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Imeachtaí Seachtain na Gaeilge – Irish Language Week

Our boys thoroughly enjoyed participating in the many activities organised during Seachtain na Gaeilge including Seisún Ceoil Traidisiúnta, Céilí, Léacht, Comhrá Gaeilge, filíochta, ceol, damhsa, amhrán, agus dráma greann. We also had a visit to our school from “Treo Eile”, a traditional band who played for our boys. Check us out on twitter.

Engineering Week

As part of Engineer's Week both third classes and fifth class visited Marsh's Library and had lots of fun with experiments of all kinds. Other classes completed the Engineers Challenge Pack where they engaged in the Engineer Design Process. The pupils also learned about the many types of engineering: Biomedical Engineering, Chemical and Process Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Computer and Software Engineering.

Confirmation 2018

Congratulations to the pupils from 6th Class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 15th March, 2018. Bishop Eamonn Walsh conferred the boys and we wish to thank him for his words of wisdom and kindness. Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church, the other two being Baptism and First Holy Communion. In the sacrament of Confirmation, the boys were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

'The Spirit brings Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control'. *Gal 5:22*

Ceol agus Craic!

Le coicís anuas bhí ocaídí eagsúla ar siúil sa scoil le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge. Ár mbuíochas leis na múinteoirí a d'éagraigh gach rud.



Upcoming Events

March 20 – 7.30pm

ACCORD RSE Parent Talk for fifth and sixth class parents. Pupil RSE workshops the next morning.

March 26 – April 6 inclusive

Easter holidays – early closing on **March 23rd** @ 12 noon and 12.30 pm

April 17 – 7.30pm

Parents Stay Safe Talk

April 24

School closed: Primary Language Curriculum In-Service

May 1st and 2nd

The Irish Board of Speech and Drama in-school exams – Note from Ms Casey in school bags

Indoor Team Championships for Schools – Health Through Sport

At the magnificent new arena in Abbottstown, our boys from 5th and 6th class took part in the following 7 events and returned with a good collection of medals.

60m sprint	Shot put
60m hurdles	High jump
600m	Long jump
Relays (200m, 100m, 200m, 100m)	



What a great practice for the annual Santry Athletics which takes place in late May/early June.

Internet Talk

Our Internet Safety Talk for Parents was very informative in raising awareness of how to do our best to ensure our children stay safe online. Following on from this, please see attached link "Parents Guide to A Better Internet" which is a worthwhile read and provides parents with top internet safety tips and advice. <http://www.internetsafety.ie/en/IS/Pages/parentsguidetoabetterinternet>

Córfhéile News

Well done to all the pupils, led by Ms. Maher and Ms.O'Riordan, who performed so well at Córfhéile in the National Basketball Arena, Tallaght last Thursday, 8th March 2018.

Swimming Classes

Mr Hallinan's swimming classes will not take place on Saturday evening March 31st, and April 7th during the Easter break but will resume on 14th April in Terenure College.

Head Lice

Head lice infection is common in the school community and the peak age for infection is the primary school years. When two heads are touching the lice climb rapidly through the hair from one head to another. It is policy in the school to inform parents when there is an infection in a class. It is important to act promptly when informed by the school and to identify and treat head lice infection in the family. The link below has user-friendly, printable information for parents and teachers.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/child/head-lice/>