



Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní

NEWSLETTER

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Parents' Association

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Firstly we would like to thank everyone who has helped at any of our events this year. We would like to say thank you & good luck to Elaine Hughes as she leaves us this year as her daughter starts secondary school.

We on the Parents' Association love being involved in the school & the various activities with the girls.

Some of the events we had this year were decorating Christmas trees and Easter art competition, where one girl in each class won a €10 Penney's voucher for their artwork. Each girl also received an Easter egg & we had a giant fun game of Bingo in the school hall for them. Out of the Parents' Association fund we also contribute to decorations & treats for the Communion girls and we contribute to the 6th class graduation treats & decorations.

As you may know we send a note home at the start of the school year asking for €10 contribution per family. As parents ourselves we realise the expense that September can bring so this year we are going to be asking to contribute what you can please. We greatly rely on future contributions in order to continue these activities with the girls. We feel that the girls really enjoy doing these activities as much as we do.

We wish everyone a safe & fun Summer. See you all in September.



Home School Community Liaison

The 2018/19 school year was a very busy year indeed. I would like once again 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 organising various fundraising events such as coffee mornings and Bingo. They also organised seasonal activities for the children including Christmas Trees, Easter Colouring Competition and Easter Bunny Bingo Day.

Thanks also to the ladies from the Skills Exchange class for making the St Patrick's Day brooches and angels for the girls. We really appreciate all your work. Credit Union will continue in September. Many thanks to Nicola and Claire for running the Credit Union in our school every Friday morning. Not forgetting the girls from 5th and 6th classes who have helped with Shared Reading and Story Sacks with Junior and Senior Infants in Scoil Chaitríona Naíonáin. This was a very enjoyable, beneficial experience for both the younger and older children.

Courses and Classes 2018/19:

The following are some of the successful courses and classes that were organised by HSCL throughout the school year for parents in Scoil Chaitríona. *Irish *Pottery *Mindfulness and Relaxation *Gardening *Skills Exchange *Singing for Fun *Couch to 5km *Book Club *First Aid *Fitness

There was a great turnout of parents and grandparents for these classes and the feedback was very positive. More classes/courses will be advertised in September, so come along if you are free. It is a great way to meet other parents from our school. All the classes are FREE OF CHARGE and EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Talks for Parents 2018/19:

We had various talks/workshops for parents during the year. They were all very successful and well attended.

This year we had speakers from Snowflakes (Autism Support), HADD (ADHD Support), TripleP (Positive Parenting Group) and the Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

If there is another topic you would like us to cover in the next school 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 all the classrooms at the end of the month as the winning classroom is announced. A prize is given to all the children in the winning classroom e.g. jellies/ice-cream.

This year we also took part in the 20 Day Challenge. This was an initiative to promote the importance of attendance in schools. 24 schools in North Dublin took part. There were 4 ipads up for grabs. All the names of the children who successfully completed this were in with a chance to win. Lucy Doyle from 5th class was one of the lucky winners. Well done to all the girls for taking part.



Our Final Term At Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní

There is great excitement in the school as we approach the end of a busy and successful school year. We will shortly be saying an emotional goodbye to our pupils from Ms. Lunney's and Ms. Dowling's 6th classes, as they leave us to begin their next chapter in secondary school. We look forward to celebrating their graduation with them on Tuesday 25th June, with a special performance in the school hall. Their Graduation Mass will take place on Wednesday 26th June in St. Brendan's Church and the whole school will be there to support them. We wish the girls every success in their new schools. We are delighted to welcome our new 2nd class pupils who will join us from the Junior School. They will visit the school next week to meet their class teacher Ms. Conefrey.

Our third term in Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní was a very exciting and active term. We took part in many sporting events, enjoyed a wonderful sports day and every class went on school tours.

Congratulations to the nominees for the Bláthnaid Nash Caring and Sharing Award 2019: Taylor Darcy Rm. 13, Nicole Caffrey Rm. 17, Kerri Sheehy Rm. 14, Chloe Blake Rm. 16, Amber Byrne Rm.15, Ava Carroll Rm. 20, Emily Keegan Rm. 19, Erin Healy, Rm.23, Laila Zaiter Rm 21 and Chloe O'Reilly Rm. 24. Well done to all these pupils who were nominated and who received a medal on the day. A special mention to the overall winner of the Bláthnaid Nash Award and trophy Erin Healy Rm.23.

Our new school library is now stocked and will be fully operational in September. On Monday 27th May, the Lord Mayor of Dublin Mr. Nial Ring visited our school to officially open the library. We had a wonderful day of celebrations.

Congratulations to Lacey Hughes from Rm. 15 Ms. Kirby's class who was presented with a €150 Smyth's Voucher from the Credit Union as best saver for the year. The Credit Union will resume again in September.

On behalf of all the staff, Board of Management and the whole community of Scoil Chaitríona Cailíní, I would like to thank all our pupils and their families for their participation and contribution to school life this year. I wish you a very enjoyable and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you all on the 28th August to begin the new school year.

Imelda Whelan
Principal



Sport

Our third classes have finished their cricket coaching sessions with Olivia Shattock and Dublin City Council. We hope they enjoyed learning the new skills and co-ordination techniques associated with cricket. Olivia, DCC and Leinster Rugby were also responsible for providing free Tag Rugby training for our 5th and 6th Classes. This culminated in a Tag Rugby Blitz on 30th June in Clontarf. The girls played very well and were great sport ambassadors for Scoil Chaitríona. Many thanks to Olivia, Dublin City Council and Leinster Rugby for providing such wonderful opportunities for our pupils.

We enjoyed an activity week from 11th -14th June with all classes partaking in aerobics, circuit training or yoga, all of which were kindly provided by Ms Kirby, Mrs. Roban and Ms. Doyle. We were very lucky with the weather on Sports Day 14th June as it stayed reasonably dry for us! Thanks a million to all the parents who helped out and who supported the girls on the day. We couldn't have done it without you!

Green School

Our Walk to School Week in May was very successful. In total we had 280 children walking to school and 255 children parking and striding. Lots of pupils also came by scooter or bike to school. Well done everyone! Keep up the good work. Our School Gate Safety Leaflet is nearly ready for distribution. We hope it will make a difference to the safety of our pupils outside the school.

On Thursday 20th June Caitríona Buggle from An Taisce is coming to help us complete a walkability audit. This will involve auditing a local route to school and assessing its suitability for walking.

Erasmus +

Our Erasmus + project, "Green School Forever" is coming to a close but we are maintaining links with the European Schools involved through a number of pen-pal projects which are on-going. Our next Erasmus project, "Literacy for Life" has started and we are hoping to send some of our teachers abroad over the summer to attend courses on information technology and digital literacy.