

**NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK:**

It was great to see so many children cycling and scooting to school last week. Our new bicycle shelter was really in demand. Congratulations to all those who won terrific goody bags full of bicycle accessories courtesy of South Dublin County Council. All those who couldn't cycle got to participate in a colouring competition.

**GAA BLITZ:**

What a wonderful day 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class had last Friday when they walked up to Wanderers GAA club for a football blitz. They teamed up with children from Scoil Mhuire. Seán Kelly, our GAA coach, kept them moving all day. I'm quite sure they slept like logs that night! We look forward to next September when we will field girls' and boys' teams in Cumann na mBunscoil.

**PAWS PROGRAMME:**

Karen Morton kindly came in to classes from Junior Infants up to 4<sup>th</sup> and delivered the PAWS programme. This is a land-based water safety course. Karen was very professional and the children really enjoyed the lessons. Every child will receive a certificate and a swim hat. Thank you Karen!

**LIBRARY BOOKS:**

The last day for returning books to the library is Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June. I would like to thank Marie and Colette for all their hard work in the library over the past year. Many thanks also to those families who donated books to the library during the year.

**UNIFORMS:**

The school uniform may be purchased at The Schoolwear House, Unit 3, Ballyogan Business Park, Ballyogan Road, Dublin 18. Tel: 01 2021540. Please make sure your children bring home all clothing before the school closes on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**GRADUATION:**

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes will perform their end of year play in the school hall on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, at 7.30pm. This will be followed by Graduation for 6<sup>th</sup> class. We wish 6<sup>th</sup> class the very best of luck in their new adventure into secondary school. We say a fond farewell to some families, who after a long history with us, are ending their time with Edmondstown.

**T.V. STARS!**

I hope you got to enjoy 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class in their recent t.v. appearance on RTE2's News2day programme. They represented themselves, their families and our school



wonderfully. Catch it on RTE player if you missed it! They are also featured in The Echo newspaper this week – we'll be looking for autographs next! The children raised €500 with their Bí Gnóthach project and donations from their Confirmation money. They donated a cheque for €500 to The Irish Cancer Society. They received beautiful certificates in recognition of this fantastic achievement. Well done one and all!

### **MEITHEAL:**

Calling all budding gardening enthusiasts and anyone with a spade! We need you on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm to help us weed and tidy our school garden. Members of Ballyboden Tidy Towns and the local Men's shed will be on hand to offer expertise. Please come along - many hands make light work. It would be great to have the garden looking well for the Green Flag ceremony. There might even be a cup of tea!!!!



### **WRITE A BOOK:**

We are delighted that Briain Walsh from 5<sup>th</sup> class, has had his Write a Book story printed in a book – We are Writers. He has kindly donated a copy to the school library. Well done Briain!

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS:**

Grace Walsh, aged 10, was the youngest member to participate in the recent National Special Olympics. We are all very proud of her. She won a bronze medal in the 25m race. Congratulations Grace!

### **GREEN FLAG FOR BIODIVERSITY:**

As you know, after two years of hard work, we have been awarded our fifth green flag, which is for the theme of Biodiversity. Congratulations to our Green School Committee. In recognition of his commitment to and vision for our school garden, Mr. Ben Curtin will raise the new flag at 11.30am on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone is welcome!



### **SCHOOL FEIS:**

Our school Feis will take place on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon, immediately after the Green Flag Ceremony. Ms Merrigan has done great work with the children throughout the year. As usual, the Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will dance individually and displays of group dances will be given by the other children 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes. All parents/guardians are welcome.



### **SUMMER BBQ:**

We are grateful for all the support we receive from parents throughout the year. To celebrate and give thanks, there will be a Summer BBQ after the school Feis on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We might even have a fun duck derby! More details to follow from the Parents' Association soon. Providing the weather co-operates, it will be a lovely way to have a picnic with friends in the school garden. All welcome!

### **SCHOOL REPORTS:**

Everyone should have received their school reports by now. If your child has not handed



up a school report, please contact the school immediately.

### **INCREDIBLE EDIBLES:**

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class are busy working on their "Incredible Edibles" project. They have planted various vegetables – potatoes, carrots, lettuce, turnips. Good luck.



### **KIDS INC. AFTER SCHOOL CARE:**

We are delighted that Kids inc. will be providing afterschool care on-site at Edmondstown, from September. This will be a great service for parents and should be very enjoyable for children. Ph. (01) 6215790 to book your place.

### **PARENTS ASSOCIATION:**

Thank you to our hard working Parents' Association under the stewardship of Lisa Murphy. You are amazing! By hosting receptions at Christmas, sacramental preparations and Graduation, you help give our school a sense of community. By raising funds, you provide valuable support to our stretched budget. This year you have helped purchase vegetable beds, a solar powered pond, a computerised weather station, an orchard, a bicycle shelter, fantastic science kits for our STEM work, graduation keepsakes, and all this in addition to providing goody bags and refreshments at lots of different events. Take a bow one and all!

### **FRIENDSHIP WEEK:**

We will celebrate our Annual Friendship Week during the week of 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **PRAYERS:**

Valerie and Ms Tallon are on the mend, please keep them in your prayers.

This year sees the retirement of Ms Win Collins after 40 years of service. This is indeed a milestone in the life of our school and in her personal life. Ms Collins has been the Deputy Principal for many years and she took up the mantle of Acting Principal whenever it was required. Having such a long history with the school, Ms Collins will be missed. She has a particular flair for art and Gaeilge and the children in her care learned many a craft through the cúpla focail. There is many a child who remembers little kindnesses that were bestowed on them. Ms Collins can enter retirement knowing that she gave teaching her all and now it is her time. So put the feet up Ms Collins and take a well-deserved rest!

### **SPECIAL THANK YOU:**

Finally, thank you to our terrific teachers, to Statia and Linda, to Marie and Colette, to Jean Walsh, to Seán Kelly, to our Board of Management, to friends of Edmondstown such as Catherine and Mick Behan, Sr. Anna, Ms Bernadette Toal and to parents who go above and beyond such as Derek Mc Grath, Aodhan & Jenni Cullen, The Lambert Family, Bridget Alipour and Karen Morton. I appreciate very much your kindness and commitment.

### **Please Note:**

**The school will close at 12 noon on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and re-open on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018, at 8.45am.**

Can I wish you all a safe and sunny summer. Thank you to all the children for their hard work over the past year. Keep safe and have a wonderful summer holiday!

**Philomena Cleary**

**Principal**