



Naíscóil Íde

Newsletter – April 2024



We were very busy in the last term up until the Easter holidays. Here is a flavour of some extra activities that took place in the school:

A successful **fire drill** took place on Thursday, February 21st in the school.

There was great excitement in the school on Thursday, 7th March for **World Book Day!** Throughout the week the children listened to lots of stories and also watched some interesting video clips by authors describing their books. Children also read aloud their books for their classmates or other classes and 6th class boys from Scoil Assaim came to read stories to our 1st classes. Our children were delighted to see the older boys! Children and staff all dressed up as book characters on the day and we took a whole school photo in the yard of all the characters! Many thanks to Ms. McIlvenna for organising all the events for World Book Day.



Seachtain na Gaeilge took place in Naíscóil Íde from the 1st to the 17th of March. Classes took part in many additional Gaeilge activities including bingo, learning songs and poems 'as Gaeilge', having lots of chances to earn Gaeilge reward stickers, watching cartoons 'as Gaeilge' and dancing to ceol Gaelach in the yard at lunchtimes. Some classes even did An Haka Gaelach!! The highlight of the week was our 'Lá Glas' when everyone wore green! A huge thank you to Ms. McIlvenna for all her hard work making the fortnight such a success!



On 21st March, to celebrate **World Down Syndrome Day**, some classes wore colourful socks to school, other classes drew pictures of socks and decorated them and some classes used socks for a Maths sorting activity.



The Art Exhibition organised by the Parents' Association took place on March 20th and was a lovely evening for parents to visit the hall and admire the children's beautiful artwork. We say a big well done to all our pupils, thank you to the PA for organising the event and thanks to the many parents who attended on the evening.



School Garden and grounds

We were delighted recently when we received 10 litter pickers and pairs of gloves from Raheny Tidy Towns. We are learning about how we need to look after the environment and not throw litter around. There have been lots of signs of spring in our school garden and grounds recently with flowers appearing from the ground. Children have been feeding the birds all through the cold winter months and now as well as birds, some squirrels are visiting our garden.



Dates for your Diary:

- April 18th - Junior Infant Immunisations
- April 29th - May 3rd Active Schools Week
- May 6th, 7th - May bank holiday weekend, school closed
- May 29th - School closed for Staff Training (National In-service for the new Maths Curriculum)
- June 3rd, 4th - June bank holiday weekend, school closed
- June 7th - School closed for local elections
- June 10th - 1st class Tour
- June 13th - Junior Infant Tour
- June 14th - Senior Infant Tour
- June 21st - 1st class Graduation
- Week starting June 17th : School Reports will be emailed to parents