

Scoil Inse Rátha

Déan do Dhícheall

Newsletter March 2024

Dear Parents,

As we approach Easter and the end of Term 2, we can look back with a lot of satisfaction on all the work and activities we have done. Here are some of the highlights of the last few weeks.

Bricks4Kids workshops:

All our classes benefitted from the Bricks4Kids Workshops at the start of this month. Thanks again to our neighbours, Catalyx, for providing this opportunity for our children. In the workshops, children built machines from LEGO TECHNIC using instructions demonstrating key ideas of spatial awareness, physical relationships and practical application of mathematics. Thank you to Luke's Dad, Mark, for organising this for us.

Engineering in a Box:

Lynda, from Dornan Engineering, has been working with 6th Class this year. We had five sessions covering the different types of engineering. We built bridges, wind turbines and robotic hands. It showed us how interesting, diverse and important an engineering career can be. Thanks to Dornans for sponsoring this programme and to Lynda for making it so engaging.

World Book Day:

We celebrated World Book Day this year with lots of children dressing up as their favourite characters from books. Thank you to everyone who made an effort. ***“You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.” Dr Seuss.***

Athletics:

Cork Sports Partnership have organised a qualified athletics coach to work with 2nd&3rd Class this year. It is a great opportunity to try something different and to help children to work on their fundamental movements. We hope that there will be an athletics blitz after Easter where they can test their skills.

Hurling:

The Sciath na Scol hurling season has started. We haven't had any games yet so we will be busy after Easter. The boys and girls have been training hard before school and at lunchtime to work on their skills. It is great to see so much progress and to see them all enjoying one of our national sports.

First Confession:

Our Holy Communion Class received the sacrament of Penance or First Confession recently. Fr. Damian conducted the ceremony and heard their confessions in the school. It was a lovely prayerful experience. The children can now look forward to their First Holy Communion at the end of May.

Cork City Sports:

The Cork City Sports will take place on May 30th this year. We held trials over the last two weeks to pick the runners for the races. It was very competitive and difficult to pick but we have a strong team. Training will start after Easter.

Primary Maths Curriculum:

Date for your diary: **we will close at 12.30pm on Thursday May 23rd** to facilitate training on the new Primary Maths Curriculum.

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

22nd March: school closes at 12.15pm for all classes for Easter Holidays.

8th April: school reopens after the holidays.

11th April: RSA Road Safety Workshop for 5th&6th.

15th April: 5th&6th Class girls football blitz in GCC

22nd April: 2nd&3rd athletics blitz

Board of Management meeting

23rd April: Confirmation

25th April: African Drumming Workshop for all classes.

26th April: Bricks4Kids Creative Schools Workshop in 3rd&4th