

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2017

As the school year draws to a close, we take the opportunity to thank you sincerely for your support throughout the year and we reflect upon all that has happened this term:

David Cusack , Niamh Hickey and Ella Walshe accepted a trophy on behalf of our school in the All-Island Maths Eyes poster competition. This competition attracted over 700 entries and we won a group award for the promotion of maths in our school. Our posters were on display at the awards ceremony at the Institute of Technology Tallaght.

We also achieved a Plaque of STEM Excellence in maths and science from the Science Foundation for all of the work undertaken in science, maths, engineering and technology in our school. We are so proud of this fantastic achievement. We sincerely thank Mrs Keating for all she does to promote science in our school.

The 6th classes celebrated a beautiful Confirmation Ceremony, with Bishop Eamon Walsh on May 10th. The behaviour of the children in the church was exemplary, which really helped in creating a spiritual and reverent atmosphere.

We had a wonderful group of athletes represent us at Santry athletics and at Cross Country, who showed great determination and did us proud. Thanks to Ms Johnson and Mr Murphy for all their help. We had a really enjoyable Sports Day on May 25th where every student had the chance to engage in sport in a fun yet competitive way. Special thanks to all of the parents who came to cheer the children on, especially those who took part. It was a great success.

Our school garden continues to thrive. The 5th classes have had a visiting horticulturist throughout the year, honing their gardening skills. Each class has worked to cultivate a beautiful, varied and lush garden. We owe a huge amount of gratitude to Ms Murphy for her dedication to the garden.

The Parents' Association organised some very successful fundraisers this year, from bag packing, coin collections and clothes recycling to our annual sponsored walk on June 8th. We are so lucky to have such an active and dedicated group of parents.

June 9th -13th was National Bike Week and our Green School committee secured two bicycle racks to encourage students to cycle to school. It was great to see so many students travel to school in an environmentally friendly and healthy way. We remind all children about cycling safety and urge everyone to wear a helmet and high vis clothing.

We are fortunate to be part of the School Lunch Scheme from September 4th when every child will receive a daily lunch. The company, 'Fresh Today' will issue each student with a code, which they will use online, every Thursday to order lunches for the following week. The menu is in keeping with our Healthy Lunch policy.

'Parting is such sweet sorrow' Romeo and Juliet by Shakespeare.

We wish to bid adieu to our current 6th classes, wishing them every success for the future.

Their show, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' was a wonderfully entertaining event. We congratulate the students, Miss Cooney, Miss Lacey, Miss Taaffe, Hannah, Sinéad and Sondra for the immense effort that they put into creating such a spectacular performance.

Important Notice For All Students :

The libraries are running a summer reading scheme, 'The Summer Stars Reading Adventure', to encourage YOU to continue to read during the holidays, as this has been shown to sustain progress made during the school year. Each reader is encouraged to read 8 books and will receive small rewards for their endeavours. Readers will also have access to online games, reading tips and animated e-books. Certificates and medals will be presented to those who have read 8 books at a ceremony in their local library. So, get down to your local library and get involved in this fantastic initiative!

Dublin City Public libraries will also have a summer programme of **free** events for families and children which can be viewed on their website:

<http://bit.ly/dcpl-summer-events>

School Notices:

- When purchasing your footwear for the coming school year, please buy **black or white** runners for PE and **black**, well fitting, suitable school shoes
- The uniform must be worn every day except for those days when your child has PE or a school sport activity, when the tracksuit must be worn
- Please take care of the school calendar which was sent out with the reports, as you will need to refer to it throughout the year
 - Please ensure that your child comes to school equipped with the required books and stationery. Requisites to be paid on Thursday 31st August.
- School reopens on Thursday 31st August at 9am for 4th, 5th and 6th classes and at 9.30 for our new 3rd classes

We wish you a wonderful, safe summer break and look forward to another fruitful school year to come.

