



**September 2019**

If your child is not returning to school in September 2019, can you please let Catriona know. We have lengthy waiting lists and we would like to offer places before the end of June.

**Junior Infants 2019/20**

Last week we welcomed parents/guardians of Junior Infants 2019/20. It was lovely to see the new faces joining our school community. We look forward to welcoming the class of Junior Infants 19/20 on 12th June from 12.45p.m-1.30p.m. Our existing infants, Saoirse and Keira's Classes, will leave at 11.30a.m on this day to facilitate the arrival of the new pupils. We would ask for a prompt pick up on the day.



Thank you to all parents/guardians, extended family and friends for attending our annual open evening last night. Hopefully you experienced our theme of Well-Being while visiting the classrooms, our new Applewood Sensory Garden and experiencing our fantastic choir in the hall. It is such an amazing night for us and hopefully you got a sense of just how wonderful our school is. I would like to thank the PTA for all their hard work on the night and special thanks to Annmargaret Nolan our Mindfulness teacher and Kinga our Dog Therapy Teacher who contribute immensely to our overall Wellbeing here in Swords ETNS.

**School Closed:**

➤ **June 3rd & 4th 2019. (June Bank Holiday)**

Our annual **Run for the Cure** will take place on Friday 21st June. More details in due course. We will be shaking our buckets on the day so please make sure you support this worthy cause. For more information or if you would like to participate, please see Siobhán.



Thank you to all staff, parents/guardians for participating and helping out at today's Sports Day. It would not have been the success it was without you.

**Standardised Testing**

Standardised Testing has been completed for this year and results will be communicated in the end of year reports (issued on 14th June). The report will be sent home in your child's school bag. 6th Class reports will be posted as normal. While significant emphasis is placed on Standardised Testing nationwide and while they provide important information regarding your child's ability in Literacy and Numeracy, we cannot emphasise enough our viewpoint as a school that these tests only examine ability in specific areas and do not give us an insight into your child's creativity, nor do they measure resilience, empathy, kindness, courage, sport, drama or musical skills. It is important that your child understands this and when the reports arrive home, that you praise their achievements and celebrate **all** of their wonderful achievements this year.

**School Outings**

It has been a busy week with many trips outside the school. On Friday last we welcomed back our 6th Class from Donegal. Fiona's 5th class performed in the Helix as part of the Global Goals Festival. They were joined by Maura's 5th Class and both 4th Classes. Congratulations and well done to them on a fantastic achievement for an amazing cause.

3rd Class visited Easons in Swords to see the author Bannie McPartlin who wrote the book "The Fearless Five" while our Senior Basketball Team travelled to the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght to play in the School's League.

**Wellbeing**

Our theme of Wellbeing is alive around the school and we hope you got a sense of the importance it plays in educating the children at our Open Evening. Thank you to all the staff for showcasing the hard work they do on a daily basis and the fantastic work the children produced. I would particularly like to thank Alice, Annmargaret, Áine and our Wellbeing Teams for promoting this initiative across the school. We are focusing on Wellbeing as part of our School Self Evaluation over the next three years and look forward to getting your views and the views of the children during this process. The mural here is almost finished and thank you to Emily (Mum of Theo) and Sarah (Mum to Ben and Séan) for their incredible artistic skills and their time in doing this. We love it!!!!

Applewood Sensory Garden, Swords, County Dublin.

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