



Workplace Choir of the Year 2017

Congratulations to our staff choir on being recently crowned 'Workplace Choir of the Year 2017'!

The choir consists of a group of 20 staff members, including teachers, SNAs and our school secretary.

Under choral director Ms. Eileen Murray and musical director Ms. Clara Donohoe, they stunned judges and audience alike with their wonderful performance.

Well done to all involved!

Green Flag Success



We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded its fifth Green Flag, this time for the theme of 'Biodiversity'.

A special well done to the children on the Green Team who spearheaded the campaign, teaching staff and students about the importance of biodiversity and taking part in various projects around the school.

The flag was presented to Green Team members Agnese Korosevska and Ania Rashad who represented the school at a special awards ceremony in the Helix on 24th May.

Well done to everybody involved!

Coiscéim go Horseriding



The boys and girls from Coiscéim have been attending horse riding for the past 8 weeks. They have been learning even more new tips and tricks about how to horse ride successfully and all children have advanced to trotting while on the horse!

The children are building on the skills that they learned last year and they really look forward to their day out every week. Well done boys and girls!

'Roots of Empathy'



The children in Mrs Dooley's second class took part in the 'Roots of Empathy' programme this year. The programme is run by Barnardos and focuses on raising levels of empathy, resulting in more caring relationships.

A facilitator visited their classroom every week and once a month 'Baby Richard' came in to visit. The children loved watching baby Richard develop, observing how he had changed and what new things he could do each month!



National Children's Choir at the National Concert Hall

On 29th May, a small number of children from 4th class represented our school in the National Concert Hall.

On Saturday morning we had a rehearsal with our conductor Orla Gillen before our big performance later that evening.

On the night itself, we sang a repertoire of 16 songs from the balcony. It was very hot under the stage lights! Bagpipes accompanied us when we sang 'May We Never Have To Say Goodbye'. The audience gave us a standing ovation for the Hallelujah Chorus.

We are very thankful to our 4th Class teachers for teaching us the repertoire and preparing us for our performances with the National Children's Choir. It is an experience we will never forget!

By: Lauren Hutchinson & Alix Keating Brady - Ms. Fagan's 4th Class

A Message from our Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As detailed in our Mission Statement our school strives to “nurture the children in all dimensions of their lives - spiritual, moral, cognitive, emotional, imaginative, aesthetic, social and physical.” It has been an incredibly busy year in Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa and I believe that the extra-curricular opportunities afforded to our pupils and the fantastic teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms certainly allows us to fulfil the goals of our Mission Statement. I would like to say thanks and well done to our staff and pupils on a great year’s work and as the summer holidays are almost upon us many of our achievements this year are celebrated in this newsletter.

We had a particularly successful year in terms of music in the school. In February over 70 of our pupils took to the stage in *Draíocht* to astound audiences with their performances of the “*Back to the 80’s!*” musical. These performances will live long in the memory of all involved and particular thanks is due to Ms. Donohoe, Ms. Lee and Mr. Sullivan for their incredible efforts in bringing the show to stage. All of our 4th class children took part in the *National Children’s Choir* culminating in a fantastic performance in the National Basketball Arena. A number of 4th class children also performed in concerts in the National Concert Hall and in St. Andrew’s Church. Well done to Mr. Thynne, Ms. Fagan, Ms. Kennedy and our resident choral virtuoso Ms. Murray. Our staff also made history this year by becoming the first school to win the *Workplace Choir of the Year* national title with mesmerising performances in the University Concert Hall in Limerick in May. To celebrate these achievements our school year will end on a ‘high note’ with a concert showcasing the talents of our pupils and staff that were on display during the *National Children’s Choir*, “*Back to the 80’s!*” musical and the *Workplace Choir of the Year* competition. I would also like to express my thanks to our neighbours Huntstown Community Centre for allowing us to borrow their stage for our school concert.

Our 5th Green Flag was awarded in May and this is another major achievement for our school. Well done to the Green Team, Ms. Lucey and the parents and grandparents who were involved in the Biodiversity project with students from ITB. This project was a great success and it was fantastic to have such a dedicated team of parents and grandparents getting involved in improving our school environment.

In sport our Junior and Senior Boys’ Gaelic football teams both won their Cumann na mBunscol Leagues and St. Peregrine’s blitz competitions this year, the senior boys also made it to the final of the Fingal League. Our athletics, girls’ and boys’ soccer, girls’ Gaelic football and boys’ hurling teams also had a great year in their respective competitions. We ran very successful mini-leagues in soccer and hurling and were visited by John Small and Ciarán Kilkenny from Dublin’s All-Ireland winning team. Our school was crowned as “Dublin’s Fittest School” and Mr. Herity was crowned as “Dublin’s Fittest Teacher”! Well done to all participants in our sporting endeavours this year and thank you to the teachers who give of their spare time to give these opportunities to the boys and girls.

In addition to these activities our three Coiscéim classes took part in horse riding lessons this year (and are now making plans to attend aquatic classes) and our Science Club were selected to display their project in the Junior Science Fair in the RDS in January. Our website has been revamped by Mr. O’Callaghan and pupils from Mr. Hanley’s 6th class have developed a ‘Learn at Home’ section where they have reviewed educational websites which I encourage all parents and pupils to look at over the summer holidays. Mr. Hanley’s class also qualified to participate in the national BizWorld final in Athlone last week where they won the “Most Socially Conscious Business” award. Well done to all involved.

The building project that is currently underway in the school illustrates our aim to continue to develop our school and the service that we provide to the pupils in our care. The project, which includes a new purpose built Coiscéim 3 classroom for children with ASD, a new senior infants classroom and 9 new resource rooms, is due for completion by the end of August. Thank you for your patience during this project and we look forward to seeing the completed building after the summer holidays.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms. Ciara Jones who is a parent of one of our pupils in Coiscéim 2. Ciara put an incredible amount of time, effort and enthusiasm in to organising two fundraisers for our school this year. The Sparkle Ball in December raised €9,116, and the parachute jump in May raised €12,954; giving a grand total of €22,070!!! This is truly an incredible achievement and the Board of Management and I offer Ciara our heartiest thanks and gratitude.

We are privileged to have a vibrant and active Parents’ Association here in Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa. I encourage all parents to be involved in our school community and joining our Parents’ Association is a fantastic way to connect with other parents and also to support your child(ren)’s education. The PA play a vital role in fundraising and provide invaluable support to the school by organising the pupils’ insurance scheme, book rental scheme, uniform pop-up shop in July, book fair, parents’ evenings such as the “Transition to Secondary School” talk and provide refreshments after the sacrament ceremonies and parents’ meetings. The funds raised by the PA facilitated the purchase of PM reader schemes and gear bags, shorts and socks for school teams. They funded buses to NCC rehearsals, buses to the Fingal

entry for pupils to the Croke Park Cumann na mBunscol finals, drumming workshops for 6th class pupils and they also supported the school musical and funded the supply and installation of an anti-glare film on the roof of the atrium.

It is incredibly difficult to satisfactorily run and resource the school using Department of Education funds alone so the funds raised by the school's Parents' Association and by Ciara Jones are invaluable in ensuring that our school and our pupils are adequately resourced. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

As we near the end of the year I would like to thank the Board of Management, Deputy Principal Mr. Harty, our teachers, our SNAs, Marie in the kitchen, our cleaning staff, our lollipop ladies Vera and Terri, our secretary Carmel, our caretaker Michael and our Parents' Association for all the work they have done to ensure that our children receive the highest quality of education and care at the school.

On a personal note I would like to thank all members of the school community for the welcome you have afforded me on my return to the school and the support you have given me during my first year as principal in Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa. I look forward to many more exciting and energetic years here in Huntstown!

Finally, I would like to wish a fond farewell to our sixth class children who finish their journey in Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa this year. We will miss you, we are proud of your achievements in our school and all that you brought to our school community. I hope you leave our school with some very fond memories and wish you every success for the future. Go n-éirí an bóthar libh.

Kieran Lyons

Principal

Girls' Senior Gaelic

A very special word of thanks to the girls senior football team, who represented their school with such pride, passion and talent throughout the year.



The commitment to training, the level of skill and the fun that was had by all, was fantastic to see from everyone involved. Thank you to Mr. Burke, Ms. Fortune, Ms. Mulcahy and Ms. Shallow for their help and guidance throughout the year.

Boys' Senior Gaelic

Our Boys Senior Gaelic Footballers continued their terrific form this year reaching the Fingal League Final. The final was played in Parnell Park vs our close neighbours Mary Mother of Hope. The boys showed superb heart and determination to reduce a six point deficit to a single point before the final whistle. Victory escaped us on the day but the boys can be very proud of their efforts. It was a victory for all to have two local schools contest the Fingal League Final.

We would like to wish the sixth class boys every success in their future academic and sporting pursuits. Thank you for the memories boys. Remember to work on kicking & soloing the ball with your non-preferred foot over the Summer!

Special thanks to team trainers Mr Burke, Mr Hanley & Mr Stapleton.

Athletics

Well done to all who trained and competed for athletics this year. We had wonderful representatives take part in Cross Country in Porterstown and the Track and Field events in Santry. It is great to see so many talented children in our school! Well done to all involved and a special word of thanks to team trainers Ms. Hegarty, Ms. Quinn and Miss Valentine.

Boys' Junior Gaelic

Congratulations to the Junior Boys' Gaelic Football team on reaching the semi-final of the Fingal League recently, where unfortunately, they were beaten by a strong Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe side. As League Champions in the Cumann na mBunscol competition, and winners of the Liam Hickey Perpetual Cup in the local blitz in St. Peregrine's G.A.A. Club, this has been a very successful year overall. Well done to they boys involved for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Thank you also to team mentors Mr. Costello and Mr. Thynne.



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

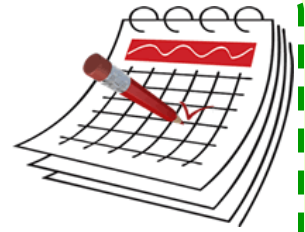
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School Calendar 2017/2018



School will reopen for the new school year on **Thurs 31st August 2017**

October Mid-term Break: Mon 30th October to Fri 3rd November 2017 inclusive

Christmas Break: Mon 25th December 2017 to Fri 5th January 2018 inclusive

February Mid-term Break: Thurs 15th and Fri 16th February 2018

St. Patrick's Day Public Holiday: Monday 19th March 2018

Easter Break: Mon 26th March to Fri 6th April 2018 inclusive

May Mid-Term Break: Mon 7th - Fri 11th May 2018 inclusive

June Public Holiday: Mon 4th June 2018

Please Note: There will be a one day closure to facilitate Language in-service training for teachers during the 2017/2018 academic year. The date for in-service training will be communicated to parents when it has been finalised.

School will close for the summer holidays at 12 noon on **Fri 29th June 2018.**



Making a Movie!

Mr. Doyle's and Mr. Herity's classes have been working extremely hard to prepare for this year's FÍS awards.

The first step in making a video, is to brainstorm ideas and write the script, which each class took a different approach to.

The next step to making a movie is casting. Auditions are held to determine who will play the main characters. Next, we need to get or make the props and costumes that we will need for the movie. After that, we start filming each scene.

The last step is editing the scenes together, to make the final draft of the movie.

Both classes are hoping to re-create the success from last year, and win another FÍS award for the school!

By Ella Grehan, 5th Class

School Gardening Project



A huge thank you and well done to our parent and grandparent volunteers who participated in our school gardening project over the last few months, in collaboration with students from Blanchardstown I.T.

Our volunteers arrived to the school each week full of enthusiasm and were involved in the creation of several projects around the school such as a sensory garden, an insect maze, a native tree trail and flower/crop beds.

We thank our volunteers for their time, dedication and enthusiasm and hope to see you all back in September, along with some new recruits!

A special thank you also to talented parent Pamela Power who designed and painted a beautiful wall mural in our sensory garden. Thank you also to 'Power Paints' for their donation of all paint used in the project.

Write-a-Card!



Why not write a postcard to your classmates over the summer holidays?!

Whether on a day trip to the beach, a weekend away in Ireland 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. Ryan's 2nd Class, Sacred Heart of Jesus N.S., Huntstown, D.15. Your classmates will enjoy reading your postcard in September!

Dr Rollo Dilworth - a Special Guest!

On Monday 29th May, we were delighted to welcome Dr. Rollo Dilworth to our school. Rollo is a Professor of Music and Chair of Music Education and Therapy at Temple University's Boyer College of Music in Philadelphia, USA. He is also the man who composed 'Mornin' Glory' for the National Children's Choir.

All of the fourth classes went to the atrium to meet Rollo. We played warm up games where we had to follow Rollo's movements using body percussion and we had to keep at the same tempo as Rollo. We sang a canon/round called 'Someone's Swiping my Sodapop Can'. It was great fun!

Next we sang for Rollo and he gave us some ideas on how to make it even better. He was impressed that we could sing in three part harmony!

After we were finished singing we asked him some questions about music and he told us his teacher encouraged him when she realised how talented he was. We gave Rollo a present from the school and then we took some photographs. It was a great morning!

By Emmanuel Egbeson & Tadhg Ryan, 4th Class