

### ACTIVE HOME WEEK

Many of you will be aware that the school, led by Ms. Shaughnessy and Ms. Sherwin have done enormous work this year towards renewing our Active School Flag. We have revamped our break times making them mega active and engaged with so many activity challenges like the Daily Mile and Marathon Kids. We were soooooo close to getting the flag. It would be a terrible shame to let the Corona Virus stop us in our tracks – especially now that we have such a swanky and colourful sprint track to use ☺

**SO LET'S NOT LET ANYTHING STOP US!!!**

This week, April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> we are going to organise an ACTIVE HOME WEEK! This will be counted towards our flag attempts if 50% or more of our pupils engage with the week (which is instead of holding an Active Schools Week). We are really hopeful that at least half of you want to get active and have fun doing it with us this week. Please join us!

The teachers have worked really hard to put together a lovely, action-packed week for you, filled with fun activities to get the heart rate going. We will be posting some ideas each day this week on the active school page. Even Colm McDonald is getting involved and will be recommending a video to try out each day. You'll find these under "Colm Says..." on the website. This is your chance to get creative, try something new, enjoy being active and most importantly have lots of fun!

Enclosed in this pack is a diary chart to write in 4 different activities you have tried out each day, hitting your active target of 60 minutes daily. We would absolutely love if you could share some of the ways you are keeping active with us via email and we will in turn be sharing some pictures of what we teachers are up to!

Tune into the website daily for your Active Home Challenges....



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Decided to post home this little pack with the enclosed two booklets to cater for people who are struggling with internet access. This way, everyone can get the news ☺ And who doesn't enjoy opening surprise post that's not a bill!

The first book is called The Great Isolation Workbook and was created by a teacher called Lucy Harris who very kindly shared this resource with other schools to use. There are some lovely bits in it. I really hope your daughter gets some enjoyment out of it.

The second book is a really nicely illustrated book explaining Corona Virus to kids. This would be a lovely, really child-friendly way of approaching it with the girls at home.

I have also included The Active Home Activity Diary for you to get busy on next week and a poster advertising our Art Competition.

## School Meals

The food parcels are going really well. It was so great to see everyone – from a safe distance! – and have a little catch up. Week 1 of the parcels was non-perishable foods like pasta, sauces, pancakes, rice cakes, soups etc. Then for a change we went with a fresh delivery for week 2, which included staples like milk, butter, bread, fruit etc. We will get some feedback on which parcels people preferred and go with that for the future pick-ups.

Collection is every Thursday between 11 and 12. The parcels are free. They are instead of the school lunches the children would have been receiving in school. It is not too late to get added to the list. Just text Nessa on 086 0439773 and she sends me on your name and I add you to the order. Simple!

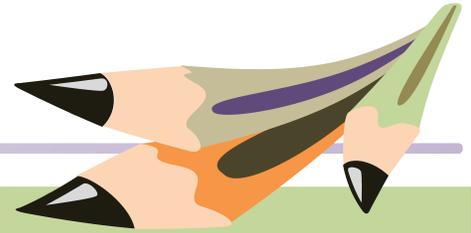
## Little Pressies in the Post

We have been trying to be really creative about providing work the children can do at home without constantly needing to be attached to a screen. Hopefully you all received your art packs in the post by now. I hope you are really enjoying getting creative and designing some beautiful pieces. Keep an eye on the website/see enclosed poster for further details about an art competition to put the pack to good use. Mystery prizes for the winners. Please don't be shy about emailing us in photos of you having fun with the packs and designing your wonderful creations.

You will also receive another little pressie in the post in the coming days. I don't want to spoil the surprise but keep a watchful eye on the postman. You won't believe what he's got for you... Please bear in mind though that we ordered from different companies so some classes may receive their pressie before others. Don't panic. There is one for everyone!!

## Clothing Collection

If you have decided to go all Marie Condo on the house (as many of us are!) please remember the school will take your unwanted clothes, shoes and bags for our clothing collection. As soon as the school reopens you can send in your bags and help the school start paying off the astroturf!!



Check out the new astroturf and 60m sprint track

## Admissions to Schools

A new draft policy on enrolment is on the website for parental consultation. The changes had to be made to ensure we were keeping within the new legislation passed in the Dáil relating to admissions to schools. The policy will be sent to Archbishop's House for approval on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Email [info@stjohnofgodartane.com](mailto:info@stjohnofgodartane.com) with any comments on the policy before 28<sup>th</sup> April.

I know there has been a lot of anxiety around the Communion. I hope it has been a relief to you to have an answer to that question – The Communion has been postponed and will not be going ahead on 9<sup>th</sup> May. The girls will definitely be making their Communion at a later date. This may even be next year but I will get back to you as soon as possible..

Similarly, 6<sup>th</sup> class have been worried about their graduation. Whatever happens, we will be organising something lovely for 6<sup>th</sup> class to say goodbye to the school and to their friends. When this will happen is not yet clear but be assured you will have your graduation!!

Stay safe and well everybody.

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Aoife McNicholas  
Principal

