

Scoil Inse Rátha

Déan do Dhícheall

Newsletter October 2018

Dear Parents,

As mid-term approaches we get a chance to draw our breath and reflect on what was a very busy term so far. There is beautiful art work and lovely projects up on our corridors and there is a lot to be seen on our school app. Thanks to all the staff, pupils and parents who have helped out this term so far.

Sciath na Scol Final:

Our boys played in the Sciath na Scol final in Páirc Uí Rinn. They put up a great performance against a very strong and skilful team. We are extremely proud of the team and their coaches for the way they represented our school. Our supporters were excellent and very loud and enthusiastic. We had a lovely day out and it was brilliant to qualify for the final. Thanks to Mark Scannell and NRG Xpress for sponsoring the tops for the team on the day. They looked really well.

ISPCC Headbomz Assembly:

We took part in the ISPCC Headbomz Assembly this month to help launch the Headbomz book. Classic Hits 4FM came along to help out. They played music and asked the children about how they deal with their headbomz. The key message of the day is that ***talking makes us stronger.***

Garda Visit:

Luke and Emma's Dad, Gary, brought a Garda car to school. He and his colleague spoke to the pupils from Junior Infants to 1st about their job. They showed the children their equipment and put on the blue lights and siren. It was all very informative and exciting. Thanks to Gary for organising this visit.

Raising a Concern:

At some point during your child's time in school you may need to discuss a concern you have. In the first instance it is best to raise this with your child's teacher either by a note/letter or by arranging an appointment to meet them. If the result of this meeting isn't to your satisfaction feel free to arrange a meeting with me. Jacinta is in the office every day 8.50am to 1.40pm Mon-Thursday and 12.40pm on Fridays and can help you to make an appointment.

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Our Parent/Teacher meetings are on Nov 20th and 21st this year. After midterm we will send home notes to arrange suitable times. These time slots will be 10 mins approximately. If you feel you need more time than this please arrange a different date as there will be other parents waiting for their meeting after you.

Maths Week:

We marked Maths Week and Science Week this month. 6th Class lead maths trails for each class. They demonstrated great leadership, management and maths skills in running this – well done 6th!

Lifetime Lab Maritime Workshop:

6th Class had a visit from the Lifetime Lab. They learned all about marine life and how we can help to preserve our oceans for the future. They also got to hold and feel different

examples of marine life found in Irish waters. The Lifetime Lab also set them a challenge of making projects about any aspect of marine life or conservation that they choose. They are looking forward to getting stuck into making their projects!

Genius Hour:

4th Class undertook a Genius Hour Project this term. They picked a project topic that was of interest to them and worked as individuals or in groups. An hour a week of school time was dedicated to this project and the rest was finished at home. They presented their projects to the school this week and we were all amazed at how wonderful, creative and talented they are. Each child and group demonstrated skills and knowledge that may not have got a chance to shine through otherwise. Well done to everyone in 4th Class....and of course to their helpers at home!

CYPSC Supporting Parents:

Earlier this year The Children and Young Persons Services Committee Supporting Parents Sub Group held a consultation with parents around the county. Parents of children and young people aged 0-24 years were consulted in a series of workshops. We held one here in our school with some of our parents. The views of all these parents were gathered together and put together into a report to help parents. This report, including all the feedback, will be presented at a Parenting Themed Conference in The Vertigo Suite in County Hall on Nov 21st from 10am to 1pm. The parents who took part in the consultation will be invited to attend along with all of the decision makers of the service providers in the city and county.

Parents Association:

Our Parents Association are organising our annual calendar at the moment. The all-important photos were taken last week and are being edited and formatted for the printer as we speak. We look forward to these being ready for the end November.

That's all for now.

All the best,
Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

26th Oct: School closed for polling

29th Oct to 2nd Nov: school closed for midterm break

8th Nov: 7pm Board of Management meeting

9th Nov: 4th/5th indoor hurling blitz in GCC

12th -16th Nov: Science Week – www.scienceweek.ie for more information.

20th Nov: Parent/Teacher meetings – school closed at 1pm.

21st Nov: Parent/Teacher meetings – after normal school time.

22nd Nov: Lifetime Lab Maths Workshops for 3rd – 6th.

23rd Nov: GOAL Workshop for 6th

