



Scoil Chaitriona Cailini

NEWSLETTER

June 2018

Parents Association

Chairperson: Claire Byrne
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Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who helped at the First Communion on 19th May 2018. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to everyone who donated cakes and biscuits. All of the girls looked beautiful on their special day.

Graduation for the 6th class girls will take place on Wednesday June 27th at 12pm. We would be grateful to anyone who is available to help on this day. We would like to wish all the girls the very best as they start in secondary school.

We would like to thank Deirdre Grouse and Kathleen Norris for all their help over the years on the Parents' Association. Just a reminder that we will have our Parents' Association AGM in September. Everyone is welcome to come along. Have a great summer everyone. See you all in September.

Sherpa Kids

Summer Camps

Sherpa kids will be running summer camps all summer. Camps are open to all children from age 4 - 12. The camps will run 9:00am - 2:00pm daily and cost €90.00 per week, sibling discounts and daily rates available. Camps will have a mixture of activities and weekly excursions!! We will be open 08:00 - 18:00pm daily.

Thank you - We would like to thank all the parents and children who attended Sherpa kids this year, with over 100 children passing through, it has been a pleasure to get to know each and every one and we look forward to more fun next year.



Contact Sherpa kids on 086 276 8222
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Sherpa Kids flexible before & after school - only pay for the hours you use.

Home School Community Liaison

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost upon us. 10 months have passed very quickly. We would like to thank Ms. Bennett for all her hard work over the years. We wish her a very happy retirement. We would also like to welcome our new principal Ms. Whelan. We are delighted to have you with us here in Scoil Chaitriona and we wish you all the best in your new role.

2017/2018 was a very busy year indeed. I would like to thank all the wonderful parents, grandparents, children and teachers for all their help and co-operation throughout the school year.

A special thanks to our Parents' Association for all their hard work organizing different activities and events for the children during the year. Please feel free to come along to the meetings next year. Thanks also to the ladies from our Skills Exchange class for making various brooches/badges for our girls during the year.

I hope everyone has a great summer break and I'll look forward to hearing all about your holidays when we return to school in late August.

Courses and Classes 2017/18:

The following are some of the successful courses and classes that were organised by HSCL throughout the school year for our parents in Scoil Chaitriona:

*Irish *Pottery *Mindfulness and Stress Management *Gardening *Skills Exchange *History
*Cookery *Yoga *C25K for parents and 5 th classes *Interior Design *Singing for Fun
*Parents Plus-Positive Parenting Programme

There was a great turnout of parents/grandparents for these classes/courses and the feedback was very positive. It was great to see so many new faces and I look forward to your return.

More classes and courses will be advertised next September, so come along if you can. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents from our school. All classes are FREE OF CHARGE and EVERYONE IS WELCOME. We also organise talks for parents during the school year. Some of the talks this year were based on the following- Autism, Drugs and Alcohol, Internet Safety, Positive Parenting. If there is another topic you would like us to cover next year, please let me know.

Attendance

Well done to all the classes for making a huge effort to improve our overall attendance for the school year. There has been great excitement in every classroom at the end of each month as the winning class is announced. So far we've had different winners each month. A prize is given to every child in the winning class e.g. ice-cream

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Home School Community Liaison Teachers



Athletics

Thank you once again to **Colette Quinn** (a member of Raheny Shamrocks) and sponsored by Dublin City Council, for helping to train our girls in athletics. Over the last few weeks Colette has been working with 4th, 5th and 6th classes on Tuesday afternoons and their skills and stamina have really improved.

Colette is also organising an inter schools sports' day on Wednesday 20th June. This sports' day will be held in Morton Stadium in Santry and roughly 60 girls will be taking part. They will receive skills training in the morning (shotput /javelin/ high jump/target throws) and will compete in the afternoon.

Finally, thank you very much indeed to all those parents who helped out with our own very successful Sports' Day on the 12th June. Hope to see you all again next year!

Green School

We are delighted to announce that we collected our third **Green School Flag** on Tuesday 22nd May at an awards ceremony in D.C.U. Well done to our Green School Committee for all their hard work and commitment to our Water Theme. Hopefully, everyone will keep up the good work with water conservation during the summer months!

First Holy Communion - 19th May 2018

The girls from Mrs. Hutchinson's and Mrs. Clince's 2nd classes celebrated their First Communion on Saturday 19th May. It was a beautiful sunny day. A special thank you to the priests and staff of the parish, to the teachers and school staff and to the girls and their families for helping to make this such a memorable day.

Credit Union

Just a reminder that the children can save during the school year every Friday morning from September. Thanks to Nicola and Claire for volunteering to run the Credit Union in our school.

Farewell to 6th Class

It is with a very sad heart that we are preparing to say farewell to Mrs. Ingle's 6th class girls. They have had a very successful year this year. Highlights of their year included tours to Russborough House and Dublin Castle. The girls were involved in many activities both inside school and in the local community. School activities included sharing their crochet skills with the girls in Ms. O'Keeffe's and Ms. O'Connor's 4th class. Individual achievements included Mia Craven reaching 2nd place in the Dublin Regional Final of the Eason's Spelling Bee. On 8th June 2018, the community of Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní gathered to support Lucy McEvoy and her family in a wonderful evening in Naomh Barróg GAA club. Aoibhe Goulding and Amy Lattin furthered their media careers recently when they were interviewed along with Mrs. Ingle on Near fm to discuss Comhairle na nÓg. The girls received the sacrament of Confirmation on 19th April 2018. The sun shone on their special day. Following on from this wonderful day, the girls received an invitation from the Mercy Sisters in Glendalough to attend a retreat day. The girls experienced a very prayerful, peaceful and fun day. We are all excited for the girls as they prepare for their graduation on Wednesday 27th and as they begin their new chapter in secondary school. We will miss you all very much.

Our Busy Summer Term

Our summer term has been very busy time. Every class enjoyed a school tour. Our 4th and 5th classes visited Causey Farm and bog. 3rd class visited Airfield Farm in Dundrum and 2nd class visited the Japanese Gardens and National Stud Farm.

A number of classes have been taking part in the eTwinning project. eTwinning offers a platform for schools across Europe to communicate and share cultural experiences. As part of this project the girls in Ms. Merry's, Ms. Doyle's, Ms. O'Connor's and Ms. Conefrey's class have been corresponding with their penpals in Poland, Italy, Turkey and Lithuania. There is great excitement every time a new batch of letters arrive in our school. The girls enjoy reading about the cultural experiences and day-to-day life of pupils in these countries and then sharing their own news with these pupils.

Slán go fóill Ms. Bennett

On the 25th May 2018, the community of Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní bid a very heartfelt farewell to Ms. Bennett. The whole school community including the priests of the parish, staff, pupils and families, past and present, joined in Ms. Bennett's celebrations and expressed their gratitude for all that Ms. Bennett did on their behalf throughout the years.

Guímis gach rath agus beannacht ort Ms. Bennett

A Thank you from Ms. Whelan

I would like to thank the priests of the parish, the staff, the pupils and their families for the wonderful welcome that I received when I arrived in Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní. You made me feel at home from the very first day. I am very honoured to take up the role of principal in such a special school and I look forward to working with you all for many years to come.

*Míle buíochas ó chroí.
Ms. Whelan*