



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some highlights of this term in school were: Grandparents Day as part of Catholic Schools Week, Preparation for First Penance and the celebration of First Penance on 9th March, World Book Day, the children dressed up in characters from well known books, Street Scene presented by the Road Safety Authority - an activity based programme which the children thoroughly enjoyed as they became familiar with rules of the road.

This knowledge was then put into practice this week as we went on our Easter bonnet/hat walk around Old Bawn. All the children took part in Irish Dancing as part of Seachtain an Gaeilge under the direction of our dancing teacher Natalie. All these activities take place alongside all the subjects that are taught in all the classrooms each day. I am greatly indebted to the dedication and commitment of the teaching staff and ancillary staff to ensure that your child experiences success and happiness in our school.

Thank you to all parents for all that you do to support our work. I appeal to you to observe the parking restrictions outside the school and to walk along the

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path to the lining up area near the main entrance.

On behalf of all the staff I wish you a very blessed Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

Mairéad Ryan, Principal

## Easter Egg Fun !

1. Juggle the Easter eggs.
2. Egg and spoon race.
3. Easter egg hunt- in the house or the garden.
4. Roll the eggs down a hill and see who wins.
5. Make an Easter egg mobile.
6. Make an Easter Bonnet.
7. Pass the Easter egg game. If you let it fall - you are out !
8. Paint real eggs and display them in the window.

## Lift-Off to Literacy

Lift-off to Literacy is a new reading initiative in our school. A number of teachers were trained for this programme during the summer. Lift-off started in October 2012 and its proving to be a great success. To date the Lift-off team has worked with Ms. Costello and Ms. Orme's classes for a 7-8 week period. We hope to start Lift-off with Ms. McGrath's class after Easter. Four teachers including the class teacher take part in the daily session which lasts 50 minutes. We are very grateful to the Parents' Association who raised the money to help purchase the 3,000 books required to implement the programme.

The Lift-off Team (Mrs. Nugent, Ms. Butler & Mrs. Glennon)

## Music in the Classroom

On Tuesday March 5th we boarded the buses and set off for the National Concert Hall. At last our annual trip for 'Music in the Classroom' had arrived! All the children had practiced the songs and dance movements and were ready to perform with songs like 'rock around the clock, Y.M.C.A, greased lightning'. They really got into the mood. They were singing along with the children's dance troupe that accompanied the orchestra.

The performance had another aspect as well. The children were introduced to all the musical instruments and got to hear some classical pieces of music also. This trip has become an integral part of our music curriculum and is an invaluable experience for the children. (Ms. Nevin)

## The Concert Hall

We went to visit the Orchestra in the National Concert Hall. We all went on 4 big buses and loved being on the bus. We saw all the instruments, the conductor and a silly man named Peter Sweeney. The boys liked the double bass best, the girls liked the violins best. The dancers were brilliant. The Dance Party was great, especially when all the schools joined in and we all waved our arms. Some parts were funny especially when the conductor was hit with the hammer. We all hope we can go back next year.

(Ms. Costello Room 5)

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## Room 8

We've been very busy in Room 8 since Christmas, celebrating Chinese New Year, taking a trip to the National Concert Hall and preparing for our First Confession. One of our favourite activities was a trip to Tallaght village on a lovely sunny day in February. We looked at old photos and maps and learned that Tallaght was once a very different place, with farms, mills for making flour and even a castle! We'd like to thank all of the parents and grandparents who came on the walk with us and told us what they remembered about the Tallaght they grew up in.

(Mr Callan)

## PANCAKE TUESDAY

ON PANCAKE TUESDAY WE MADE PANCAKES WITH MRS. GLENNON. WE USED FLOUR, EGGS, SALT AND MILK. THEY WERE VERY TASTY. WE PUT JAM, SUGAR AND LEMON JUICE ON THEM,. WE LOVE PANCAKES.  
- CONOR RICHMOND (MS. BURNS)  
- MIA ARUNKAMAR & LEAH DELANEY (MR. CALLAN)

## Visit from the Road Safety Authority

We got a photo. Then we went to an imaginary world. It was amazing. We had to dress up. It was lots of fun. We got our own licence. We watched a video. We got to act in a fake car and look at the mirrors. We saw that it was hard to see. In the imaginary world if you got hurt you have to go to a fake hospital. If someone blew the whistle you had to freeze on a safe place. The postman had to deliver the post. - Darragh Stevens (Ms. Orme)

## Seachtain na Gaeilge - Irish Week

We had some fun using our 'cúpla focail' during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhain na páisítí i seomra 12 ( Ms. Murren) agus seomra 10 (Ms. Ní Fheargail) trial as an 'gCic fada' agus an "Puc fada'. Natalie our Irish dancing teacher co-ordinated our Céilí in the halla. There were lots of 'Aon, Dó, Trí's!! Ms Nevins' children created a life size figure of St. Patrick which is on display in the halla. (Mrs. Nugent)

## Gardening News

With all the snow and hail and rain we have had lately , it is hard to believe that Spring has arrived at all ! We are hoping that the sun will shine and the ground will dry after Easter. We plan to gig over all the beds and do a general tidy up before the children start the Spring planting. We will be looking for a little help in the first week or two. If you have any time at all to spare- even 30 mins. It will be appreciated. No experience necessary, we will give you full instruction ! Looking forward to seeing you then. Joan Nevin.

## How to make Chocolate Nests for Easter

### INGREDIENTS.

- 150 G MILK CHOCOLATE.
- 3 SHREDDED WHEAT.
- MINI CHOCOLATE EGGS.

### METHOD

- BREAK CHOCOLATE INTO SMALL PIECES IN A BOWL
- MELT CHOCOLATE OVER POT OF BOILING WATER. AN ADULT MUST DO THIS BIT
- CRUSH THE SHREDDED WHEAT INTO BOWL OF CHOCOLATE. MIX THOROUGHLY.
- SPOON ONTO GREASE PROOF PAPER.
- SHAPE INTO NESTS.
- ADD THE MINI EGGS AND MAYBE A LITTLE CHICK.
- LEAVE TO SET , THEN ENJOY !

WE MADE THEM AND THOUGHT THEY WERE DELICIOUS !  
-ENGLISH LANGUAGE GROUP, MS. NEVIN

## WORLD BOOK DAY

WORLD BOOK DAY WAS ON THE 7TH OF MARCH-ANOTHER FUN DRESS-UP DAY. SOME REALLY INTERESTING CHARACTERS SHOWED UP ON THE DAY. PRIZES WERE GIVEN FOR THE BEST HOME-MADE COSTUME IN EACH CLASS. PHOTOS OF THIS DAY CAN BE SEEN ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE. (MRS. NUGENT)

