



Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa

Easter Newsletter

April 2025

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025

Bhí seachtain iontach againn i rith Seachtaine na Gaeilge. Bhain na daltaí alán taitneamh as na gníomaíochtaí a bhí ar siúl sa scoil. Bhí Ms Harraghy ag seinm an cláirseach do cuid de na ranganna. Bhí tóraíocht Seanfhocail timpeall na scoile agus bhí Tráth na gCeist ar siúl i ranganna sinsearach.

Ar an Aoine b'iontach an radharc é a fheiceál, gach dalta agus an foireann teagaisc gléasta i dath glas don taispeántas cúltur agus oidhreacht.

Dhamhsaigh gach rang ó rang a trí go rang a sé i dtiúin leis an gceol agus muid go léir ag baint fíor taitneamh as Ballaí Luimnigh agus lonsaí na hInse. Bhí taispeantas speisialta le fheiceál ó damhseoirí – Lexi, Alicia, Richard, Emme, Millie agus Maggie. Agus bhí feidhmíochta iontach le fheiceál ó muinteoirí – Ms Gillan, Ms Donovan, Ms Doheny agus Ms Cullen!



Bhí rang a haon agus rang a dó ag damhsa sa chlós i rith an lae freisin.

Chan rang a cúig, Mr Doyle, an amhrán Oró Sé Do Bheatha Bhaile in ard a gcuid gcinn agus a gcuid guthanna.

Chuir Ms Doheny, rang a cúig críoch leis na himeachtaí ceiliúrtha leis an amhrán spleodrach Ar Scáth a Chéile ó Seo Linn. Buíochas ó chroí do gach duine a bhí comh fonnmar agus muid ag ceiliúradh an lá speisialta seo le chéile. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Parents' Association - Easter Raffle



Thank You to our wonderful Parents' Association and generous sponsors. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible Parents' Association for all their hard work and dedication in organising this year's Easter Raffle. Your commitment to fundraising and supporting our school community is truly appreciated, and the success of the raffle is a testament to your efforts.

A huge thank you also goes to our generous sponsors, whose kind donations made the raffle such a special event. Your continued support means so much to us and makes a real difference to the experiences we can offer our children.

We are always looking for new members to join the Parents' Association! If you're interested in getting involved, meeting other parents, and helping to support our school, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Holly Bates at sacredheart.parentsassoc@gmail.com for more information.

Together, we can continue to do great things!

National Children's Choir Concert

A Night to Remember!

All of the children from 4th class took part in the *National Children's Choir* concert at the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght — and what a night it was! Alongside 800 children from all over Ireland, we sang songs in English, Irish, Swahili and Spanish, performing in beautiful three-part harmony with sopranos and altos.

We loved learning all the songs and working hard to get the right notes. The concert was such a fantastic experience. The audience gave us such a warm welcome, and it meant the world to have our families there supporting us in the arena. The conductor was amazing — we loved how she got the crowd involved and how excited she made us feel for every single song. A big thank you to Mr. Murray, Ms. Donovan, Ms. Fagan, and Ms. Shallow for all their hard work preparing us for the big night. It was a performance we'll never forget!

Hannah & Ben (Rang 4, Ms. Murray)



School Calendar 2024/25 – Term 3

School Calendar



Staff In-Service Training: Half-Day closure @ 12pm Friday 2nd May

May Public Holiday: Monday 5th May

Staff In-Service Training: Full-Day closure Friday 23rd May

June Public Holiday: Friday 30th May, Monday 2nd June, Tuesday 3rd June

School Closure for Summer: Half-Day closure @ 12pm Friday 27th June

Chess Club



Our school chess club has been a great success this year. Each week, students from different year groups came together to play, learn, and improve their skills. Whether beginner or experienced, there was always something new to learn.

We held tournaments, team matches and even had a local coach visit. It was great to see so many pupils getting involved and enjoying the game. The club has grown each term, and we're proud of how popular it's become. We're excited for more matches next year! Zejla & Alice (Ms Murray, Rang 4)

Spring is in the air!

This term we learned how vegetables can grow in water and how to grow food in places where land floods easily. It was fun to make and showed us how people adapt to flooding. Next term, we'll study and build a model of a floating garden and we'll learn more about how flooding affects communities and explore other clever solutions. David (Mr Mullally, Rang 3)



Quiz Time

The fifth classes held in-class quizzes, and we were the lucky ones chosen to represent our school in the Phoenix FM Duel Quiz. We walked to Blanchardstown Library on February 27 for the recording.



We faced Scoil Oilbhéar, It was a close match, but unfortunately, we were beaten in the final round. The quiz will be aired on Phoenix FM 92.5 after Easter.

Brody, Ellen, Mark & Rián (Ms Dixon, Rang 5)

FIS Awards



This year our school won its 7th FIS award with 'Home Sweet Home'. We were split into groups of 5 and each group came up with a story idea and drew out a storyboard. We were all assigned jobs to do and started

filming our movie and we chose the background music. We had so much fun making this movie. At the awards ceremony, we won the award for Best Editing. The overall winning movie was about Ann Frank. We had an amazing time at the ceremony. A big thank you to Mr Doyle for guiding us through the process and for all his hard work in helping us. Ilinca (Mr Thynne, Rang 5)

Word Autism Month



We celebrated World Autism Month in a fun, thoughtful, and child-centred way, helping everyone learn more about autism and the importance of kindness, understanding and inclusion. Each class received a special, age-appropriate resource pack filled with stories, activities, and discussions designed to help children understand what autism is and how we can support our autistic friends. These resources encouraged curiosity, empathy and open conversations, allowing pupils to ask questions and share their thoughts in a safe and respectful space.

To end the month on a joyful note, we had a "Bright Colours Dress-Up Day" on the last day of term. Children and staff were invited to wear bright, colourful outfits to celebrate diversity and show their support for autistic children in our school and beyond. The whole school came together in a spirit of unity and acceptance, making it a meaningful and memorable experience for all.

School Attendance

Our School Attendance Strategy is published on our website at <http://sacredhearthuntstown.weebly.com/attendance-strategy.html>. It is vital that children have high school attendance levels and attend punctually.

Please note the following excerpt from the Strategy:

If your child is absent from school, parent(s)/guardian(s) must provide a note of explanation for the teacher either on Aladdin or in your child's journal. If you bring your child to the doctor, please obtain a medical cert and give a copy to the class teacher for attendance records.

If a child is absent without any communication from parent(s)/guardian(s), after the third day, the class teacher will send you a message on Aladdin asking after your child. Please respond to the teacher's message with an explanation for your child's absence and an expected date for their return to school.

If, during the school year, your child reaches 10 days absence from school, a text will be sent alerting you to this.

If, during the school year, your child reaches 15 days absence from school, a text will be sent alerting you to this.

If, during the school year, your child reaches 20 days absence from school, a text will be sent alerting you to this. The school is then obliged to inform EWS (Tusla's Educational Welfare Service) of your child's attendance.

Where the school has a concern about your child's attendance, the class teacher, Deputy Principal or Principal may contact you to discuss or invite you to attend a meeting in the school.

Late arrivals/early collections:

If your child is late for school or is being collected early, parent(s)/guardian(s) must provide a note of explanation for the teacher either on Aladdin or in your child's journal.

All late arrivals and early collections will be recorded on Aladdin.

When should a child return to school after illness?

The average child has 6 to 12 illnesses per year, so sickness is a part of normal childhood. It can be difficult to balance the child's school attendance with the risk of spreading the illness to others in school. Please see the advice below from the HSE.

When should my child return to school/childcare?

Chicken Pox When scabs are dry	Conjunctivitis No need to stay out*	Diarrhoea or Vomiting 48 hours after the last episode	Flu 5 days after start of illness	Glandular Fever No need to stay out*
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay out*	Head Lice No need to stay out*	Impetigo When scabs are dry or 24 hours after starting antibiotics	Measles 4 days after rash appears	Mumps 5 days after swelling appears
Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after starting antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay out*	Threadworms No need to stay out*	Whooping Cough 5 days after starting antibiotics or 21 days after start of illness

This information is based on the Management of Infectious Diseases in Schools guidance document. *No need to stay out if child is well but school or childcare provider should be informed.

Keep up-to-date on everything that's going on in the school:

Log on to our website:

www.shns.ie

Follow us on X:

<https://twitter.com/sacredheartns>



Significant events

Science Blast



On the 4th of March, we were invited to attend 'Science Blast' in the RDS.

Science Blast is a national event where schools get a chance to show off their science skills and attend science shows. There were approximately 4000 children and 130 schools in attendance. The atmosphere and experience was amazing and we would 100% recommend it to other classes and schools.

We did an experiment on 'Does daily exercise impact children's wellbeing in school?'. Everyday we did exercise for ten minutes and we did questionnaires to see if the exercise worked. In our opinion the exercise did work but the class was a lot more tired than usual.

We did different exercises everyday, like running, football, Just Dance and more. We made poster boards and pie charts to keep track of our process. At the end of Science Blast, the judges awarded us the grade 'excellent' for our project and we were presented with a glass trophy with 'Science Blast' written in blue on it.

We all ended up having a lovely day . Kayla & Sophia (Ms Kirby, Rang 6)

Confirmation class 2025



The week before our Confirmation, we went to the church every day to practise. We worked hard and did lots of Confirmation art too. I really liked doing the artwork – it was fun and helped us get ready.

Our confirmation took place on April 4th. It started at 11 in the morning and finished around 12:30. I really enjoyed the ceremony – it felt special, and everyone was proud of how well it all went. After the ceremony, most of us went to the hall to take some pictures with our friends. There was food and drinks, and the whole congregation was invited to come and celebrate this important day with us.

After we left the hall, I went with my family to the Castleknock Hotel for dinner. We had a lovely meal together. It was a very happy time – I got to stay up late and it ended up being one of the best days I've ever had. I want to say thank you to all the teachers who helped us get ready for confirmation, and a big special thanks to my teacher, Ms. Dooley, for all the work she did to help make the day so wonderful.
Eve (Ms. Dooley, Rang 6)

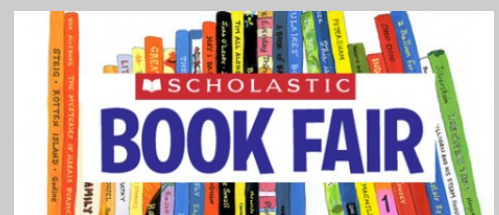
Book Fair 2025

Our annual Book Fair was held during the week 3rd – 10th March. We had a busy and exciting week. With hundreds of exciting titles to choose from, children from all classes had great fun and enjoyment visiting and selecting their favourite books.

World Book Day took place during Book Fair week, and there was lots of reading, storytelling and book related activities throughout the school during the course of the week. We all loved the D.E.A.R. – Drop Everything And Read - activity in particular. Many parents availed of the invitation to visit our Book Fair to browse and purchase books.

A huge "THANK YOU" to our Parents' Association. Several members of our Parents' Association gave their time in order to seamlessly operate the Book Fair for the week, managing all stock and ordering responsibilities. We would be unable to hold our Book Fair without their invaluable assistance. We are so grateful to them. Go raibh míle maith gaibh go léir!!

We look forward to our 2026 Book Fair!



School Calendar for Next Academic Year

2025 / 2026



Sacred Heart of Jesus NS 2025/2026 School Calendar

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First day of school year



School holidays



12 noon closure

- The school will open for the 2025/2026 academic year on Thursday, 28th August 2025.
- Where contingency arrangements are required to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures the length of the Easter break may be reduced by remaining open up to and including Wednesday, 1st April 2026.
- Primary Curriculum in-service training for teachers will take place during the 2025/2026 academic year. The dates for school closures to facilitate this in-service training will be communicated to parents/guardians when they have been finalised.
- School year will finish on Tuesday, 30th June 2026.