrick's Day celebrations now.



Student Council – Trip to Dáil Éireann

On the 14th of February, our Student Council were invited to do a tour of Dáil Éireann by our local TD Colm Brophy. We arrived early to go through security and were met by our tour guide or 'Usher' of the Dáil. First, we were brought up to the Dáil chamber where we had to be very quiet as the TD's were giving speeches. We saw how they are timed and the usher explained the role of the Ceann Comhairle. We all think it looks smaller in real life than on the news. Next, we got a history tour of Leinster House.

After that, we were brought to the Seannad. We met the Ceann Comhairle who spoke to us about the role of the Seannad. It was a beautiful, bright room. We were welcomed by Senator Lynn Boylan who was very happy to have us there as she is from Tallaght too! Colm Brophy met us at the end and answered all our questions and even gave us all a copy of the Proclamation of Independence.

To finish off our trip, we walked to Grafton Street to get MacDonald's for lunch then through Stephen's Green Park before returning to school. It was such an interesting day and our Student Council represented Sacred Heart S.N.S brilliantly.



Home School Community Liaison



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 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 and 6th Class girls were invited for a Girl's Talk in the Family Resource Centre facilitated by Lynne O'Neill.

We had a Parent and Child Cookery course facilitated by Ms Gleeson and Ms Murphy which was very successful and we hope to run again.

We had a lovely day out for our Parent's Trip to 14 Henrietta Street last Friday.

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 their transition to our school.

Next term will see more preparations around transitions, more activities around Maths and English and we'll invite parents on more Parent's Trips!

Keep an eye on School Dojo for details!

Karen, HSCL

Cycling

Fourth class finished up their six-week Cycle Safety course this week with the lovely instructors Noel and Collie. They did a brilliant job learning all about safety checks, indicating, keeping to the left of the road, and leaving space for the people in front. Some children were a bit nervous as they had never cycled before, but by the end of the six weeks there was no stopping them. Well done fourth class!



Important dates for Term 3

School will finish at 12 pm on Friday 22nd March and reopen n Monday 8th April

May 6th—10th school closed for May mid term

May 15th School closed for staff training (New maths curriculum)

June 3rd closed for Bank Holiday

Friday 28th June school closes at 12pm