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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2024



Welcome Back: Wishing everyone a warm welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. I hope you all had a peaceful break.



Retirement News: We would like to wish Mrs. Patricia O'Neill all the best on her retirement. She worked for 21 years as a special needs assitant at our school and we will really miss her!



Internet Safety Tip for Parents:
Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element.



Board of Management News: We are delighted to introduce our new Board of Management 2024:

Patron's Nominees	Fr. Liam Lacey, Damian McKeown (chairperson)
Parents' Nominees	Seán O'Connor, Elaine Noonan
Teachers' Nominees	Pauline Lennon, Emma Molloy
Community Nominees	Madeleine Guidera, Brian Comerford



Science Open Evening: We are delighted to announce that our Science Open Evening will take place on Wednesday, 31st January from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. This is part of our Curious Minds Award with the SFI (Science Foundation Ireland). Please come along and see our Science exhibitions on display in each classroom.



Voluntary Contributions: Many thanks to all who have contributed so far this year. It is very much appreciated.



PA News: Many thanks to our Parents' Association for all of their fundraising efforts before the Christmas break. A total of €758.15 was raised from the sales of Magic Reindeer Food & 6th Class' Christmas Crackers.



Cinema Trip: On Monday 18th December, our whole school went to the IMC, Dun Laoghaire to see the movie *Wonka*. It was a great day out that everyone enjoyed. Thank you Ms. Schutte for organising and to Ms. Doyle for making the goodie bags.



Scriobh Leabhar: All of the boys are now busy writing for the annual competition. We look forward to seeing their books once they are finished.



Christmas Art Competition Winners: What an amazing standard we had this year! Judging was extremely difficult! The following were the winners:

	Rang 2	Rang 3	Rang 4	Rang 5	Rang 6
1 st	Nico Walshe	George Bourke	Michael Barrett	Aran McCabe	Ethan Regan
2 nd	Harvey O'Neill	Thomas Matangi	Oliver Shanley	Toby Whelan	Ethan Cassidy
3 rd	Ethan McCarthy	James Conlon	Sava Cherniavskiyi	Aaron Tallant	Senan Corcoran



Green Schools News: The Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Recycled Decoration Competition was held in December and as usual, we had lots of excellent entries from this school. The class winners for this competition were as follows:

2 nd Class	3 rd Class	4 th Class	5 th Class	6 th Class
Adam Berrigan	Rory Redmond	Daniel O'Shaughnessy	Shane Kral	Ethan Cassisy

A huge congratulations to **Ethan Cassidy** from 6th class was the overall winner.



Spanish Lessons: We are delighted to be taking part in the *Say Yes to Languages!* Programme again this year. Each class will receive 8 weeks of Spanish lessons from Tuesday 16th January.



Sports News: Basketball is beginning for 4th, 5th and 6th class on Thursday 11th January. Swimming starts for 6th class on Thursday 11th also. Every class will be completing a module of gymnastics during the months of January and February. Tracksuit days for **all classes** are now Wednesdays & Thursdays.



Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Rang 2	Ezra de Barra, Cillian Ó Faogáin, Sobáiste Ó Duinn
Rang 3	Seán Ó Caomhánaigh, Sam Mac Roibeáird, Oisín Priondargás
Rang 4	Lúcás Mac Rédmáinn, Séamhir Ó Chuilleatáin, Ádam Mac Péice
Rang 5	Roibéard Ó hArrachtáin, Anlón Ó Broin, Eiric Ó Ríagáin
Rang 6	Éatan Ó Ríagáin, Cillian Ó Cinnéide, Éatan Ó Caiside, Renz Tadique



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

January 31 st	Science Open Evening 6:00pm - 7:30pm
February 9 th	2.30 p.m. - February 19 th 8.50am - Midterm
February 26 th	First Penance - Rang 2 @ 5:00pm
April 23 rd	Confirmation - Rang 6 @ 5:00pm
May 18 th	First Communion - Rang 2 @ 10:00am

Le gach dea ghúí,

Pauline Lennon

Principal