

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015/16

Our school will re-open on Tuesday 1st September 2015

Halloween Mid-term Break 2015: Our school will close from Mon 26th to Fri 30th October inclusive.

Christmas 2015: Our school will close on Tuesday 22nd December 2015. It will reopen on Wednesday 6th January 2016.

Spring Break 2016: Our school will be closed on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th February.

Easter Break 2016*: Our school will close on Wednesday 16th March. It will reopen on Monday 4th April. (* Unless we need to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures).

May Mid-Term 2016: Our school will close from Mon 2nd to Fri 6th May inclusive.

June Bank Holiday: Monday 6th June

Summer Holidays 2015: Our school will close for Summer Holidays on 30th June 2016.

Parents' Committee Update

The Parents' Committee would like to thank all the parents for their generous donations this year through the family contribution scheme and through the fundraisers we held. Through your donations this year we were able to fund the Rainbows programme, The Rainbows programme supports children affected by loss because of bereavement, separation or divorce. We donated €1000 to the student council to help with their purchase of rainy day games for all classes. We have set aside funds to help cover the cost of the new pitch which is currently under construction. We have also funded the purchase of new Lego for the school. As always we provided refreshments after the Communion and Confirmation ceremonies and we will be providing refreshments at the 6th class Graduation at the end of term.

In June, we held our annual cake sale and raffle with the help of the very enthusiastic sixth class pupils. It's a great day for all the children who get the chance to bake cakes and also visit the sale. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 6th class pupils and wish them every success in secondary school. We would also like to thank all those who donated prizes to our raffle.

We held two clothing collections during the year and we plan many more for next year so keep an eye out for our flyer!!

This year we say goodbye to two of our committee members, Therese Connolly and Orla Devine. We hope to

keep Orla's seat warm should she wish to return when her youngest daughter Ellie starts Junior Infants. Therese leaves us after many years having seen her four children pass through the school. She was chairperson for 5 years and was a huge asset to the committee. We will miss them both. We are hoping to elect some new members for 2015/2016. We hold our AGM in October and would encourage parents to attend to meet the committee members and learn about the different things we are involved in. If you would be interested in becoming involved either as a member or just to help out from time to time please look out for our letter in September.

We would like to congratulate the teachers and children for taking part in the Yellow Flag programme. It was a huge undertaking and lots of work was done throughout the year. The parents committee were in attendance at the International coffee mornings and we got to meet some lovely parents from many different countries. We would love to see some of those parents joining the committee in the coming years.

Finally we could not fundraise if it was not for the participation of the teachers and we are extremely grateful to them and to Mr Dempsey and Mr Harty for their continued support and also to Mrs Shanahan and Mr Kestell who are always willing to give a helping hand.

from teacher centres around the province. Our sincerest thanks. One of our boys, generously and bravely, gave us the loan of his precious supplies as well. We would welcome all and any addition to our supplies!

Happy modelling!
6th Class



"Let's Go Lego"

The 'Empowering Minds Project' linked in with the class project on Traveller Culture and 6th class were inspired to tell the story of Traveller Habitation over the past 100 years. The exhibition was held in St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra.

Motorised models, programmed by the boys and girls in the class engaged the visitors to the exhibition. Pressure and light sensors were programmed to operate on command.

This venture was made possible by the donation of Lego



NEWSLETTER

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Yellow Flag Success

Congratulations to Mr Herity's 4th class whose audio visual entry in the Yellow Flag art competition won joint 1st prize.

Congratulations also to Emma Glennon, from Mr Herity's whose entry won the overall prize in our school's Diversity Code competition. Her winning entry reads "Everyone is Equal, Just stick to this rule, Lets be friends, And have a happy school."

A big thank you to all pupils, parents and teachers who contributed their time, energies and talents to make our Intercultural/Interfaith/Traveller Focus Week a wonderful success. Our Intercultural concert, which was our most popular event of the week, greatly impressed parents and our visiting public representatives.

Our Yellow Flag evaluation took place on Thursday 11th June. The external evaluation team had high praise indeed for the work done by the school during the year. The award ceremony takes place in November after which we will proudly fly our school's Yellow Flag.

Well done to everyone and in particular to Ms. Mullany and the Yellow Flag Committee!



Slán agus Beannacht Mr. Lyons

This summer marks the end of an era for the school with the departure of Mr. Kieran Lyons, who has been teaching here in Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa for almost seventeen years. Kieran has been a wonderful colleague. He has made an enormous contribution to the school, particularly in the areas of sport, I.T. and the Students' Council. We thank Kieran for his contribution to the school community and wish him all the very best in his new post as Principal at Scoil Cholmcille Boys' School, Swords.



6th Class Charity Donation

This year the 6th class children from Sacred Heart of Jesus National School decided to donate some of their savings to charity. Numerous pitches for a wide range of charities were proposed by the children before they finally decided on the following four fantastic charities; 'The Simon Community', 'Make a Wish Foundation', 'Temple Street Children's Hospital' and 'The Laura Lynn Foundation'. Well done boys and girls...your generosity has made a difference!

MATHletes Success

This was the first year that Sacred Heart entered the 'MATHletes' competition, which is a national online maths competition based on the Khan Academy approach to learning and teaching maths. This year 189 schools and over 12,000 pupils across the four provinces were involved.

Mr. Hanley and Mr. Sullivan set-up 'MATHletes' for 4th and 5th class pupils and the response from the pupils over the four months was incredible with almost 160 pupils participating.

The results from the national competition were released this week and Sacred Heart finished a superb 8th in the country and 3rd in Co. Dublin!

Furthermore, a pupil from the school, Adrian Trinchinet, made it through to the provincial finals which were held in the Eircom headquarters in April. Adrian was ranked in the top 5% out of 12,000 pupils who participated nationwide. The school also had ten pupils who made it to the final stages of selection.

Thank you to all of the teachers for their hard work helping to implement the 'MATHletes' program and making it such a wonderful success.

National Children's Choir

This year saw a total of 8,000 children from primary schools across Ireland take part in the 30th anniversary of the National Children's Choir. All the children from our four fifth classes took part, learning a total of 18 songs between September and March. Our school's singers performed in the National Basketball Arena on Wednesday 29th April, which was a great night enjoyed by children, parents and teachers alike. Following this, 15 children from our school were selected to sing in the National Concert Hall on Sunday 7th June. RTE and TG4 filmed the night for Nationwide and An Nuacht and Mary Kennedy from RTE was the compere. As the children were very good at their concert they came in at 11a.m. the next morning. What a great experience and a great year! Thanks to Ms. Murray, Mr. Byrne, Ms. Kirby, Ms. Lavelle, Mr. Sullivan, all the parents and, of course, all the children who took part. By Dáire McMillen (Mr. Sullivan's 5th Class).