

Scoil Inse Rátha
Déan do Dhícheall
Newsletter March/April 2014

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, 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.

Clan Cluana Theatre Company:

Clan Cluana performed their production of the Irish legend "Setanta". It was a great performance and the children really enjoyed it. Three actors covered all of the parts in an exciting and energetic show.

Confirmation:

Pupils from our 6th Class received their Confirmation last Saturday. They were excellently prepared and they did themselves, their families and our school proud. Well done to all involved.

First Confession:

Our Holy Communion Class had their First Confession this month. They were excellent on the day and their art work and singing were brilliant. Well done!

Scout on Wednesday:

This month we took part in the very first International Scoot on Wednesday. This was in partnership with the Green Schools Programme. We had expected a small take up and I even had brought in three scooters from home so that we would have a few extra for the photos! We were delighted when Little Island was nearly brought to a standstill by the stream of scooters, skateboards, bikes, Flickers etc coming up the road to the school. There were over 90 scooters etc here on the day. Thank you to all the families who embraced the idea and made it such a success. Many parents made special arrangements to allow their children come in on their scooter so thank you for that. Please see our website, www.littleislandns.com, for more information on what we did on the day. It is great to see children still coming into school using a variety of modes of transport. We hope to see many more of you walking, scooting etc in the morning and evenings as the weather gets better.

Community Association:

Thank you to our Community Association for helping to make our school a better place recently by doing some painting.

Chess:

One of our Chess teams went to the girls' school in Beaumont recently to play some matches. They represented our school really well and the Principal of the Beaumont made a point of contacting us afterwards to say how excellent our team was. Well done to all involved and we hope to have more chess matches soon.

Marathon Group:

Today sees the price rise for entry to the Cork City marathon. We hope to have a number of teams representing our school this year. We have two teams made up of staff entered. We will need to find out who else is taking part shortly in order to get enough t-shirts ready. Please see our school website for more information. Go to School Info and then Latest News and scroll down to near the bottom of the page.

Sciath na Scol:

Training has been taking place recently for the Sciath na Scol hurling championship. Our first match was on Friday. Our team represented us very well and did their best. Well done to all involved.

Basketball:

Mark Scannell has continued coaching this month. After Easter he will start coaching the infant classes. We hope to have a blitz for the all the classes after Easter. Our boys' basketball team travels to Carraigtwohill today to play in a blitz against local schools. Best of luck boys!

FAI Soccer:

Our 6th class boys and girls teams travelled to Carrigaline to play in a soccer blitz last week. They both represented our school really well and we are very proud of them. Our boys missed out on the finals on goal difference by 2 goals and the girls qualified for the finals. We are looking forward to a big day out after Easter. Well done to both teams but especially to the girls!

Brown envelopes:

Your contribution this month helped to provide some new books into the libraries of 3rd – 6th, new resource books for teachers, basketball coaching for 1st-3rd and to subsidise buses for Sciath na Scol matches. Many thanks to all of you who continue to support our school in this way.

Cór Fhéile:

Tonight is a big night for Junior and Senior Infants as they take to the stage in The City Hall to represent our school in Cór Fhéile. They have worked hard to prepare for their performance and we hope that they will enjoy the occasion and we are sure that they will do us all proud. Keep an eye on www.littleislandns.com for a report on how they got on.

That's all for now.

All the best,
Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

Friday 11th April: school closes at 12.15pm for all classes for Easter Holidays.

Mon 28th April: school reopens after holidays.

Fri May 2nd: Girls FAI Soccer Finals

Friday May 23rd: European and Local Elections: school may be closed for use as a polling station. We will confirm closer to the date once we have received official notification.