

# EDMONDSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL: SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have had a very successful year in Edmondstown and the children have worked hard all year. I wish you all a safe and happy summer with all your family and hopefully the sun will shine! I wish our graduating class every good wish for the new adventure of Secondary school that awaits them. Slán agus beannacht!



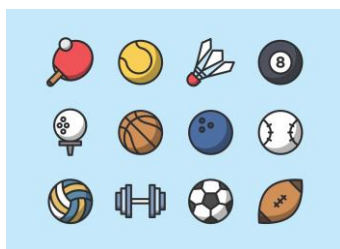
## **ACTIVE FLAG COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Dunne and the wonderful Active Committee put a lot of work into organising various interesting activities throughout the year, such as visits from Rugby Ireland, the Cricket Association, Hit Class experts, GAA, and even a Yoga guru. The committee are very enthusiastic and we are all very proud of their endeavours and for keeping us all on our toes.



## **SPORTS DAY:**

We had a wonderful in-house Sports Day on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone was a winner and received a medal and we had lots of fun. Congratulations to the overall winning team and team leaders.



## **GREEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Well done to Ms Browne and the Green School Committee for all their endeavours this year. They have continued to recycle our lunch waste, ensure that we are not wasting electricity or water and they have planted seeds and trees in our school garden. They water our plants every day and sweep up leaves. We are very proud of how hard they work and of their attitude. There has been a great increase in children walking, scooting and cycling to school and our WOW days have been particularly successful. Coilte invited the committee to Cruagh wood to learn about the regeneration of the woods there and the children planted lots of trees.

All classes received workshops on Biodiversity courtesy of The Heritage Council.



## **STEM:**

We have completed a lot of work on STEM once again this year. We participated in Science Week, Maths Week, Engineers week and Technology week. The children also participated in various workshops sponsored by the library and South Dublin County Council. We have no doubt that we have many future engineers, mathematicians and scientists in our midst.

## **LITERACY/PRIMARY LANGUAGE CURRICULUM:**

Teachers received further training in the Primary Language Curriculum and our focus will be on spoken Irish in the forthcoming year. Please encourage your child to use their cúpla focail as much as possible.

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### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class had 5 weeks of cycling training. All classes availed of complimentary Cricket lessons from the Cricket Association over a period of several weeks.



### **CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL:**

Children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in football and Hurling in the Cumann na mBunscol competition. The children really enjoyed themselves and we are so grateful to Mr. Dunne and Ms Browne who volunteered to coach the children. These after school activities are terrific for the children.

### **SCHOOL TOURS:**

The children had terrific fun on their school tours to Lullymore and Lillyput Adventure Centre.



### **TRANSITION TO SECONDARY:**

Many thanks to Ronan and Fionnuala from our "In-school Therapy Project" team for delivering Transition to Secondary school workshops to our 6<sup>th</sup> class. These weekly sessions were very informative.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL:**

The Student Council have been very active and are wonderful ambassadors for their classes. The organised "Appreciation

Monday" where they encouraged us all to appreciate something or someone special. They also organised various competitions and made lots of announcements on our school intercom. Well done to them all and to Ms Tighe for co-ordinating their efforts.

### **PARENTS ASSOCIATION:**

Thank you to Jen Kelly and her hard working Parents' Association. The recent Cash for Clobber fundraising event was very successful. Many thanks to Karen Morton for organising this and to all of you for donating. The Parents Association put on wonderful receptions for our Confirmation class and also for our Graduation class. I know that these events were really appreciated by the children and their parents. They also treated us to a wonderful Summer BBQ. It was so great to see everyone looking so happy. Many thanks to Sheila and Brian O'Meara for supplying the food for the BBQ.

### **GRADUATION:**



The 6<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony took place on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to 5<sup>th</sup> class who joined 6<sup>th</sup> class for the end of year play which they wrote themselves. I know 6<sup>th</sup> class were glad of your support and it was clear that you all really enjoyed it. Thank you to Sr. Anna and Fr. Lyng and all the teachers and staff. We are very grateful to Mr. Mick Behan and Catherine who were on hand to video the play. The Board of Management gifted the children a personalised candle and a graduation pen. This 6<sup>th</sup> class were very special and we will miss them!

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## **COMMUNITY LINKS:**

### **The Pushkin Project**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class were privileged to be involved in the Pushkin Project. This project is funded by the Duchess of Abercorn. Catherine Behan delivered a series of workshops to the children that involved visiting the local Owendoher River. In between these workshops, the children were inspired to tap into their inherent literary creativity. They created some lovely art pieces and wrote some beautiful poetry. The theme of the project this year was "A Shower of Silver". Well done one and all!



### **Dáil Visit:**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class visited Dáil Éireann, courtesy of Minister Catherine Martin and Francis Duffy, T.D. It was a wonderfully informative trip and we are delighted that the children were given this great opportunity. Sincere thanks!



## **ETHOS:**

The children from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class made their Confirmation on 30<sup>th</sup> April. It was a beautiful ceremony and we are very grateful to Fr. Hughes, Fr. Lyng, Sr. Anna, Bernadette and the school choir who sang beautifully on the day.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class won the recent "Design a Trócaire Box" competition – well done to them all!

## **BOOK BILLS:**

Some families have some money outstanding on their book bill from last year. Some people may have forgotten to pay for the school tour. We would be extremely grateful if you could settle any outstanding amounts and pay the forthcoming book bill as soon as possible.



## **COMMUNICATION:**

We will continue to use our Aladdin communication system for text messages and email. Remember this is a "no reply" email. If you need to email the school please email the office at [edmondstownns@hotmail.com](mailto:edmondstownns@hotmail.com)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

School reopens on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 at 8.45am. Our new Junior Infants will begin at 10am.

Finally, I want to thank our wonderful teachers, our SNAs, Linda and our Board of Management. Their enthusiasm and hard work are sincerely appreciated. I thank our extended community in the parish – Fr. Lyng, Fr. Hughes, Sr. Anna, Bernadette Toal and Catherine and Mick Behan. I thank you, the parents for your wonderful support throughout the past year. Most of all I thank the children for being such a joy to work with. Have an amazing summer children – you all deserve it!

**Philomena Cleary**

**Principal**