



14/03/2024

Dear Parents/guardians,

I hope you are keeping well and looking forward to St Patrick's Day.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We are celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge this week. It has been a fantastic week so far in our school and tomorrow, Friday 15th, we look forward to our CEÍLÍ MÓR. The children may wear green, white and orange clothes. They will perform songs and dances for the other classes. Thanks to Ms Dempsey for organising our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations.

Easter Cake Sale

The school is having an Easter Cake Sale on **WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH**. We are asking for parents/children to bake/buy cakes/confectionary and send it to school on the morning of Wednesday 20th March. Please do not send in anything before then, as we have no storage facilities. Each class will visit the cake sale and parents are also welcome to attend. Times and more information will be emailed nearer the date.

School Closures

The school will be closed on the following dates; please make note of them.

Monday 18th March – St. Patrick's Day bank holiday

Friday 22nd March ½ day – reopens **Monday 8th April** – Easter holidays

Friday 19th April – teacher training

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th May – bank holiday and school holiday

Monday 13th May – teacher training

First Confessions

First Confessions took place on Wednesday 6th of March at 1:30pm in the church. The children were supported by the school choir under the direction of Ms Crabbe and Mr McDonagh. Well done to all involved, it was a beautiful ceremony. We thank Fr Brian and Ms Kelly for all their work.

Service of Light

The Service of Light for Confirmation children will be held in the Church on **Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm**. Children will need their Baptismal candles for the service. They will wear their school uniforms to this ceremony.



Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day will be celebrated on **Friday 10th May** and we cannot wait to welcome all our grandparents to Scoil Íde. More information will follow nearer the time.

First classes visit Newlands Garden Centre

We hope that all mothers of pupils from both first classes loved the Mother's Day baskets they received. Thanks to Newlands Garden Centre for their fabulous baskets.

Friendship Week

We will be celebrating friendship week in Scoil Íde from **Monday 27th – Friday 31st May**. The Student Council meet every Thursday at lunchtime and are working hard behind the scenes planning lots of fun activities for after the Easter holidays.

Credit Union Quiz

Well done to our two teams from 5th and 6th classes, **Mila Jelena Dukanovic, Madison McNeill, Aoibheann Russell, Avaleigh Scott, Holly Canning, Myah O' Connor, Leila Boggans and Grace Duffy** who took part in the Credit Union quiz competition on Thursday 7th March. They did a fantastic job representing our school.

World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday 7th March and children dressed up as their favourite book characters. It was a colourful day in our school with classroom doors decorated with our favourite book themes, a parade of 'characters' and lots of paired, shared and silent reading activities. Well done to all for making us great efforts.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents who supported the book fair. We now have a total of **2626 euro** in credits to spend on new books for all classrooms. We are very grateful to all our SIPA members for their help and support in running the annual Book Fair.

Clondalkin Library Donation

We would like to acknowledge the very generous donation of books we recently received from Clondalkin library. We can never have too many books!

Global Citizenship Workshops

Children from 2nd and 3rd class did a fantastic Fairtrade workshop in Clondalkin Library and learned all about buying Fairtrade products and having an awareness of work practices in countries where products are produced. They also entered an art competition and we had 2 winners, Amelia Kucal and Grace Freaney. Well done girls.



Children from 3rd and 4th class will be doing a Global Citizenship workshop on Friday. Many thanks to Paula Galvin for leading these very worthwhile workshops.

Athletics Team

The Athletics Team are continuing to train each Thursday from 2:30pm – 3:15pm and are looking forward to their first Cross Country Event on April 17th.

Run around Europe Challenge

Our Run around Europe Challenge continues and we are visiting, Rome, Paris and Warsaw this week. Keep up the great running everyone.

ASD Classroom reconfiguration update

We are delighted to report that we are almost at the end of the building project. An existing classroom has been reconfigured and will be used for the purpose of an ASD classroom. We have had ramps installed at most external doorways and a new soft play area created just off the classroom. Once the room is complete we will share the transformation journey on our school website.

School Calendar 2024/2025

The school calendar for next year, 2024/2025 is now up on our school website.

Keep up to date with all school news by checking out our website www.scoilideclondalkin.com



Catherine Keane and the Scoil Íde Team.