

### ST. BRIGID'S DAY:

Spring has arrived! Thank you to Sr. Anna for giving the classes a demonstration on how to make St. Brigid's crosses. It is wonderful for the children to keep the old traditions alive.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK AND GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Thank you to all the grandparents who joined us on 1<sup>st</sup> February for our second Grandparent's day. It was a lovely occasion. This was a great part of our celebration of Catholic Schools' Week. Thank you to Fr. Lyng for lighting the special candle and passing it to our principal, Mrs Cleary, who then passed it to Mrs Terry Heavey who passed it on to Rachel her grandchild. This symbolised the triangle of influence on a child's faith formation – the home, school and parish. What a great song we had from Killian's grandad Pat Tierney and then Mrs Jean Morton gave a moving account of her life and the importance of her grandchildren. Various children represented their classes by reading out their beautiful poems and prayers.



### STUDENTS' COUNCIL:

Our fantastic new Students' Council kept our Grandparents' event moving smoothly and were great welcome ambassadors for our school. Well done Rebecca, Matthew, T.J., Joe, Laura, Henry, Eloise, Jack, Brannagh and Aaron.

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### DOODLE FOR GOOGLE

Congratulations to Rebecca Gillen in 6<sup>th</sup> class who got to the quarter finals of the Doodle for Google competition.

### OPERATION TRANSFORMATION:

The children got a great insight into the working of television when we had the cameras from RTE's Operation Transformation filming our "10 @ 10" activity. The children made a giant circuit around the school and played the game "Hot Potato". We all had great fun. Check out the link on our website.



### ACTIVE FLAG:

The "10 @ 10" activity linked perfectly with our pursuit of the "Active Flag". Our committee are keeping us all on our toes. They carry out exercises with the children as they line up after the early break. Junior and Senior Infants and Fifth and Sixth are completing laps of the shelter hoping to reach their target distances. Check out our Active Flag blog at the following link:  
<https://activeedmondstown.wordpress.com/>  
Special thanks to Mr. O'Dwyer who is co-ordinating our Active Flag activities.

### GREEN SCHOOL NEWS:

Congratulations to all those children who are walking to school every day and to those who make a special effort on Wednesdays. We continue to monitor our litter and waste and our electricity usage. We continue to strive for our Biodiversity Flag. Some great slogans have been entered for our competition. Congratulations to Lily and Aoife from Junior and Senior Infants and to Aoife from 5<sup>th</sup> for their great posters – keep them coming in! We cannot wait to see all the new daffodil bulbs

sprouting. Our Amuigh Faoin Spéir learning zone will arrive soon!

#### EARLY ARRIVERS:

Some children are arriving very early to school and are running around the school premises, often unsupervised by their parents. Please be advised that the school does not open until 8.45am and children are not insured on the premises until that time. If you come to school early with your child, please ensure that they sit in the shelter with you.

#### CAR PARKING:

As you are all aware, the school is located on a dangerous bend. It has come to my attention that some parents are parking on the dangerous bend at the bridge. This is totally unacceptable as it puts all children in danger. Please refrain from doing this and use the layby. If you see any parent parking in this illegal manner, please advise the school. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated, as the safety of our children must be paramount.

#### STEM AT EDMONDSTOWN

We continue to strive for our Excellence in Science and Maths Award. Lots of great work is going on in the classrooms on the various themes. Keep an eye on our STEM link on the homepage of the website.



#### P.E. SHED

If anyone is available to help out over the mid term break with some d.i.y. and cleaning of the p.e. shed, please leave your name in the office. We hope to put up some shelving etc., to make it easier to store and access equipment.

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#### NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Rehearsals are continuing for the National Children's Choir and the repertoire is beautiful. A special thanks to Ms Wallnutt who puts so much energy and commitment into this fantastic venture. It really is a terrific opportunity for the children.

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Congratulations to the children in first and second class who are continuing with their preparations for their big day. Thanks to the school choir for the lovely singing at last Sunday's mass, and again to Ms Wallnutt for leading them.

#### PRAYERS:

We ask that you continue to keep Ms Tallon and Valerie in your prayers. We are delighted that Catherine Behan is recovering well from her recent operation.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

School Closes this Friday for MID TERM break at 1.30 for Junior & Senior Infants and 2.30 for all other children. The school will reopen on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45am.

8<sup>th</sup> March: School CLOSED : Teachers training in New Primary Language Curriculum.

23<sup>rd</sup> March: First Penance

13<sup>th</sup> May: Communion

9<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day

Wishing you all a lovely Mid Term Break.

**Philomena Cleary - Principal**