



Dear all,

We are fast approaching Easter. It has been a busy term with lots of interruptions. February and March have simply flown by!

School will close on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March at 12.30 pm and reopens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of April. Infants and their siblings will go home at 12. Please collect from the classroom door.

Tomorrow Friday is Lá Glas, children can wear anything green. This year we will use this day to support Trocaire. €1/2 donation if you would like to. Trocaire boxes: These can be returned to the school after the Easter holidays.

Thank you for continuing to support the Parents' Committee. They will host an Easter Egg hunt on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March at school and all the children will receive a chocolate bar. The children really enjoy this.

I hope you all have a lovely St Patrick's Day and let's hope the weather over Easter is sunny!

Please note our Child Safeguarding Statement is on our website under policies.

Mrs Murphy

### SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Bhí an sport againn. Rinne gach duine iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt. ( we all made the effort to speak as much Irish as possible). There were 'scits' and competitions all week. Well done everyone.



**Green Flag:** The Green Flag committee continue to work hard reminding us all to look after our environment. The children learned that it is important to look after our environment so that our native creatures can live in safety. Yvonne from Dublin Hedgehog Rescue Centre brought two hedgehogs injured on the road to visit us. Two lovely characters!



### Dates for your Diary:

Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March : Lá Glas, dress up to celebrate St Patrick's Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge ( Irish week).

Easter holidays : School closes at 12.30 on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and reopens on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April.

School is closed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May for staff training in New Primary Language Curriculum.

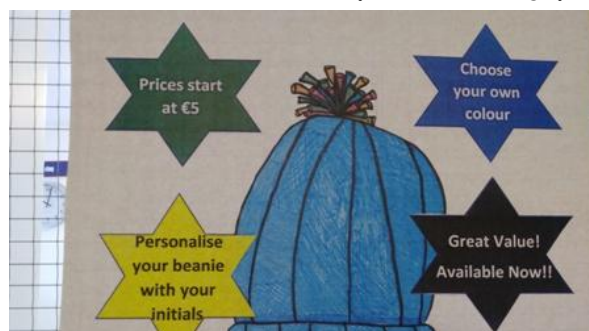
Confirmation is on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May at 12 noon. First Holy Communion is on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May at 12 noon.

How exciting! The Yellow Flag Committee met our President Michael D Higgins and his wife at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham in Dublin. The committee was there to mark the one year anniversary of the recognition of Travellers as an ethnic group. The committee has worked hard on Friendship Week also.



### Junior Entrepreneur Programme 2018

Bonker Baniez on sale now. Prices from €5.



## Yellow Flag Committee/Student Council

### Friendship Week 2018

Friendship Week was a lovely week that highlighted the importance of friendship and most importantly on how to be a good friend. Children wrote recipes for Good Friendship, created lovely art work, did an act of kindness for their secret friend, sang songs, learned about bullying and how to deal with a bully. Our friendship tree had lots of lovely messages.



The winner of the Friendship Week art competition



The Parents' committee served tea, juice and croissants for Breakfast morning.

Update on BOM: We would like to thank Martin Fanning ( Patron's rep) for his dedication to the Board. Martin has been treasurer for 5 years, as his children have moved on he felt it was time to step down. We welcome Kevin Tolan to the Board as the new Patron's rep. Sharon Brennan will take on the role of treasurer.

### First Confession

The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class made their First confession. It was a lovely ceremony.

The 6<sup>th</sup> class children have had their ceremony of light and their ceremony of reconciliation and are looking forward to their confirmation.

**Athletics:** A group represented the school at the national indoor track in Abbotstown this week. Under the watchful eye of Mr Callaghan the children took part in the high jump, sprints, long jump, hurdles, 600m and relay races. Also this week a crowd went to take part in cross country in Newbridge House which was particularly muddy. All had great fun! More photos on the website.



**GAA:** The boys and girls Gaa teams are in full swing. Ms O Mahony, Mrs Kennedy, Mr Hall and Ms Kiernan are busy coaching and arranging matches. Both are in a very competitive league this year.

**Soccer :** The soccer season is also underway. Mr Callaghan's and Mr Hall's boys are training hard .

**Cricket:** Mrs McGovern has organised training sessions for children on a Monday.

**Snow Days:** see the website for lovely photos. Thank you to everyone for sending in clips of what the children were creating in the snow.



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Thank you to the Parents' Committee.



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