

HOLY TRINITY NATIONAL SCHOOL



Newsletter

March 2017



St Patrick's Day Parade.

The business community in Stepside wish to thank all those who participate in the St Patrick's Day Parade in the village. This is the fifth year of the parade. Well done to all the participants who marched proudly with their clubs and groups.



Dundrum Credit Union

A reminder to all pupils who have savings accounts with Dundrum Credit Union that collection day is **Wednesday**. Pupils can bring their savings to the school office on **Wednesday morning @ 8.40am**

Graffiti Classics

On Friday February 10th, the magical musical quartet performed a concert for all the pupils of

Holy Trinity N.S



Everyone enjoyed the musical treat presented by Graffiti Classics



Senior Pupils with teacher Ms Plunkett, presented a debate 'Can Ireland afford to send aid to poor countries'

First Confession

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in Rang 2 who celebrated their First Confession on Monday last.

Confirmation Ceremony.

Congratulations to the pupils in sixth class who celebrated their Confirmation on Friday March 3rd. The celebrant was Monsignor Enda Lloyd. He was joined by our school chaplain Fr Peter Byrne. The ceremony was beautiful. The school choir sang wonderfully under the baton of Mrs Fitzgerald and Mrs Walsh. A huge thank-you to Ms McHale and Iníon Ní Chíobháin for their hard work preparing the pupils in school. It was lovely to return as a group to the school hall to meet and catch up for the Confirmation Cuppa. Thanks to the Parent Association and parents who gave their time to help out.

National Children's Choir Concert

Our 5th and 6th class pupils will perform their concert in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght on Thursday March 30th. Tickets for the concert can now only be purchased at the event on Thursday 30th. Pre ordered tickets will be distributed ahead of the concert.



Stay Safe Programme

The children in all classes will be taught the Stay Safe Programme during the coming weeks leading into the Easter break.

Stay Safe is an essential component of the Social Personal & Health Education programme. The aim of this programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous.

It deals initially with common situations which most children will experience at some stage or other, e.g. getting lost or being bullied. The programme also teaches children the safety skills necessary to protect themselves from physical or sexual abuse. Children will be taught to tell a trusted adult about any problems they may have. The following areas are covered in the Stay Safe Programme in an age-appropriate manner:

- Feeling Safe and Unsafe
- Friendship and Bullying
- Touches
- Secrets and Telling
- Strangers

It is important that parents are aware of the content of the lessons. Your child may bring home worksheets which will inform you on the topics being covered in class and how you can reinforce the message at home. If you wish to find out more about the programme, you will find all Stay Safe materials on-line www.staysafe.ie



Book Week & Book Fair.

We had a very successful Book Week. At School Assembly this morning the pupils reflected on Book Week highlights. While the visit of Clifford the Dog was one of the highlights of the younger pupils, all pupils loved the Story teller visitor; Nuala Hayes. Our Buddy reading was also a highlight.

Many thanks to the Parent Association for all their help with the Scholastic Book Fair. Particular thanks to Ciara Lambie for organising and managing the shop.



Thanks to the efforts of all involved, the fund generated over 3,300 in sales, and 60% of this has been returned to the school for additional library books for class libraries.



“Oliver” presented by 3rd & 4th classes in February.

Oliver –The Musical

Just before mid-term break, 3rd and 4th classes staged three class performances of the musical Oliver. The talent on show was exceptional. Parents fortunate enough to attend the performance were overwhelmed by the fantastic acting and singing. The pupils really enjoyed their opportunity to perform. A huge thanks to Mrs Walsh, Ms Doherty and Ms Cotter for giving the pupils this wonderful opportunity.

If you have to break a headline into two rows, try to find a natural break in the content. Each line should stand alone so that your readers can easily understand what is in the story even while skimming.

School Staff Car-Park.

The car-park is for staff use only. Please do not enter the staff car-park. Individuals with specific accredited disabled signage are welcome to use the drop-off space in the staff park

School Attendance.

School commences at 8.50am. Please be punctual. Once the yard-doors shut, you must bring/ send your child to the main office door where they must be signed in before heading to class.

At this stage all our infant pupils should be heading from the school assembly line to their classroom with their teacher unaccompanied by parent/ guardian.

On wet mornings, all pupils/ parents should wait in the sheltered area in the court-yard. If the rain persists at 8.45, teachers will make supervision arrangements to take pupils in early. Otherwise all pupils should line up in their normal assembly lines in both yards.

School finishes at 1.30pm for junior and at 2.30pm for senior infants. At 1.30pm all pupils are brought to their designated collection point in the school yard. Parents/ guardians should assemble and wait in the court-yard area. Parents should not access the school through the office area unless you have business at the school of- fice.

In an exceptional circumstance, if you need to take your child early from school, you must contact the school well in advance of the appointment so that the office staff can alert teaching staff, and disruption can be minimised. Pupils can be signed out at the main of- fice. Taking senior pupils at 1:30pm when picking up a younger sib- ling is not acceptable other than in very exceptional circumstances.

Third Class Indoor Hurling League

At the moment our third class pupils are participating in the Annual Andy Gibbons tournament in Naomh Olaf GAA Club. The next outing is on this coming Tuesday at 2.40pm in Naomh Olaf. Finals are scheduled for 2.40pm on Wednesday March 29th. Best wishes to all the boys and girls.

School Closure.

Since the original school calendar was distributed in August 2016, one change was made to it. The school will now be closed for an extra day on Friday June 2nd 2017. Please ensure you are aware of this change.



Clifford has been in touch to thank every-one for sup- porting the Book fair.

Don't forget 'Book in the Bag'



Ladies Football Team– Cumann na mBunscol Semi-finalists 2016/17

Naomh Olaf GAA Club Academy calling on all girls 2009-2012. Players invited to join the club.