

EDMONDSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2018



CONFIRMATION:

On Saturday 14th April the children from 5th and 6th class were conferred with the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Eamonn Walsh. It was a wonderful Ceremony, filled with joy. We are very proud of the children. We thank Mr O'Dwyer and Ms Wallnutt for all the effort they put in to making the Ceremony special. We thank the parish - Fr Lyng, Fr Hughes, Sr Anna and Ms Toal for their great input into the childrens' faith journey over the past 8 years. We are very grateful to the Parents of 5th & 6th who have donated a lilac bush and some rhubarb plants to the school in appreciation of the preparation.



GREEN SCHOOL NEWS:

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in achieving the Green flag for Biodiversity. I would like to thank our Green School Committee for all their hard work and Mr O'Dwyer and Ms Brocklebank for co-ordinating all the activities. A representative group from the committee will attend the award ceremony in the Helix. We have planted our orchard of fruit trees and bushes. Our new bicycle shelter is up and running, thanks to Mr David Hayden and Mr Justin Morton. Please encourage the children to cycle, scoot or walk to school especially on Wednesdays.

FUNDRAISING:

The Parents' Association organised a very successful Easter raffle. The total raised was €370. This amount will be put towards some new science equipment. We are very grateful to Ms Lisa Murphy and the committee for all the hard work they put in to their fundraising initiatives and to you the parents for supporting them.

BOOK BILLS:

Thank you to those families who have paid for all their books for this year. We would urge anyone with remaining bills to pay them as soon as possible as we will be issuing next year's book bill in May so that we can purchase what's required during the summer. Thank you also to those families who have made voluntary contributions. We recommend a donation of €100 per family but we are extremely grateful for any amount. CPSMA are currently running a campaign seeking funding for schools. Please lobby local counsellors and T.Ds regarding this major issue.



SCHOOL CHOIR:

Thank you to Ms Wallnutt and the School Choir for singing at the Confirmation Ceremony on Saturday 14th April. They were wonderful and added a great sense of joy to the occasion.

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EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND MATHS:

As you know we have been placing a great emphasis on STEM subjects for the past few years (please see the link on the school website). In this regard, we will have a little showcase of some of the experiments the children have carried out. This will take place on Wednesday, 25th April at 1pm. Everyone is welcome to visit their child's class.

ENGINEERING:

1st and 2nd class will attend the Engineers' Club this Friday for the Dr Megaphone's Zoom engineering show.



"WRITE A BOOK" COMPETITION:

3rd- 6th class entered the "Write A Book" competition. They enjoyed exchanging books with a class from a different school. Congratulations to Briain Walsh and Sienna Ross who won Merit Awards.

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ:

On Friday 27th April, the children may bring in their favourite book. At 11.40-12pm we will drop everything and join the rest of the nation in the "National Drop Everything and Read Challenge". The

importance of reading for pleasure can never be underestimated.



BIBLE STUDIES:

5th and 6th class have begun 5 weeks of Bible Studies which will be facilitated by Mr. Colin Sheldon. The use of actions is an integral part of this programme and it really helps make the Bible stories come alive for the children.

STAY SAFE:

The children will begin their "Stay Safe" lessons over the coming weeks. Please engage with the worksheets which will be sent home.

TEACHER TRAINING:

The teachers attended a second training day on the new Primary Language Curriculum on 9th April. It was very informative.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Science Showcase: 25th April @ 1pm

Midterm Break: 7th – 11th May

Philomena Cleary

Principal