02/02/2023

Dear Parents/guardians,

I hope you are keeping well and looking forward to Springtime.

**School Assembly**

Our second whole school assembly took place on Friday last. We had a packed agenda, and were treated to two excellent performances from Ms Cunningham’s class, who recited *The Wobbly Tooth* poem and Ms Warde’s class who performed the *Haka as Gaeilge*.

We had a lovely Catholic Schools week service, led by Ms O’Brien, we heard from our Green School Committee, our Student Council and 3rd class talked to the assembly about the Food Dudes Programme. The following children were Principal Prize winners; **Room 1, Cayden & Amelia, Room 2, Ruaa & Sean, Room 3, Emilia & Theo, Room 4, Lily & Daniel, Room 5, Ciara & Kiana, Room 6, Estelle & Mateusz, Room 8, Theresa & Pola G, Room 13, Caoimhe D & Greatness, Room 15, Jaime-Lee & Lojy.**

**Grandparent’s Day**

We would like to thank all of our wonderful **Junior & Senior Infant Grandparents** who visited the school to celebrate *Grandparents Day* last Friday. We were thrilled to see you turn out in such large numbers and we hope you enjoyed the day.

**Sixth Class Girls**

Thanks to our 6th class girls who hosted and served refreshments for our grandparents visit on Friday. We are so proud of you, Sarah K, Sahara M, Maja K, Katie S and Lucy K.

**Admission Policy**

The school recently amended its Admission Policy and it has been approved by the patron. The Policy will soon be up on our school website for viewing.

**Non-uniform Day**

The student council are holding a non-uniform day this Friday. Children are asked to bring in 2euro. The money raised will go towards the cost of organising fun events for all children during *Friendship Week,* which we will celebrate from 27th – 31st March. Thanks to Ms Murphy and Ms Ryan for working with the student council.

**St. Brigid’s Day**

Many of our classes visited St. Brigid’s well for St. Brigid’s Day. All the children enjoyed their short pilgrimage and learning about St. Brigid. Ms Warde’s class made some traditional crosses.

**Food Dudes**

The Food Dudes Healthy Eating programme has finished in our senior classes and will finish next Friday in our junior classes. It has been an excellent initiative for children to try out new fruits and vegetables. Thanks to Ms Greene and Ms Doherty for leading this initiative.

**Rewards for good yard lines**

4th and 5th classes recently had pyjama days for achieving their star targets on yard. Well done everyone.

**Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day (SID) is on Tuesday 7th February. We have a host of activities/events happening to help promote safety online. We would urge parents to have discussions at home about being safe online, also check out resources/info for parents <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>

**World Book Day**

We will celebrate **World Book Day** this year on Thursday 2nd March. Children may dress up as their favourite book character or any character of their choice. It is always a colourful day in our school.

**Shamrock Fundraiser**

This year we have partnered with *living shamrock* in a fundraising event for the school. Sponsorship cards will soon be sent home with pupils – one per family. Cards will need to be returned to school by Monday, 6th March. Fresh shamrock orders will be delivered to school on Tuesday, 14th/Wednesday, 15th March. We hope you will support this fundraiser.

**Staff CPD**

Please note the school will be closed on **16th March** for staff CPD.

**Swimming**

This year we will have two classes involved in our swim programme. 3rd and 4th classes will have 6 weeks of swimming lessons commencing on Monday 8th May.

**GAA training**

Training continues with Ms Warde, Ms Murphy and Ms Crowley every Wednesday afternoon.

**SIPA**

***School Book Fair***

Our school book fair will take place from 8th – 10th February. Please check your emails as info was sent during the week.

**Additional Bank Holiday 2023**

The school will be closed on February 6th as this is a new bank holiday.

**Midterm Break and Sherpa Kids**

The school is on midterm break for a week, from Monday 13th – Friday 17th February. **Please note Sherpa Kids childcare service will remain open.** Sherpa Kids service sent information to all parents about holiday childcare for that week.

**Green Initiatives**

**WOW**

Our walk on Wednesday winners this week were; Room 4 – Ms Ryan’s class and Room 8 – Ms Doherty’s class. Well done to all.

**Picker Pals**

Well done to Ms Doherty's 3rd class for their hard work doing Picker Pals on yard. They picked up 160 pieces of rubbish from the yard and have been great at cleaning up the yard any time they see litter. The pack is now going to Ms O'Brien's 4th class.

**School Calendar 2023/2024**

The school calendar for next year, 2023/2024 is now up on our school website.

Click on this link to view it <https://www.scoilideclondalkin.com/parent-area/calendar/>

Keep up to date with all school news by checking out our website <https://www.scoilideclondalkin.com/news/>

**Catherine Keane and the Scoil Íde Team.**