# EDMONDSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER: MAY 2018** 

#### **ETHOS:**

**S**r. Anna gave a wonderful workshop to the children from 3<sup>rd</sup> up to 6<sup>th</sup> on the topic of Papa New Guinea. It was very thought provoking and Sr. Anna had a wonderful display of crafts.

The children from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class donated some of their Confirmation money (coupled with the profits from their Bí Gnóthach project and a little add on from the school) to the Irish Cancer Society. This is a wonderful expression of their faith in action. We are extremely proud of them.



### **GREEN SCHOOL NEWS:**

Please continue to Walk on Wednesdays and avail of our new bicycle shelter for scooters or bicycles. We will raise our Green Flag very soon. Thanks to Will, Eloise and Savannah for collecting it from the Helix.

# **FUNDRAISING:**

Thank you to Karen Morton for organising a very successful "Cash for Clobber" collection recently. Thank you to all who supported this venture.

# **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. Thank you to those who have given a voluntary contribution, it is very much appreciated.



#### **EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND MATHS:**

I am delighted to announce that for the second year running, Edmondstown National School has been awarded the SFI plaque of excellence in STEM subjects. Congratulations to everyone, it is a great achievement. Thanks to Mr. O'Dwyer for co-ordinating the activities.

#### SOMETHING FISHY:

5<sup>TH</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class were fortunate to be able to avail of the "Something Fishy" programme run By Blackrock Education Centre in conjunction with Inland Waterways Ireland. The Owendoher river was selected as the study river and beautiful trout were observed there on 31<sup>st</sup> May. The river is one of the cleanest in Ireland.



## **GOAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD:**

In recognition of our fundraising activities for Goal, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class were treated to an excellent drama workshop on the topic of drought and migration. Our school was then presented with a Humanitarian Certificate.

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### **BÍ GNÓTHACH:**

Children from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class ran a very successful Bingo day for the rest of the school. This was part of their entrepreneurship training. We are very proud of the children.

#### **STAY SAFE:**

The children are almost finished their "Stay Safe" lessons. Please continue to engage with the worksheets and make sure to sign and return.



#### **BLOOM IN THE PARK**

As part of the "Incredible Edibles" Project, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will attend Bloom in the Phoenix Park on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June. There they will see lots of fruit and vegetables, which will keep them inspired when working in our school garden.

### **BOOK FAIR:**

There will be a book fair in the school hall next Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. We hope you will support this venture as the school will receive 60% of the profits in vouchers, which we can put towards books. Thank you to Sarah Lambert who will be in charge of the fair.

### **SCHOOL SAVINGS CLUB**

I wish to sincerely thank Imelda Lambert and Bridget Alipour for all their work in the school savings club every Tuesday. It has been a great success. Imelda is taking a rest from this after three years and we are very grateful to her.



### **NEW JUNIOR INFANTS:**

We were delighted to welcome our new Junior Infants to school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. There was great excitement as they met their new teacher and future classmates. Thank you to members of our Student Council who assisted on the day.

#### SCHOOL WEBSITE:

We are thrilled to announce that our school website was awarded the Scoilnet "STAR SITE" Award. We hope you are enjoying the content.
www.edmondstownns.ie

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

1st June: 3/4th visit Bloom

5<sup>th</sup> June: Book Fair

8<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day (note to follow)

12<sup>th</sup> June: Junior – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tour

13<sup>th</sup> June: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Tour

28th June: School Feis

**Philomena Cleary** 

Principal