

EDMONDSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL: APRIL NEWSLETTER 2019

Dear Parents,

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy, Holy and Chocolate-filled Easter!

TRÓCAIRE:

Please return your Trócaire box to the school on or before Wednesday morning (9am), 10th April when it will be collected by Trócaire. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to collect Trócaire boxes after this date and if you forget to bring it in, you will have to return it to your local church.



COLOURS DAY:

Please support our Past Pupil – Eimear Casey who is volunteering in Kenya as part of her Transition Year Experience. Eimear has been working hard in our school every Wednesday for the past few months. We are asking the children to wear any colour they like next Friday 12th. Emer and her friends gave a short presentation to the children on Monday about the work they will be undertaking. Please donate a minimum of €2 per family.

STEM:

We continue to work towards our Badge of Excellence and we sincerely thank Mr. O'Dwyer who is completing all the paperwork and keeping us on track. We recently got some new STEM kits which the children will enjoy using.

FOCUS GROUP:

Joan Colgan and Sheila Nugent attended a Focus Group in Clonliffe College recently on the Grow in Love Programme. We thank them for giving up their time to represent 'Parental Views' on the teaching of Religion in our school.

IT

We continue to upgrade our IT equipment. We are especially grateful to Ms Jenni Cullen who has spent a lot of time ensuring that our class computers are up and running. Jenni has also been very proactive in ensuring that our school is upgraded to high speed broadband and we are very grateful to her for sharing her expertise, time and knowledge.



EASTER RAFFLE:

The Parents' Association will hold its annual Easter Raffle shortly. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

FIRST PENANCE:

On Wednesday 10th April, the First Penance service will take place at 7pm in the school hall. Children from first and second will attend. Ms Wallnutt will have a selection of the choir singing at the ceremony and we thank them for giving up their time.



CHOIR:

The children from the choir performed with the National Children's Choir in the basketball arena last Wednesday, 3rd April. The performance was absolutely outstanding – congratulations to one and all and especially Ms Wallnutt for the huge amount of work she has put in to teaching the repertoire to the children.

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SPORTS:

Our girls' Camogie team continues to do very well and they had another impressive win over St. Raphaels last week. Well done one and all!

Nicci Daly will visit our school on Thursday 11th April. Nicci is a past pupil of Edmondstown and we are so proud of her. She will bring her Runners Up World Hockey Medal with her.



AUTISM AWARENESS:

April is Autism Awareness month. The teachers will deliver various lessons on the topic and Marie will visit the classes to give a short description of Autism. Children may wear BLUE on Thursday 11th.

EASTER HOLIDAYS:

The school will close for Easter Holidays on Friday 12th April at 12 Noon and reopen on Monday 29th April at 8.45am.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS' WEEK

The school will celebrate Active Schools' Week during the week of 8th May. We look forward to lots of sporting activities.

DÁIL VISIT:

Thank you to Ms Catherine Martin T.D. who has organised for 4th and 5th to visit Dáil Éireann on 16th May. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and we are very grateful to Catherine.

GREEN SCHOOLS:

The school has been chosen to participate in the Global Goals Conference in the Helix on 21st May. Ms Brocklebank is working hard with the Green School Committee on the work they will display.

Well done to those children who continue to walk on Wednesday (and indeed some walk every day). Keep it up!

We will be planting out our seedlings when we come back to school after Easter. Please remember to water your plants at home over the holidays.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

10TH April: First Penance, 7pm, School Hall

11th April: Blue Day : Autism Awareness

12th April: School closes for Easter: Half Day

7th May: School closed for children: Primary Language Curriculum Training for teachers.

16th May: Dáil visit: 4th & 5th class

18th May: First Holy Communion: 10.30am

24th May: J. Infant – 2nd Class: School Tour

29th May: 3rd Class – 6th Class: School Tour

7th June: Sports Day

10th June: Transition to Secondary Talk for parents.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir.

Philomena Cleary

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