

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Rescheduled School Closure for PMC Training
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April: SETNS Open Evening - all of our school community are welcome to attend

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22<sup>ú</sup> MÁRTA 2024

- We have come to the end of another great term! There have been so many things happening lately that I cannot keep up with it all! I am working on our website and hope to be able to post photos for you to see very soon.
- I must mention our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations. Our student council collaborated with the student council from Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe to organise a lán imeachtaí, including table quizzes, a treasure hunt, dramas, reading together, and dancing together ar an gclós.

Take a look:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19U3XnvOh4kvU9fK8aW8Q0XHsSSVevYJk/view?usp=sharing>

- Wednesday was a very special day in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class as we welcomed our Grandparents for a cuppa and some games and chats. Thanks to parent volunteers Krishna, Lynda, Jackie and Amanda who helped us with the tea and coffee!



- Many thanks for your support this week as we explored the theme of Inclusion. Thanks for your efforts dressing your children in red or silly socks - hopefully the mornings weren't extra busy! Your coin donations will go a long way towards updating our Ethical Education resources!

## Voluntary Smartphone Code

I've been liaising with a group of 20 local principals in developing a Voluntary Smartphone Code. You may have seen something in the media about this in the Greystones area where it has been a huge success. Our BOM and PTA have been consulted and are on board. We hope to generate strength in numbers, a cultural shift, in which parents feel confident saying 'no' to buying their child a smartphone, in the knowledge that other families are doing the same. I'd like to stress that this is *voluntary*, it is very much a parental decision, but as a school, we would encourage you to consider it for your children.

Each school has drawn up a policy and there is going to be an official launch of the initiative in the area on Wednesday 10th April. A talk has been organised for parents in the local area on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, but places are limited. See the flyer below and please fill in the 'Expression of Interest' form if you would like to attend. We will do a Lotto with the responses and let you know if you have secured a place.

Expression of Interest Form:  
<https://forms.gle/vEnjy3NhCdqfCudu6>



Fingal

Following on from the Voluntary Smartphone Initiative in Greystones, a large group of Primary Schools in Fingal are working together to introduce a similar voluntary initiative to support parents/guardians in choosing not to introduce their child to a smartphone while in Primary School.

To support the launch of this initiative, we are delighted that Dr. Colman Noctor, Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytical Psychotherapist, will give a talk on the implications of smartphone use on a child's development and mental health.

# ***Holywell ETNS***

***Access through the school entrance.***

***Tuesday 9th April***

***7pm - 9pm***



Please note parking is limited at Holywell ETNS and cars get clamped in the carpark of the Spar shop across the road. So please allow time for parking.

**Booking:** Places are limited and each school has been allocated a number of tickets.  
Attendance is by direct booking only via your child's school.  
Each school will send details of how to do this.

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