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NEWSLETTER - February 2024



Internet Safety Tip for Parents: Have regular conversations with your child.



Board of Management News: Our new BOM held their first meeting on Tuesday, 16th January. They are delighted to announce that we have received the green light from the Department of Education to proceed with our new windows. This work will be carried out by *MHF Architects*.



Voluntary Contributions: Many thanks to all who have contributed so far this year. Payments are welcome at any time.



Science Open Evening: On 31st January, we held a Science Exhibition as part of our project for the Award of Science & Maths Excellence. This is our 18th time entering the awards! All classes displayed examples of their Science, Engineering & Maths Activities & Experiments. Many thanks to the pupils from Rang 6 who kindly offered to help out on the evening.



Safer Internet Day 2024: We will celebrate *Safer Internet Day* on Friday, 2nd February. Reuben, the entertainer, will be here to perform his internet safety show for all classes. Each class will also take part in a slogan competition to promote safety online. The winners will be announced in next month's newsletter. Well done to all of the boys on their creativity around such an important topic!



Parents' Association News: Many thanks to our PA for providing the refreshments on our Open Evening.



Office Hours: Please note that the office is open from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For queries regarding after-school activities, please phone the following numbers directly:

Monday	Drama - Paul Cullen Lego - Emma Molloy	087 2213196 01 2856193
Tuesday	Guitar - Dun Laoghaire School of Music	01 2844178/01 2844798
Wednesday	After-School Sports (3 rd /4 th) - Sophie McDonnell, Jordan Kelly	01 2856193 01 2856193

	GAA (5 th /6 th) - Emma Molloy, Peter Smith	
Thursday	Chess - Alex Baburin Club Gaeilge - Emma Molloy	087 9682378 01 2856193



Curriculum Planning - All primary schools are required to close for a full school day, to plan for the *Primary Maths Curriculum*. We have chosen **Tuesday, 6th February** for our school closure.



Green Schools News: Many of the boys have been regularly participating in our school's *Walk On Wednesday* initiative since September. Each Wednesday the group leaves from Cuala GAA Grounds on Hyde Road at 8.45 a.m. There has been great enthusiasm so far and we would encourage everyone, who can, to join us on Wednesday mornings, especially as the weather is getting nicer. Why not choose the green option for getting to school!



Active School News: We were so excited to be awarded our first Active School Flag in June 2023. Our Active School Committee is working hard to keep everyone in our school fit and healthy. At the start of the year, 2nd, 3rd and 4th class enjoyed the *Run Around Ireland* initiative while 5th and 6th class completed the *Marathon Kids* programme. The boys had great fun during *Active Advent* with daily challenges and fun activities throughout December. Everyone is really looking forward to *Active Week* in April. We are proud to be an Active School!



Sports News:

- Basketball: Fourth, Fifth and Sixth class are doing basketball coaching with Ed Randolph every Thursday.
- GAA: We are delighted to have a new coach, Shane Mangan, for after-school GAA coaching in Cuala on Wednesday afternoons for Fifth and Sixth class.
- Gymnastics: Every class is continuing to do gymnastics in the hall on Wednesdays in February.
- Swimming: Sixth class are enjoying their weekly swimming lessons in Castle Park.



Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine:

Rang 2	Jack Mac Fhearadhaigh, Coen Jackson, Alsandar Ó Ríau
Rang 3	Seoirse de Búrca, Oisín Ó Síordáin, Oisín Priondargás
Rang 4	Daniél Ó Scinéir, Daniél Ó Seachnasaigh, Seáspar Tan
Rang 5	Lúcas Mac Searrach, Floinn Ó Murchú, Rudy Ó Murchú
Rang 6	Dáithí Ó Madáin, Meiscill Brodka, Éibhear Ó Ceallacháin

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 5 th	School Closure - Public Holiday
February 6 th	School Closure - Curriculum Planning
February 9 th	Midterm Break 2.30 p.m. School reopens February 19 th 8.50 a.m.
February 26 th	First Penance - Rang 2 @ 5:00pm
March 1 st - 17 th	Seachtain na Gaeilge
March 18 th	School Closure - Public Holiday
March 22 nd	12 noon to April 8 th 8.50 a.m. - Easter Holidays

Le gach dea ghúí,

Pauline Lennon

Principal