23/02/2023

Dear Parents/guardians,

I hope you are keeping well after the midterm break.

**First Confessions**

First Confessions takes place next Tuesday 28th at 1:30pm in the church. Parents are invited to attend, please be in the church by 1:20 pm. Best wishes to Ms Warde and 2nd class girls.

**School Assembly**

At our January school assembly, a special mention was given to 1st class student Aram Abou Moghdeb. Aram has been a great support to everyone with new children enrolling in the school when language has been a difficulty. We are delighted to have such kind and helpful children in Scoil Íde.

**Admission Policy**

The school recently amended its Admission Policy and it has been approved by the patron. The Policy is up on the school website.

**Literacy and Numeracy**

The SEN teachers are currently finishing up interventions with Ms Cunningham and Ms Warde’s classes and will shortly begin work with senior infants.

**Non-uniform Day**

Thanks to everyone who supported the student council non-uniform day on Friday 3rd February. The **349** euro raised will go towards the cost of 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.

**Senior Infants visit the Garda Station**

Thanks to local garda JJ Walsh for organising visits for our senior infants. The children were delighted to see the station. JJ also spoke with our older children about safety online for Safer Internet Day.

**St. Brigid’s Festival Art Competition Winners**

Scoil Íde was delighted to learn that we had 2 students claim first place in their categories at the recent St Brigid’s festival. Huge congratulations to **Lojy Quemada** and **Clodagh Corrigan**, who were both first place winners, Lojy in the 5th & 6th class category and Clodagh in the 3rd & 4th class category.

**A true act of bravery and courage**

We would like to acknowledge the courage shown by Grace Duffy from 4th class who alerted the emergency services during a recent medical emergency. Grace showed tremendous bravery and we are very proud of her.

**Food Dudes**

The Food Dudes Healthy Eating programme has finished with the eating samples part of the programme. It continues with in-class initiatives encouraging healthy eating. 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.

**Safer Internet Day poster winners**

Safer Internet Day (SID) was celebrated on Tuesday 7th February. The poster winners were; **Rm 1: Kate Wade Rm 2: Maksymilian Kaczmarek Rm 3: Eddie Stokes Rm 4: Jaxon O'Neill Rm 5: 1st class: Jiro Quemada, 2nd class: Zuzanna Brasewicz Rm 6: Dominika Rm 8: Theresa Antochen Rm 13: Julia Toman Rm 14: Aoibheann Russell Rm 15: Sofia Saichulina.** Well done to all and thanks to Ms O’Brien for organising the SID initiatives.

**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. We have lots of lovely activities planned to celebrate the day. Thanks to Ms Kelly for leading this initiative.

**Engineer’s Week**

As March is jam packed with events we will celebrate all things engineering from Monday 6th – Wednesday 8th March.

**Shamrock Fundraiser**

Sponsorship cards were sent home with pupils on Monday – one per family. **Cards will need to be returned to school by Monday, 6th March**. **If you are ordering via the QR code, please write the confirmation order number on the sponsorship card.** Fresh shamrock orders will be delivered to school on Tuesday, 14th/Wednesday, 15th March. We hope you will support this fundraiser.

**Cross Country Running**

Cross country running is returning. We will have more info in our next Thursday Newsletter.

**Rugby Blitz invitation**

Leinster rugby have invited 5th and 6th class girls to a blitz in Clontarf RFC on Thursday 7th March. The girls are really excited. We wish them good luck representing our school.

**GAA training**

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

**SIPA**

***School Book Fair***

Our school book fair took take place from 8th – 10th February. Thanks to all our parents who gave up their time to come in and run the fair.

**Green Initiatives**

Our Green initiatives are run by Ms Moore and Ms Crowley. Thanks to both of them for their work.

**Batteries**

We have now collected 20kgs of batteries, our target is 50kgs. Remember if you have spare batteries, send them into school and they will help us achieve our target as well as being recycled safely.

**Mini Orchard**

On Friday 3rd March the whole school will celebrate a tree planting ceremony. We are planting 10 trees in our garden space. This is part of our Challenge to Change project and a green school initiative.

**WOW**

Our walk on Wednesday winners this week were; Room 1 – Ms Duignan’s class and Room 14 – Ms Kelly’s class. Well done to all.

**Staff CPD**

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

**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.**