



EVENTS IN APRIL

Swimming Lessons:

A 6 week block of **swimming lessons** in Northside Pool commenced today, Tuesday 10th April for the children in 2nd and 3rd class. We are looking for female volunteers on 17th, 24th April and 1st, 8th and 15th May to accompany the girls to and from the pool. If you are available on any of these dates, please let your child's teacher know. The school is delighted to be able to subsidise these lessons as we believe swimming is a life-skill that all children should learn.

Artane Band Outreach Programme:

The Artane Band Outreach Programme will be working with the girls in 3rd class, **teaching them the recorder for 9 classes, culminating in a performance on stage with the Artane Band on Friday 1st June.** This is a highly successful programme and the progress the children make with their instrument is impressive. We are delighted to be involved with this once again this year.

Tag Rugby Event:

Following on from our participation with the Leinster Tag Rugby Schools Programme we will be sending a **5th and 6th class team** to compete in a **Tag Rugby Blitz in Donnybrook on Thursday 19th April.** This should be a great day out for the children and introduce them to a slightly more competitive version of the game.

G.A.A. Blitz:

As we would never forget our Gaelic roots, we will also be sending a team to compete in a **G.A.A. blitz in Parnells G.A.A. Club on Friday 20th April!** The school football team will be competing against some other local schools on the day in what should be a fun-filled local derby.

6th Class Retreat:

The 6th class retreat had to be rescheduled because of the snow and will now be taking place in school on **Monday 23rd April.** It will be a lovely chance for the girls to take stock of their spirituality and reflect on their time in Primary School before transitioning to secondary school.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back from the Easter Break. We hope everyone is feeling refreshed and rejuvenated as we face into the last term of what has been a really fulfilling and action-packed academic year. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our various fundraising efforts last month. As you may be aware, the school encourages the children to support two outside charities each year. **The Trócaire Lenten Campaign (Trócaire boxes) raised €571.44** for this worthy charity and the girls in **6th class donated money from gifts they received on making their Confirmation to St. Francis Hospice in Raheny.** Well done to everyone who showed such charity and generosity. **Thanks also to everyone for supporting our Stationery Fair which raised €472, Easter Chicks €437 and Easter Raffle €358** all of which raise vitally necessary funds for the school to supplement various activities for the children and to purchase equipment.

TALK ON TRANSITION TO SECONDARY:

All parents of girls in 5th and 6th class are invited to a talk given by the National Parents' Council in the school hall on **Monday 16th April at 7.30 p.m.** The talk will focus on what parents can expect and how they can help their children cope with the **transition into secondary school.** The talks by the N.P.C. are always very informative and offer practical tips for parents. It is very worthwhile attending the talk.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Bag to School will be collecting all the clothing and shoes bags that you have been sending in to the school on **26th April.** **If you have any clothes you would like to get rid of, please drop them in to the school any day.** 10% of the money raised from the collection goes to the Laura Lynn Foundation.

HSCL Science for Fun:

Science for Fun started today and will be running for the next 3 Tuesdays (**17th, 24th April and 1st May**) for the children in **3rd and 4th class.** This is a lovely chance for the parents of 3rd/4th class to get involved and come into their child's classroom to work with a small group on an experiment. There is nothing to fear!!! Aisling runs through the experiment you will be doing with the group in advance and makes sure it's easy and fun. We would love to have more volunteers for this. **Please contact Aisling if you're available for any of the upcoming dates on 086 0439773.**

Full Attendance Assembly:

We will be holding our monthly Full Attendance Assembly on **Monday 30th April** to celebrate the girls with full attendance for April. Those who have not missed a day in February, March and April will receive a prize and certificate.

Cycle Right Programme:

The Cycle Right Programme is an 8 week programme that aims to develop the children's cycling skills to a road-worthy level. Our **5th class** girls will be taking part this year commencing on **Friday 27th April.** The programme is part-funded by Dublin City Council and the school

Family Mass:

This month's family mass will be held in **St. John Vianney Church, Ardlea at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday 22nd April.** All are welcome, especially the families of those making their Communion or those who have made their Confirmation this year.



Senior Infants on their Easter Egg Hunt

ICT UPGRADE:

We have installed new ActivePanels (which are like huge, touch screen TVs/Computers) in 4th, 5th and 6th class. The ActivePanels replace the Interactive Whiteboards that were in use in these rooms and are top of the range. We got all of the other Interactive Boards serviced and installed brand new projectors on 4 of them, which should extend their life by another 3-5 years. Our next planned ICT investment will be the purchase of a full class set of I pads or tablets along with a charging station for use by all the classes in the school.

GREEN FLAG:

The area of focus for the Green Flag is **water conservation** and developing good habits among the children in terms of water usage. We hope the children will bring what they learn about water conservation into their homes for the benefit of our planet.

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