

EDMONDSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Board of Management and Staff, I would like to wish all our families and friends a happy and holy Easter.



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE:

Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated recently in our school albeit a little late. The Student Council encouraged their peers to use as much Irish as possible. On Friday 16th March, the children dressed in green, white or orange. They looked very festive. Check out the website for some photos. We will have a mini ceolchoirm in the school hall on Friday 23rd March. Bainfidimid go léir sult agus taitneamh as seo.



GREEN SCHOOL NEWS:

Thanks to Eoin Cleary for making some wooden signs for the garden. Mr Francis Duffy has painted on the writing and they look fabulous. Over Easter we hope that our bicycle and scooter shelter will be completed and we thank Mr David Hayden. Junior Infants planted out their broad beans and 1st and 2nd planted potatoes. We hope to have our mini orchard planted up over Easter – weather permitting. On 12th March we had our Green School Inspection for Biodiversity. Maebh from An Taisce was really

impressed with all the hard work we have done. Special thanks to the committee, Mr O'Dwyer and Ms Brocklebank. (We hope to hear some good news soon).

SERVICE OF LIGHT:

On 13th March the children from 5th and 6th celebrated their Service of Light. It was a lovely occasion. They prayed for some leading lights in our community such as Sr. Anna and Bernadette Toal. The children's parents passed over the Baptismal Candles to the children, signifying that they are now responsible for their own faith journey. We pray for God's blessing on all. The school choir were on hand to add to the atmosphere at the ceremony and they were wonderful as always. Sincere thanks to Miss Wallnutt.



ENGINEERS WEEK:

On 14th March 3rd-6th received a visit from two engineers from Jacobs. They really enjoyed this informative and hands on workshop. 1st and 2nd missed out on their trip to Engineers Ireland due to the snow event, however this has been re-scheduled for 27th April. All classes enjoyed working with Lego, Knex and Botley our coding robot. Check out the class pages and stem pages on our website.

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CONVERSATION COAXER:

The Conversation Coaxer was set up this week by two of our student council - Imelda and Sienna. It displays the theme of Seachtain na Gaeilge – didn't they do well?

TRÓCAIRE BOXES:

Thank you to all those families that supported Trócaire. I am confident that your support is very much needed and very much appreciated by those in need. If you forgot to bring in your box, please return it to your local church.



FUNDRAISING:

The Parents' Association has organised an Easter raffle. I hope you can support it. We are very grateful to Lisa and all the committee for all the hard work they put in to their fundraising initiatives.

SACRED SPACE:

Our Sacred space is depicting a Wilderness Garden to remind us of the time spent by Jesus in the desert wilderness. We are reminded to try to give something up and also to try to do something good during the time of Lent. It's not late too start over if you've forgotten!

ENROLMENT 2018

Our Junior Infant class for next September has been finalised and all families have been contacted. I would recommend that you fill in an application form for any younger brothers and sisters and make sure we have this on file for future years.

TEACHER TRAINING:

The teachers will attend a further informative training day on the new Primary Language Curriculum on Monday 9th April, so there will be no school for children that day.



WORLD BOOK DAY:

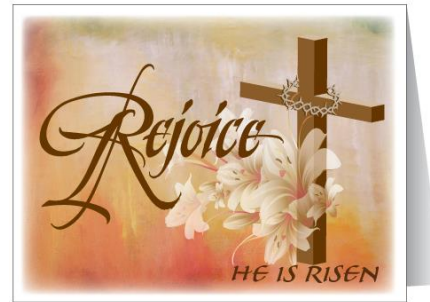
The children have received World Book Day tokens which must be used before next Sunday. After Easter we hope to have a book fair and celebrate books. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class entered the "Write a Book" competition. They enjoyed exchanging books with classes from a different school. We congratulate Sienna from 4th and Briain from 5th who won special awards.

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BIBLE STUDIES:

After Easter 5th and 6th will begin 5 weeks of Bible Studies facilitated by Mr. Colin Sheldon. The use of actions makes the Bible stories come alive for the children.



PRAYERS:

Please keep Ms Tallon and Valerie in your prayers over the Easter period. We think also of members of our community who have passed away recently and we pray especially for their families.



SCHOOL WEBSITE:

We hope you are enjoying the up-to-date content on our school website. It is great to see so many people accessing the site as it is a wonderful showcase for all the fantastic work that goes on in Edmondstown.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir.

EASTER HOLIDAYS:

The school will close at 12 noon on Friday, 23rd March 2018 and all children will go home at this time. The school will re-open on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 8.45am.

Philomena Cleary

Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Confirmation: Saturday 14th April
Time: 10am