



# Easter Newsletter

## End of another term...

This term has seen the easing of some of the Covid restrictions that have been imposed on schools in the last two years. It is great to see greater flexibility in our classrooms and enhanced opportunities to see our pupils work together and get stuck into active, co-operative learning!

We have opened up our school library and the Into The Quiet Room to all classes for the first time in almost two years. This is a very welcome development and the children are enjoying using these spaces again. 5th and 6th

Classes have been to DCW for the traditional Seactain na Gaeilge table quiz, yet another positive sign that life is getting brighter and more engaging in school.

A huge thank you must go out to all the staff at school who have worked endlessly to ensure that our pupils are getting the maximum access to quality learner experiences possible.

Our pupils also deserve our praise and admiration for their fantastic engagement with teaching and learning everyday.



We also thank all of the parents who continue to support the work of our school everyday. By working together we will no doubt have continued success in Term 3!

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter. Enjoy the quality time at home and hopefully some nice Easter treats!

## Safety on the Campus

We remind everyone that there is no access for cars into the Dominican Campus. Please continue to use the designated pedestrian gates. There is also no pedestrian access through the campus during the school day. The safety of our

pupils is our top priority and we are working to ensure that no adults walk through the school grounds during the school day.

Parents collecting children from Bethlehem are asked for their support in supervising children

exiting via the ramp. We have had some issues with children throwing sticks and stones and blocking the pathways around DCW. With such a big campus to monitor, your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

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## Special points of interest:

- ◆ School closes on Thursday 7th April for the Easter Holidays
- ◆ School re-opens on Monday 25th April
- ◆ No-Uniform Day for Ukraine raised €1300
- ◆ New class for children with autism opening in September!

## News from Bethlehem

Bethlehem has been a very busy spot since Christmas...lots of learning going on every day!

Junior Infants have been learning about spring and have been on nature walks around the campus. Ms. Harris' Class have loved visiting the Into The Quiet Room for the first time and Ms. Russell's Class were delighted with their trip to the local library!



*Is maith linn bheith ag obair ar scoil!!*

Senior Infants have been learning about frogs and have had tadpoles visiting their classrooms! Ms. Megannety's Class have been working on the 'Garden Centre' during Aistear and Mrs. Phillipson's Class have been growing shamrock and broad beans.

First Class have been working very hard this term. They have been practicing their reading and are learning lots of new words. Ms. Duffy's

Class are focused on comprehension and have read lots of stories about mermaids and pirates. Ms. McAllen's Class have loved reading 'The Twits' and have also learned lots of interesting things about Australia.

Congratulations to 2nd Class who made their First Confession recently. They worked hard with their teachers and the parish to prepare for this. With the help of 3rd Class they have created a beautiful desert garden in St. Patrick's Church. Why not pay a visit to the church over Easter and check it out??!

## Check out some of our work!

The corridors in Bethlehem are alive with the fabulous work being done by our junior classes.....



## Additional Class for Children with Autism

Plans are well underway for the opening of an additional class for children with autism in our school. In September 2022 we will have 3 classes as part of 'The Woods'.

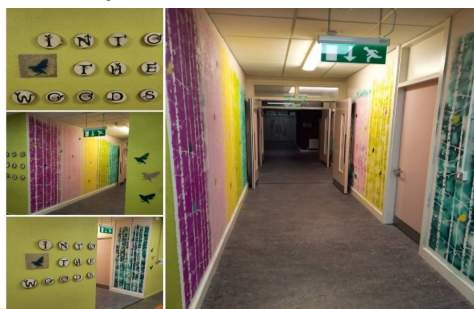
We currently have 'Willow Room' which is our Early Intervention Class for children aged 3-5 years old. This room is always a hive of activity. They love music and singing and are learning a song about clothes. They also love singing the Goodbye Song everyday! Popping bubbles is a real

hit in this room as well as playing with dinosaurs.

Our second class, 'Holly Room' is currently for children aged 5-12 years. There is always lots of activity in this room also. At the

moment they are working on their writing skills and are putting together some beautiful creative writing pieces.

Next year 'Holly Room' will be for children aged 5-8 years. Our new class will be established in Holy Rosary Building and will be for children connected to the Senior Classes. We are looking forward to making these changes as it will help foster greater inclusion opportunities across our school community.



## News from H.R.

Our senior classes have been working very hard over the last term...trade is in ablaze in H.R.!!

Our 3rd classes have been working very hard on multiplication and division in maths, as well as developing their report writing skills. Ms. Fenton's class have been learning about Denmark and the Vikings. Ms. Egan's Class have been enjoying Oliver Jeffers' books!

4th Classes have also been working on report writing



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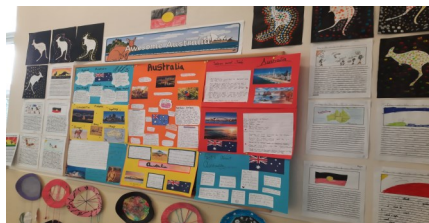
and there are great examples of their work on display. Ms. O'Keeffe's Class have learned all about China and have completed fabulous projects. Ms. Murtagh's Class have tried their hands at being engineers and have made models of famous buildings/structures in Dublin. Ms. Murray's Class have been learning lots about China and Australia. They have even found time to grow potatoes! Our 5th Classes have been equally busy. Along with all their English, Irish and Maths, they have found time

for some interesting projects. Ms. Phillips' Class have been learning about the 1960's and different types of dance. Ms. O'Hanlon's Class have been to the local library and Ms. Seery's Class have been on a fieldtrip to the beach!

6th Class have been busy this week applying to become prefects in our school! It is great to be able to introduce these responsible jobs again and we look forward to seeing them rise to the challenge. Mr O'Sullivan's Class have been writing reports on women in history and have been trying out surrealism art based on the work of Salvador Dali. Ms. Tyrrell's Class have been learning and illustrating some seanfocail and they have just completed 'The Boy in the Striped Pajamas'.

## Great Work on Display in School!

H.R. is overflowing with displays of the work we are proud of...



## Le Chéile Day: Unity in Diversity

On Thursday 7th April we celebrated Le Chéile Day. This year's theme was **Unity in Diversity**. We all came together at our virtual school assembly and each class shared some information about a country in the world relevant to pupils in their class. We all used our fingerprints to create a display in each building with the message **"We Belong"**. We also had a wreath with all the countries connected to our school and representatives from each class placed a white ribbon for

peace on the tree during assembly. We had lots of waving flags and great joy in celebrating the countries and cultures of the families in our school. It was a great opportunity for us all to see just how diverse our school community is, and yet we are all united in our school.

Ukraine was represented by the classes of our two newest pupils who have been welcomed with open arms to our school.

For our No-Uniform Day we

asked for donations so that our school could show our support for **families in Ukraine** who have been displaced by war. We are delighted to announce that we **raised almost €1300 today**. Thank you all for this phenomenal support, it will make a difference in the life of people facing unbelievable adversity at the moment.



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## EASTER HOLIDAYS

School closes at normal times on **Thursday 7th April** for the Easter Holidays. Staff are completing in-service for the Primary Language Curriculum on Friday 8th April.

All of our pupils and staff have worked extremely hard over the last term and are looking forward to the well-earned break! Wishing you all a very Happy Easter...hopefully everyone will get a few nice treats along the way!

School will **re-open on Monday 25th April 2022.**

Reminder of the remaining closures on the school calendar:

May Bank Holiday: Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

June Break: Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> & Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Holidays: Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (HALF DAY : 12.15pm)

## Parents' Association Updates

The AGM of Holy Rosary School's Parents' Association took place on Wednesday 6th April. The information about the activities of the committee, finances and the constitution of the Parents' Association were discussed. All of this information was emailed out to parents earlier this week.

Ms. Wickham gave an update in terms of how funds are being spent. This year projects have included new playground equipment and blackboards for use during breaktime, resources like games and lego for individual classes and

continued investment in IT for the school. New smartboards have been installed in both buildings and a set of ipads has been purchased for Bethlehem.



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Additional chromebooks have been purchased for HR also. The staff and the pupils are delighted with their new resources and are grateful as always for the support that the PA and the parent body give to the school.

At the meeting Wednesday night it was hoped that an event could be planned for during the third term and the activity day has been suggested. Ms. Wickham is going to work with some parents to see if this is possible and further details will issue when we come back after Easter.

Happy Easter to everyone from the Parents' Association!