

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 25th April: SETNS Open Evening
- May 6th to 10th May: Week of Midterm Break
 - Friday 31st May: Lá Spóirt
- Friday 7th June: School closed for Local Elections

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- **Sensory Garden:** A group from our amazing PTA and some extra little helpers took full advantage of the sunny weekend and gave up their time to tidy up and re-invigorate our Sensory Garden. THANK YOU SO MUCH to Caoimhe, Jonny Mahon, Chulainn, Lochlan, Niamh, James, Kelly, Ivo, Sebastian, Frank, Tony, Greta, Georgia, Amanda and Alannah. Weather-permitting, we hope you can visit it during our Open Evening.
- **Aladdin:** We are going to increase our use of the Aladdin Database system. We will begin using the Noticeboard more frequently to share our news and send you important notices and reminders. The easiest thing to do to keep on top of any announcements is to download the app and turn on notifications so that you don't miss anything (don't worry, I won't bombard you with too many messages!) We also plan to start using Aladdin epayments which will hopefully simplify things when payments are due to the school.
- **Voluntary Smartphone Code:** We had a strong and positive response to this initiative. This week is your last chance to have your say if you would like to complete the anonymous survey which was emailed to you on 12th April. I will publish the results of the survey next week.
- **Coin collection:** Thank you all very much for donating to our coin collection before Easter. We raised over €400 which we will use to build up our Neurodiversity and Inclusion resources.

- **New Maths Curriculum:** We completed our first day of training on the Primary Maths Curriculum, which will be rolled out over the next two years. Information for parents can be found here:
<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/269651/2c1fe0b3-c52b-47e6-b68a-ad1259c69ff6.pdf#page=null>
- **Closure:** We have just been informed that the Community Centre will be used as a polling station for Local & European Elections on Friday 7th June, therefore school will be closed that day.
- **Open Evening:** We are looking forward to welcoming you all into the school on Thursday evening from 6 to 8pm. We would like to remind you about limited parking outside the gates and encourage families to walk if possible!

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