

EDMONDSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year to one and all and we look forward to productive, happy and healthy terms two and three.



OPERATION TRANSFORMATION

There was great excitement in the school on Friday 19th January when the cameras came in to film the children about their "10@10" activities. We were so proud to let them know that we have achieved the "Active Flag". Well done to Mr O' Dwyer and the Active Flag Committee for all their hard work. Keep it up!! Edmondstown will feature in the programme on Tuesday 23rd January at 8.30pm.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

The council are listening closely to their class mates and discussing ideas and suggestions. They are promoting the use of Gaeilge.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK & GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Catholic schools' week takes place from 28th January until 4th February. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools Families of Faith". We will host a Grandparents' Day on Friday 2nd February. We look forward to seeing all the grandparents.



GREEN SCHOOLS:

The Green School Committee is working as hard as ever on our theme Biodiversity. 3rd & 4th class are making lovely bird feeders for the garden. Don't forget to keep walking on Wednesdays. Have you noticed all the lovely daffodils, crocus & snowdrop bulbs sprouting in the garden? Our sensory beds have arrived including a solar powered feature & pond. Some plants have been planted: grass, lavender & mint etc. Our new computerised "weather station" has been installed and is providing lot of information. Our large vegetable bed will be installed next week.

WEEE RECYCLING

On Friday 26th January you can bring any electrical goods to the school for recycling including batteries. Please note the collection will be at 10am. Please don't bring anything after this time as we will have to send it back to you.

LAUDATE

The school choir will sing at the Laudate festival in St. Colmcille's Church on Monday 29th January at 7pm. We congratulate Ms Wallnutt and the choir on what promises to be a lovely festival.

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SCARAMENTAL PREPARATION

The children in 5th & 6th are continuing to prepare for their Confirmation. There will be a meeting for parents on Tuesday 30th January at 7.30pm in school hall. An enrolment ceremony will take place on Sunday 4th February at 12pm.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER APPEAL

We raised €130 with our jumper appeal and that has been sent to the children's hospital. Thank you one and all.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The school Christmas card fundraiser raised €399. Thank you to Linda who worked so hard to organise this.

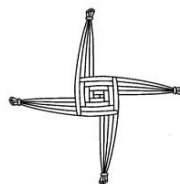
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Thank you to our great parents' association who did a terrific job at the Christmas fair and managed to raise €1670. Again we thank Fiona & Gerry Cunney for the wonderful reindeer workshop they gave to 5th & 6th.

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.



ST. BRIGID'S DAY

On Wednesday, 24th January Sr. Anna will come in to visit the children and give them a workshop on St. Brigid. The older children will make traditional St. Brigid Crosses. We thank Sr. Anna and also the Lambert family for the reeds.

PRAYERS

We ask that you continue to keep Ms Tallon and Valerie in your prayers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th January : Recycling Day
29th January : Laudate Festival
2nd February : Grandparents' Day
12th & 13th February : Parents' Teacher Meetings
14th February : School closes 12 midday
15th & 16th February : School closed : mid-term break
9th April : School closed : teachers training in New Primary Language Curriculum
14th April : Confirmation Ceremony: 11am

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Principal