



Seachtain na Gaeilge!

Last week we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge which is always such a huge success. Thank you to Gillian, Niall, Emily and Pearse for making this such a success. Thanks to Louise, Pearse and the 6th Class students for organising such a fantastic Lá Spraoi. Great fun was had by all. Following on from this we enjoyed our Céili, Parade, Tráth na gCeist and the week ended with a performance from Fintan, Toddy, Jody and some very special guest musicians on the day. Emily's Irish dancing troop performed with some help from Claire T, who put back on her dancing shoes for us. Thank you to all the parents/guardians who, donated, supported and helped out with the event.



Language Curriculum Training

As communicated in previous newsletters, the school was closed on Tuesday for students. This was to facilitate DES Inservice for staff on the new Language Curriculum. The school closure is supported by the Department of Education and Skills and facilitates additional training in the area of Literacy and Gaeilge. The training day was extremely beneficial for us as a staff as it facilitated collaborative planning around the Primary Language Curriculum and gave us an opportunity to come together as a staff and improve our planning and indeed our teaching methodologies. We rely heavily on communication through the school Newsletter and we urge you as parents/guardians to read it and keep yourselves updated on school life. It is not possible to send reminder texts regarding something that has already been communicated through the school newsletter. If you do not receive the newsletter, please contact Catriona in the school office to update your email details.

Happy Friendship Week

From 8th – 12th April we will be celebrating Friendship Week. During the week the focus of subjects such as Learn Together, SPHE and SESE will remind children about the importance of friendship and being friendly towards each other. This will also be reinforced in Assembly and in tandem with Amnesty International's Friendship week whereby communities all around the world are encouraged to welcome other people into their community.

Swords ETNS will be welcoming two visitors from the Cambodian town of Siam Reap who are students of the organisation SeeBeyondBorders which provide educational opportunities for children living in extreme poverty. We are looking forward to Sophen and Souven's visit over the course of this important week in Swords ETNS. For more information on the amazing work done by SeeBeyondBorders check out:

<http://www.seebeyondborders.org/>



Croke Park Star

Congratulations to this young gentleman, Mark Duggan who was honoured by Cumann na mBunscoil for his outstanding performance during the Cumann na mBunscoil final at Croke Park last October. Mark was presented with his prize at the Dublin v Tyrone match on Saturday 16th March and was joined by his family and some of the teaching staff who coach the teams here in Swords ETNS. We are extremely proud of Mark and the rest of the team. He is one to watch for the future!!!!

Dates for your Diary

- **Junior Infant Photos: 02/04/19**
- **Friendship Week 8-12 April**
- **Active Week 29th April- 3rd May**
- **Standardised Testing (May)**
- * **PTA Coffee Morning: 29/03/19**
- * **Easter Holidays 15-26 April (inclusive)**
- * **Voluntary Contributions 8/9 May**
- * **Open Evening 30th May**
- * **Sports Day 31st May**