

HOLY SPIRIT NEWSLETTER JUNE 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:

The 6th classes celebrated a beautiful Confirmation Ceremony, with Bishop Eamon Walsh on May 2nd. The behaviour of the children in the church was exemplary, which really helped in creating a spiritual and reverent atmosphere.

We are very proud of Rebecca Egan, who won two gold medals for athletics, at the recent Special Olympics. What an amazing achievement!

There were great musical sounds coming from the hall on the morning of May 31st, as the Army Band treated us to some spectacular tunes! We learned about some instruments, sang along and broke out some dance moves.

Sports Day on June 1st was a great day for students, teachers and their families. We were lucky to avoid the rain to enjoy this fun filled day. Thanks to Ms Daly for the great organisation of this event and to all the family members who made it a special day for the students. Some excellent beanbag-balancing skills were observed!

Our school garden continues to thrive. The 5th classes have had a visiting horticulturist, Deirdre, 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. It is Deirdre's last year with us and we are really grateful to her for all her expertise and enthusiasm over the years.

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 15th. We are so lucky to have such an active and dedicated group of parents.

We were delighted to achieve another green flag, the biodiversity flag, which Ms Murphy, Phil and the Green school Committee received at a ceremony in Tallaght Civic Offices. We celebrated in style, with a refreshing visit from the ice-cream van on June 12th. Thanks to the devoted committee for all their hard work.

Oliver, the 6th class show, presented on the evening of Monday 12th, was a wonderfully entertaining event. We congratulate the students, Miss Burke, Miss Carthy, Miss Lacey and all the SNA's for the immense effort that they put into creating such a spectacular performance. We also acknowledge the Mullingar Musical Society for their input and support.

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

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

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

We wish to bid adieu to our current 6th classes, wishing them every success for the future. While we are sad to see them go we are equally delighted to see them progress to the next stage of their lives. We wish them every success for the future. Their renditions of 'Slipping Through my Fingers' by Abba, at the retirement and graduation ceremonies were a poignant reminder of the swift passage of time in a child's life.

Finally, it is with a mixture of happiness and sadness that we celebrate the retirements of Mrs Keating and Mr Redmond. They have been integral parts of our school community and we will miss them both on a professional and personal basis. We wish them all good things in their well earned retirements. The celebration of their achievements on Friday 25th was a beautiful service, greatly enhanced by the beautiful choir.

School Notices:

- When purchasing your footwear for the coming school year, please buy white or black 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 a school sport activity, when the tracksuit must be worn.
- School reopens on Thursday 30th 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.

