



# School Calendar

## 2014/2015

Our school will re-open on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014.**

### Halloween 2014 Mid-term Break :

Our school will close from **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> October** inclusive.

**Christmas 2014 :** Our school will close on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014,** and it will re-open on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

### February 2015 Mid-term Break:

Our school will close from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** inclusive, unless we need to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures.

**Vacation Day:** **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**St. Patrick's Day Holiday:** **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Easter 2015:** Our school will close on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** unless we need to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures. It will re-open on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April .**

**May Bank Holiday:** **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**June Bank Holiday:** **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

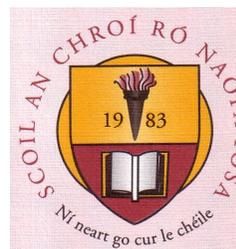
**Vacation Day:** **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

### Summer Holidays 2015 :

Our school will close for Summer Holidays on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**



# Happy Holidays Everyone!



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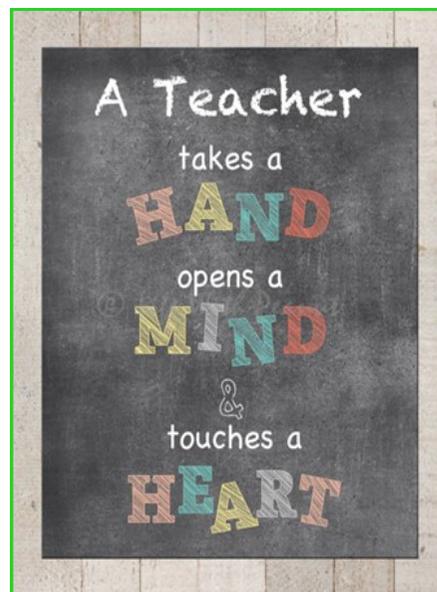
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### Slán agus Beannacht Mrs. Kavanagh.

This summer marks the end of an era for the school with the retirement of **Mrs. Ann Kavanagh,** who has been teaching here in Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa for over twenty five years.

Ann has made an enormous contribution to the school. Her kind and gentle manner and her care for the children will be greatly missed. Ann has been a wonderful colleague and we thank her for her contribution to the school community and wish her a very happy retirement.



*The Board of Management, Principal Seán Ó Diomasaigh, Deputy Principal John Harty, Parents, Teachers, Special Needs Assistants, Secretary, Caretaker, Ancillary Staff and all the Boys and Girls at Sacred Heart of Jesus National School wish Mrs. Kavanagh a long and happy Retirement. . . .*

*You will be missed!*



**Surf's Up Dudes!** Don't forget to log onto our school website to keep up-to-date throughout the year. You can find us at [www.sacredhearthuntstown.weebly.com/](http://www.sacredhearthuntstown.weebly.com/)

## A Message from the Principal

The school year 2013/'14 has been another one of great activity and achievement for our boys and girls. All the teachers, the S.N.As. and the children have been extremely busy since last September. The hurling team made history for the school by playing in a schools' final in Croke Park. Our young scientists were at the R.D.S. in early January displaying their wonderful project. Our budding actors, actresses, pickpockets, singers and dancers, were in the Draíocht in Blanchardstown in February for the school's spectacular performance of the musical OLIVER! Our school soccer team retained its West Dublin title. Our Gaelic football teams, both boys and girls represented the school very well in their games and our athletes had their day in the sun in Santry Stadium. Children took part in quizzes, in painting competitions, in cycling outings and book fairs.

OLIVER! was a magnificent success this year and a credit to all involved. In fact, all the children, the teachers, the S.N.As., the Parents' Association, the Student Council, school caretaker, Mr Michael Kestell and the Board of Management worked collaboratively to ensure it was a memorable milestone in the lives of the children. Well done to all!

The school won an award for Science and Maths excellence and won the 'Fittest School in Dublin 15' accolade from I.T.B.

All of these activities greatly enrich the lives of the children and were supported by a dedicated staff of teachers and S.N.As. On behalf of the whole school community Thank YOU all for your dedication and commitment.

Of course, the children also did their reading, writing and mathematics. As part of our School Self Evaluation and our Literacy and Numeracy strategy, teachers have been engaged in extra activities in class and during Croke Park hours every Tuesday. Results of tests show that the children are benefitting from these initiatives. Staff meetings, team planning sessions and class planning form part of the extra time the teachers and the S.N.As. spend in school under the Croke Park and Haddington Road Agreements.

This year has been extremely busy for our Parents' Association. It contributed to the production of OLIVER!, to providing extra funding for extra computers and kitting out our football teams, basketball teams and athletes. We almost take for granted the association's support for social and religious events in the school.

## Boys' Soccer 2013/14

We are the Champions, my friends! Another great year for the boys' soccer team saw Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa regain the **F.A.I.S. West Dublin League**. The school's fourth win in the competition in six years came following a 100% record that brought victories over defending champions Scoil Áine Naofa Íosa, Lucan, St. Mochta's N.S., Clonsilla, St. Phillip's N.S., Mountview, St. Francis Xavier N.S., Blanchardstown, St. Brigid's N.S., Blanchardstown and St. Patrick's N.S., Corduff. The last two games against St. Brigid's N.S., Blanchardstown and St. Patrick's N.S., Corduff were played on consecutive days, with the latter proving a very exciting affair as our lads ran out 3-2 winners in a shootout for the title.

The boys performed admirably in the **Dublin West Cup**, reaching the final versus Divine Mercy N.S., Balgaddy, only to lose on penalties having beaten the same opposition in the same manner at the same stage last year! A somewhat premature exit from the **Dublin Senior Cup** in the second round proved to be the boys' only defeat in normal time, giving the school a final record of played 10, won 8, drew 1 and lost 1. A fine display in the **F.A.I.S. Dublin 5-a-side** competition in Irishtown capped a fantastic year. Well done to all the players and thanks to their coaches **Mr. Kestell & Mr. Sullivan!**



## Girls' Soccer

We had another great girls' soccer team this year. Although we did not have too much success, everyone played extremely well & represented their school on each occasion with great pride.

Our 4th class team did very well in Irishtown at a **5-a-side blitz** and they were very unfortunate to be defeated in the final. Well done to the girls and to their trainers **Miss Quinn and Mr. Barry.**



## Athletics



There was an amazing effort made this year in athletics. Many people came out to train every week. There are many very talented athletes in Huntstown and we hope that they will continue to train with our school team next year.

We had great success in both the **cross country meetings** in Porterstown and at the **track events** in Santry Stadium. All of the boys and girls who took part made themselves and our school very proud. Well done to them all and their coaches **Miss Quinn & Miss Brady.**

← **Pupils & teachers preparing to set off on their journey to Millennium Park last Friday as part of National Bike Wk.**





### 'Discover Primary Science and Maths Awards 2014'

Children from infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class recently submitted a learning log to the 'Discover Primary Science and Maths Awards 2014'. The project involved using Maths and Science to discover the world around us.

The children have been very creative and innovative. The infants invited local Gardaí and Firemen to tell them all about the work they do for the community. Children in fourth class recorded the prevailing weather conditions using rain gauges, thermometers and anemometers. Their recordings were converted into graphs and charts showing the weather patterns in Huntstown. Children from the fifth and sixth classes conducted experiments on insulation, plant and animal life and magnetism. There were interviews and meetings with scientists and engineers too. Well done to all the teachers and children who took part!

### Student Council 2014

As the school year draws to a close we would like to acknowledge the huge contribution of the Student council to the many events and major milestones we celebrated this year. Two students from each of the fifth and sixth classes were elected on to the council by the children in their respective classes, reflecting the democratic approach to involving students in the life of our school.

Since September these students, alongside council members from last year have worked hard to represent the voice of the student body. They are called upon to support major events, offer innovative ideas and seek solutions to challenges that are brought to their attention.



The students have been involved in the following activities this year:

- Fundraising for the Oliver Musical – Oliver themed fun days for the whole school.
- Introducing, greeting and engaging with Eric Lowndes from the Dublin team.
- Organising & running the end of year school disco in aid of the Simon Community.
- Front of house duties at Draíocht theatre during Oliver performances – they greeted patrons, helped with raffle, supported the teachers & performers.

### Pedal in the Park

Last Friday, 18 children and 3 teachers set off on their bikes to **Millenium Park** to participate in the 'Pedal in the Park' event. This was organised by Fingal County Council as part of **National Bike Week** and gave the children the opportunity to learn about bike safety in a fun and informative inclusive way. A great day was had by all!

This year the association is launching a Book Rental Scheme which will give families the opportunity to save substantial amounts of money on their children's book lists. The association intends to produce its own newsletter soon which will outline all its activities. Thank you for all your hard work and support.

This year also marks the retirement of Mrs Ann Kavanagh, one of our most loved teachers. Many tributes have been paid to Ann at our retirement function in the school and elsewhere. She has given over 25 years of dedicated service to the children of Huntstown and will be sadly missed. Ann has been a valued colleague and we wish her and her family every good wish for the future and a long and happy retirement.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received their First Communion and Confirmation over the past few months. Well done also to those who received sports' awards this week. Finally best wishes to all the boys and girls in sixth class who leave us this week. Thank you for your contribution to the school and good luck for the future.

Seán Ó Díomasaigh (Principal)  
Have a lovely safe summer!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Communion Choir



Well done to all the boys and girls in third class who sang so beautifully for the Communion masses on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Their beautiful singing was testimony to all of the practice and commitment invested by the children and their teachers in the weeks leading up to the ceremonies.

The choir members were as follows:

**Ms. Desmond's Class:** Alannah McLoughlin, Aoife Kenny, Agnese Korosevska, Oliwia Gajna, Paul Dunne, Ava Kinsella, Sharon Okanume, Ryan Valentine, Jodie Youmen, Emily O'Grady



**Ms. Monaghan's Class:** Amy Cahill, Evan Kearney, Lauren King, Carlagh Gallagher, Bronagh Cummins, Claudia Gallagher, Jessica Hales, Daniel Joyce, Alexia Prilogan, Grace Ihama, Soma Aziz, Lacey Gregg, Josue Zunga

**Mr. Herity's Class:** Lisa McGrath, Emma Glennon, Chloe Cunningham, Maja Dembinska  
**Mr. Thynne's Class:** Aimee Doyle, Bronagh Treacy, Aaron Wall, Adrian Trinchinet



The **Rainbows Programme**, which we run in our school, is aimed at pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup> Class who are suffering loss as result of **parental separation/divorce** or **bereavement**. Groups can proceed once sufficient applications have been received to make up groups of same age children suffering from similar loss. Applications for participation in the programme for the school year 2014/2015 will be accepted in September. Application forms are available to download from **www.rainbowsireland.com** (*resources/downloads and information/participant application form*) or on request from **Ms Mullany** via school office.



### Playground Buddies

A huge thank you to the boys and girls in 6<sup>th</sup> class who have acted as 'playground buddies' in the junior and senior infant classrooms and playground and at break-times. Their support has been invaluable to teachers as well as being a very beneficial experience for the 6<sup>th</sup> class children themselves. Children from the current 5<sup>th</sup> classes will take over the role next year.

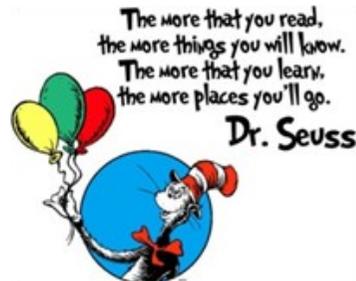


### Write-a-Card!

Children, why not **write a postcard to your classmates** over the summer holidays?! Whether on a day trip to the beach, a weekend away in Wexford or a holiday abroad, tell your classmates where you are and what you've been getting up to! Remember to address the postcard to your class with your teacher's name at the start e.g: *Ms. Murphy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Sacred Heart of Jesus N.S., Huntstown, Dublin 15.* Your classmates will enjoy reading your postcard in September!

### Summer Reading

Boys and girls, why not visit the **Blanchardstown Library** once a week this summer and pick up a few good books to keep you entertained over the holidays ?!



## Award Ceremony



The sporting year was completed with an **Awards Ceremony** for all involved. All children were commended for their special contribution to the school over the past year.

The following awards were also made :

### Gaelic Football

**Boys' Senior Gaelic Footballer of the Year – Luke O'Grady**

**Boys' Junior Gaelic Footballer of the Year – Craig Hopkins**

**Girls' Gaelic Footballer of the Year – Favour Offoma**

### Soccer

**Girls' Soccer Player of the Year – Erin Greaves**

**Boys' Soccer Player of the Year – Oluwasegun Lawal**

**Hurling Hurler of the Year – Cian Kenny**

**Athletics Athlete of the Year – Glory Nzingo**

**Sportsperson of the Year 2014 - Favour Offoma**



## *Well done to Everyone !*

### **Farewell to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes !**

On Friday we will bid farewell to the boys and girls in **sixth class** as they embark on their new journey through **secondary school**.

We would like to thank the children for their contribution to the school over the past eight years. We wish **each and every one** of you all the best for a **happy and successful future**.

*“Only as high as I reach can I grow,  
Only as far as I seek can I go,  
Only as deep as I look can I see,  
Only as much as I dream can I be.”*

~ Karen Ravn ~

