



### Lá Gaeilge 2018

Last Tuesday the school was transformed into an all Irish speaking school where several classes took part in Lá Gaeilge. Thank you to Gillan and her 1st class for bringing this initiative alive. It was a great opportunity for the children to converse as Gaeilge and to learn a bit more about our culture and language.



### Green Team Trip to Croke Park

Last Thursday, a delegation of sixteen of our Green Team members set off at 9am to the annual Global Goals Conference in Croke Park. The sun was shining, and the weather a balmy ten degrees - this temperature in November acting as a reminder of our own impact on Climate Change! Below are just some highlights from a wonderful (and challenging!) day.

The conference began with a piece about Global Goal #2: Zero Hunger. Children from our school (and others) were shocked by some of the statistics. Children were then wowed by a wonderful presentation on Gender Equality by the students of Scoil Bhríde secondary school in Clondalkin. The girls spoke about some women they found most inspirational.

The delegation found out some really useful ways to spend Black Friday this year where instead of going out to buy new items, why not create a gift for somebody close to you by recycling things you already have, or visiting a local charity shop?

Children and adults attending the conference were treated to a special guest appearance. Captain Climate popped in for a visit and had some strong messages for everybody to discuss and share, the main one being this:

***Every one of us has the potential to be a Climate Hero, and it is up to us all to exercise that potential to make sure that the future of our planet is secure.***

As a final note, Frank Geary, Director of the [Irish Development Education Association](#), spoke to the children about working together to save the further degradation of our planet! Thank you to staff (Marie and Peter), Parents (David and Humiara). Thank you to our dedicated Green Team for their hard work on the day. What a wonderful way to start our exploration of Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste.



### Parent - Teacher Meetings

You will have received notification by now of the allocated date and time for your child/children's parent teacher meetings which take place on 28th and 29th November 2018. If you are unable to attend please reschedule with your child's class teacher. Due to the large number of pupils in the school, each teacher has a packed schedule. With this in mind can we ask that you adhere to your allocated time and should you wish to discuss anything further, the teacher will make another appointment for you.

***Please note that 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> classes will go home at 1.55pm, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November ONLY.***

### Injuries

If your child has attended hospital and requires the assistance of crutches, legboot or sling while attending school, please note that a letter from the hospital/clinic is required by the school. The letter must state that the child is fit to return to school with the use of crutches/Legboot etc. The letter must be given to the office on the child's return to school before he/she can attend class, accompanied by parent/guardian.



**Marthon Kids 2018**

Congratulations to the 5th and 6th Class students who took part in the final mile of the Marathon Kids initiative last week in Morton Stadium in Santry. Thank you to Louise, Pearse, Fiona and Maura for embracing this initiative and of course the children who ran the 26.2 Miles over the last number of weeks. Thanks to the parents who accompanied the children also. Such a fantastic achievement!!!

**Mindfulness  
 At Malahide Castle**

Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am - 1.00pm  
 Venue : The Loft Room

A morning of mindfulness and wellbeing  
 Walking meditations in private walled garden  
 Tea / Coffee and scones from Avoca

**Cost - €35**

Bookings  
 Annmargaret Nolan, M.Sc. Mindfulness Based Interventions (UCD) 0677909599  
 Tara Dunphy, M.Sc. Mindfulness Based Interventions (UCD) 0651425954

This week we celebrated Universal Children’s Day as part of our Learn Together Curriculum. The 20th November commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 as well as the Convention of the Rights of the Child by the United Nations General Assembly in 1989. These important documents remind us that children have many rights including the right to non discrimination, the right to Education and the right to be protected. We would ask all families to celebrate this occasion with your child/ren this weekend.



Annmargaret Nolan, our fantastic Mindfulness and Wellbeing Teacher will be holding a morning of mindfulness and wellbeing in Malahide Castle on Saturday 24th November. She has opened the invitation to parents/guardians of children in Swords ETNS and has asked us to pass on the invitation to you. For further information, please contact Annmargaret directly. A lovely rare opportunity to pause, think and take a step away from our busy lives.



Mairead, Adrienne and the rest of the PTA are busy preparing for the Winter Market as well as finalising orders for cards, calendars etc.

**Some dates for your diary**

**27th November: Bring a Bag**

➤ **Collection Times in school hall.**

- 8.30a.m -2.00p.m
- 6.00p.m-7.00p.m

**Winter Market 14th December**

- Donations can be dropped to school
- All prize donations welcome
- Contact [pta.setns@gmail.com](mailto:pta.setns@gmail.com)

**Basketball Champs**

*Congratulations to the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams who played brilliantly in their league final last Friday in the National Basketball Arena, Tallaght. Both matches were very close and the teams fought tooth and nail until the end! They had the spectators on the edge of their seat and have made the school very proud. Thank you to Rosemary, Keira, Liz, Louise and Pearse and to all the parents who came to show their support.*

