

**Scoil Inse Rátha**  
**Déan do Dhícheall**  
**Newsletter October 2019**

**Dear Parents,**

We have had an excellent start to the new school year. Everyone is well settled in and there is great work being done in every room. We have had some very public highlights such as being on RTE, the Sciath na Scol semi-final and the TESA Gold Standard School Award. We have also had many less public successes, that are even more important, where pupils have made progress in their class or have learned a new skill. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making our school a better place. We are very proud of our students and they make it a pleasure to come to work each day. We look forward to the second half of term with great optimism.

**Sciath na Scol:**

Our boys did a great job this year getting to the semi-final. They drew the first game and even with extra time the sides couldn't be separated. Unfortunately, they were beaten in the replay but their effort and determination couldn't be faulted. Well done to all involved.

**Board of Management:**

Our Board of Management's current term comes to an end on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We are currently in the process of putting a new Board in place for the next term which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Board is made up of two parents, two teachers, two nominees from the Patron and two nominees from the local community. We should be in a position to name our full Board in our next newsletter.

**Art Classes:**

Iryna Harty has been working with 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes for the last six weeks. They have produced some lovely work but what they learned along the way is even more important. We plan on changing our display in reception to a rotating display of the work being done in Iryna's classes. After midterm she will work with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes for the six weeks up to Christmas.

**Space Week/Maths Week:**

We celebrated both of these weeks during October. For Space Week each class did different things including making models of planets, drawing pictures and doing projects. For Maths Week, 6<sup>th</sup> Class lead each class on maths trails around the school. Check out our app for pictures and more information. We also had a Science Workshop this month where an external expert visited each class and spoke about bees and how important they are to all life and showed us bee hives.

**Leeside Girls Cup Champions:**

Congratulations to Leeside's U-13 girls who won the cup recently. Four of our current pupils and some of our past pupils were on the team. We are very proud of them because we know how hard they have worked over the years.

**Positive Mental Health Assembly:**

World Mental Health Day was this month and to celebrate it our Students Council and 6<sup>th</sup> Class organised a positive mental health assembly. 6<sup>th</sup> sang a song and our Students Council read some

reflections which they had written themselves. It was very inspiring with a key message that no one is strong enough on their own and that it is good to talk to someone about your problems.

**Parents Association:**

Our Parents Association held their AGM last week. It was very well attended which is great to see. They are putting together a list of people who are willing to help out during the year so if you think you might be available every now and again please let them know. Our PA also organised the photo shoot for our annual calendar this month. We hope to have these on sale in early November.

**NRG Xpress Zumba:**

NRG Xpress have continued to support our school this year. This week they organised a whole school Zumba class in The Complex. It was great fun and everyone from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class and staff had a brilliant time. Thank you to Jacinta in NRG Xpress who organised it and to Yvonne who ran the class.

**Students Council Talent Show:**

Our Students Council organised a talent show this week. We had lots of different acts with jokes, dancing, singing, music, magic, novelty acts and much more. It was an amazing show and we are delighted with everyone who took part. Thanks to Ms. Hynes and The Students Council for organising it.

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

**Up Coming Events:**

28<sup>th</sup> Oct to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov: school closed for midterm break.

7<sup>th</sup> Nov: Board of Management meeting

20<sup>th</sup> Nov: World Children's Day

20<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parent Teacher Meetings: school closes at 1pm for all students

21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Parent Teacher Meetings after school.

25<sup>th</sup> Nov: school closed for in-service for teachers