



# Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní

## NEWSLETTER

April 2019

### Parents' Association

Chairperson: Suzanne White  
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Assistant Secretary: Nicola Reid  
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Thank you to everyone who has sent in the €10 subscription to date, your support is greatly appreciated. This money goes towards the Holy Communion and Graduation parties and also seasonal events such as our Christmas and Easter activities with the children. We are delighted to be able to give the girls an Easter treat and we are also running an Easter Art Competition for the girls. There will be a prize of a Penney's voucher for each class. Our next fundraising event is Thursday April 11th. We are holding a Bingo Night in Parnell's GAA at 7.30pm and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. Money raised at this event will go towards the new library which all of the girls will benefit from for years to come.

### Sherpa Kids

Sherpa Kids Before & After School care open from 7:30am - 6:00pm daily.

**Easter Camps** - Sherpa Kids Easter camps will run from April 15th to 18th and April 23rd to 26th, €70 per week or €20.00 per day with sibling discount available.



To find out more or book in with Sherpa Kids contact us on

086 276 8222 or

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### Home School Community Liaison

We are almost at the end of term 2 and what a busy few months it has been.

Our CDET classes for this term were as follows:

Fitness	Tuesday	9.40am - 10.40am
Gaeilge	Wednesday	12.30pm - 1.30pm
Pottery	Thursday	9.15am - 11.15am
Gardening	Friday	10.00am - 12pm

The Mindfulness and Relaxation class was cancelled until after Easter. I will forward on information as soon as I know the date and time etc.

Skills Exchange class continues every Thursday at 11.30am in St Brendan's BNS. A very big THANK YOU to the ladies who made the shamrock brooches for all the girls in our school.

Another Skills Exchange class will be held every Monday at 11.30am in Mercy College. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

On the 1st Friday of every month we have Book Club at 11.30am in Mercy College. We welcome any new members that would like to join. This is open to parents in our family cluster of schools.

If you have a child in a senior class (5th/6th) and you are struggling to help them with their maths homework, there is a class every Wednesday morning at 9.15am in Mercy College. Some of the parents from our school are already attending and find it very beneficial.

Thanks to all those who attended the Triple P classes that were held in St Brendan's BNS and Scoil Chaitríona over the past two weeks. The classes were based on Dealing with Disobedience and Managing Fighting and Aggression. The feedback from the parents was very positive.

Our two 6th classes are almost finished their Drugs Education Awareness classes with Claire from the Dublin North East Task Force (DATF). Some of the topics covered were peer pressure, self-esteem, alcohol, smoking and making healthy choices.

The 20 Day Attendance Challenge was a huge success. It ran from the 21st January-15th February and encouraged the children to come to school everyday for 20 consecutive school days. Every child who successfully completed the challenge had their name placed in a raffle and were in with a chance to win one of four ipads. 24 local schools took part in the challenge. The raffle was held in Parnell's GAA Club on 28th February. Lucy Doyle from 5th class in our school was one of the lucky winners. We were all delighted for her.

On Friday 1st March, we had an Attendance Awards Ceremony in the hall. Each child who successfully completed the 20 Day Challenge was presented with a certificate. Again, their names were put into our own school raffle. Sekina Zaiter from 3rd class won a €50 voucher for Smyths and Sarah McDonnell from 5th class won a €50 voucher for Penneys. Well done to all the girls for taking part in the challenge.

**Dervilla 086-0825669, HSCL Scoil Chaitríona**

### Sport

Olivia Shattock from Dublin City Council has organised a four week cricket training programme for the 3rd classes, once a week starting Thursday 11th April. Tag Rugby Training with 5th and 6th classes will begin at the end of April.

Colette Quinn from Raheny Shamrocks has invited us to enter the next cross country event which will take place in either Finglas or Glasnevin around the 8th May.

### Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement have requested to run a second "Working It Out Event" with the 5th or 6th classes. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to put their maths skills to the test in a fun and educational way. As part of the day, the students will take part in basketball, football penalty shoot - outs, skipping, bowling and ring throw. Each activity incorporates a specific maths challenge, complementary to and reinforcing the school curriculum. This will take place on Tuesday 11th June in the school hall.

## Our Second Term At Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní

We have had a very busy and enjoyable second term and we are all enjoying the brighter days and the warmer weather. On Thursday 4th April, our 6th class pupils from Ms. Lunney's and Ms. Dowling's classes received the Sacrament of Confirmation. They had a wonderful day and we were very proud of the hard work that the girls and their teachers put in to the preparations for this special day. Our thoughts and prayers are with our 2nd class pupils in Mrs. Hutchinson's and Mrs. Clince's classes as they prepare to receive their First Communion on Saturday 18th May.

We would like to thank the Parents' Association and the parents and pupils of Ms. Merry's and Ms. Kirby's 4th classes for their amazing work for the cake sale which took place on Friday 15th February. Thank you to everyone who helped out and came along to support us on the day. On Thursday 31st January six children from Ms. Lunney's class were invited into The Marker Hotel as part of The Junior Achievement Project. They gave a presentation to business people and the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr, Joe McHugh to mark the centenary of the Junior Achievement. They also helped to launch JA new Initiative to Support and Recognise Excellence in Entrepreneurship Education in Schools. This event was reported in the Northside News.

Bhí seachtain den scoth againn i Scoil Chaitríona ag ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge.

On Tuesday ( Dé Máirt), we had a whole school assembly and each class gave a performance as Gaeilge

On Thursday ( Déardaoin), the Down to Earth Theatre Group visited the school for a fun performance called "The Not Too Late Show" This play shared important messages about protecting the environment and supported all the wonderful work that we are doing as a Green School.

On Friday (Dé hAoine), all the pupils came to school dressed in green and we gathered in the yard for an aerial photo. Craobh Seán Treacy Comhaltas traditional music group came to play at a Céilí Mór. A huge thank you to Craobh Seán Treacy and to Mrs O'Keeffe for organising this event. It was a very exciting end to our week of celebrations.

Comhghairdeas to Mrs. Hutchinson's 2nd class and Ms. Merry's 4th class who won our Labhairt na Gaeilge competition, which went on for all of Seachtain na Gaeilge. Go raibh maith agaibh to the pupils in Mrs. Ingle's class who announced new frásaí on the intercom every day. Comhghairdeas also to Lauren Menton and Charli Moran in Mrs. Ingle's class and Caoilfhionn Bell and Lucy Doyle in Ms. Doyle's class, who were the winners of our Seachtain na Gaeilge, Tráth na gCeist. Congratulations to Lucy Teeling in 6th class who progressed to the Dublin City Spelling Bee Final which took place on 2nd April in the Clayton Hotel. We are very proud of the pupils in Ms. Conefrey's class, who visited the Central Bank on 4th April as guests of the Junior Achievement Programme. It was a wonderful experience for them and they were highly praised for their wonderful participation on the day.



## Green School

Pupils from the Green School Committee, Billy our caretaker, Ms. Conefrey and Ms. Gormley have now completed 3 traffic surveys. Caitriona Buggle from An Taisce has visited the school and discussed the findings of these surveys with the committee. She was amazed at how observant our committee are and complimented them on their diligent work.

## Erasmus - Green School Forever

As part of our Erasmus Project Green School Forever, Ms. Doyle and Ms. Conefrey spent one very successful week at the end of February on a job shadowing assignment in a large primary school in Areciffe, Lanzarote.

During this week they attended an informative talk on how the school and community deal with the problem of plastics contamination.

They visited local areas of particular environmental interest. They took part in the springtime carnival and they gave presentations on the work our green school committee carry out in Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní. Great interest was expressed in our project; contacts were made and friendships formed.

## Easter Celebrations

On Friday 12th April we will celebrate the start of the Easter holidays with a bumper day of fun. There will be Bingo in the hall for all classes. The Parents' Association will visit each class with an Easter treat. We will also have an art competition and one lucky pupil from each class will win a Penney's voucher.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Management of Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní, I would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Easter.

Cáisc Shona!  
Ms. Whelan