

Scoil Inse Rátha
Déan do Dhícheall
Newsletter March 2015

Dear Parents,

As the second term draws to a close we can look back with pride on all that we have achieved in our school. Each class has worked diligently and creatively during the term and have earned their holidays. We will have a busy summer term but there are also plenty of things to look forward to. Here is some of what we got up to since February.

Seachtain na Gaeilge:

D'eagraigh Rang 6 imeachtaí difriúla chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn in ár scoil, d'oibrigh siad go dian agus bhí seachtain den chéad scoth againn. Bhí comórtas ealaíne againn, céilí, cluichí sacair, Lá Onesie agus tráth na gceist comh maith. Ba é an Lá Spóirt buaicphointe na seachtaine. Ghlac gach dalta sa scoil páirt sna imeachtaí spóirt difriúla agus bhain gach éinne an thaitneamh as.

FAI 5-a-side soccer:

Both our Boys and Girls teams performed excellently this week and they qualified for the finals. These are likely to take place in Turner's Cross in the week after the Easter Holidays. Well done to all involved – we are very proud of how you represented our school!

First Confession:

Well done to all the children in 2nd Class who received their First Confession this week. They were really good and excellently prepared. Thank you to Fr. John Paul and to Fr. Paddy for making it a very child friendly experience.

Walk For Water:

As part of our Green Schools Programme some of our pupils did a 6Km walk while carrying 6 litres of water. This helped them to understand how people in the developing world manage each day when they have to carry water from a well or river to their homes.

Cór Fhéile:

Our Infants and our senior choir did an amazing job in The City Hall on Monday night. Their performances were second to none and their behaviour made us all very proud to be part of this school. We are very lucky to have such wonderful children and dedicated staff. Thank you to the staff who prepared and supervised the children and helped them to be as good as they were. Thank you to the parents and families who came along to support us.

6th Class Retreat:

6th Class went on their annual retreat to prepare for their Confirmation this month. They really enjoyed the experience and it was very beneficial.

Extension:

After numerous false starts and bureaucratic challenges we hope to start work on our new extension during the Easter Holidays. During this work the normal entrance to the school will be blocked off so children will have to turn left as they come in the school gate and go around the back of the school that way. We hope to have it finished by the end of June.

Clan Cluana:

The theatre group were back again this year with a performance of Oisín i dTír na nÓg. It was a brilliant experience and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. As always it is great to

have access to the Little Island Sports Complex and we are very grateful to our Community Association for this. We could not have events like this, and many more like it, without their support. Thank you!

Book Fair:

This year's Book Fair was a huge success with nearly €2,000 worth of book sold. This has resulted in Scholastic giving us a voucher for €1,150 to spend on books on their website. This will allow us to buy some books for each classroom and to buy some more sets of novels to enhance our English programme. Thank you for your support and thank you to the staff who worked so hard to make it possible.

Child Protection:

Our school has a Child Protection Policy which is available to view on our website. I am the Designated Liaison Person and Ms. Hennessy is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person while Ms. Diamond is out. We take this role very seriously and if you have any concerns please feel free to talk to me.

Spanish Classes:

After Easter, Enzo's Dad, Jose Angel, will start Spanish classes. Infants Classes will be available on Thursdays from 1.30pm-2.30pm and classes for 1st-6th classes will be on Thursdays from 2.30pm-3.30pm. Please contact Jose Angel directly for more information at joseangeleire@hotmail.com.

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

30th March – 10th April: School Closed for Easter Holidays

15/16th April: Provisional dates for FAI Soccer Finals

21st April: Confirmation

21st April: Board of Management meeting

28th April: Science Day-4th-6th demonstrating experiments to other classes.

1st May: Skipping Workshop for all classes.

4th-8th May: School Closed for mid-term break.