



23rd March 2026



NUAHT NA CROISE NAÓFA

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir!

As Term 2 draws to a close this week, we would like to commend all of our Holy Cross students for working so hard and achieving so much over the last few months. As well as the usual "big events" like Grandparents Day and so much preparation for our Sacramental classes and of course our Spring Dramas, this year we will have to remember those dark weeks of consistent rain that saw us confined to our classrooms so many times in Term 2. It certainly makes us appreciate the better weather of late, which we hope will stay with us now!

We hope that all of our students, families and our wonderful staff enjoy a good break and get time to re-charge over the Easter holidays.

Reminder: The school will close at 12:15pm this Friday for all classes. The school will remain closed for the Easter holidays and will re-open at the usual time on Monday 13th April.



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Many congratulations to Ms. Finnegan and Mr. Fitz's Rang 6 students who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Cross Church last Friday. Everyone present enjoyed a very special ceremony thanks to Fr. Paul, Fr Moses and Bishop Donal Roche. The children were a credit to their families and their school. We are all very proud of you!



SPRING DRAMAS

The children and staff have been working so hard over the past few weeks on preparing for the Spring Dramas.

The Spring Dramas will take place in the School Halla this **Wednesday evening, 25th March.**

As we have five classes taking part we will have two shows in order that people can be accommodated in safety and comfort. The first show will include Junior Infants and Rang 1 with the second show including Rang 3 and both of our Rang 5 classes.

The first show will run from 6.20pm—6.55pm and the second show will run from 7.15 pm—8.20pm. Between the two shows we will have a short interval to allow children in Junior Infants and Rang 1 to be collected and leave the school. If you have children participating in the first show **and** the second show you are welcome to stay in the halla. The children will be supervised in their classrooms until the end of the second show. This interval will also allow parents of Rang 3 and Rang 5 to get settled in the halla.

Space in the halla is limited and so we ask that if families are bringing a relative like a grandparent that they keep the numbers to a minimum. All of the children in the school will have watched the plays during our dress rehearsal on Tuesday and **so we ask that siblings not be brought along in the interest of space.**

We ask that people arrive on time please and not too early. If you have children doing plays in both the early and late shows, they can both arrive at the same time and go to their classes where they will be supervised by their teachers.

All access to the school will be through the white doors on the Senior corridor to the right of the main blue porch - staff will guide you to the correct entrance.

There will be a €3 charge (**cash only**) at the door which is to cover the cost of renting the lighting and sound equipment. The timetable below indicates at what time you should arrive to school and at what time the shows begin and finish.

The timetable is as follows:

- **6.00pm Junior Infant and Rang 1 children arrive**
- 6.20pm Show 1 begins
- 6.55pm Show 1 ends
- **6.55pm Rang 3 and Rang 5 children arrive**
- 7.15pm Show 2 begins
- 8.15pm Show 2 ends

We would like parents to be aware that doors will be closed during performances in order that the children can perform without interruption. A limited amount of parking is available on the night in our staff car park. We ask that all families who can walk or take public transport to the school do so in order to reduce the amount of traffic in the car park. The gates to the DLR County Council car park at the rear of the school will also be open on the night.

At the end of the shows (6.55pm and 8.15pm) the children can be collected directly from the classrooms by their parents.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí seachtain thar a bheith taitneamhach againn an tseachtain seo caite. Bhí céilí mór sa chlós, tráth na gceist agus bingo as gaeilge againn sa halla. Míle buíochas o chroí le Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Finucane agus Mr. McDaid as na himeachtaí ar fad a eagrú!

We had a wonderful time last week for Seachtain na Gaeilge. We had lots and lots of fun activities and prizes throughout the week including an outdoor Céilí and Bingo and Quiz as Gaeilge! Some photos of the fun below!



GAA Update

Well done to all of the children in Ms. Lane's Rang 3 who played so well and had such a great time at last Thursday's Andy Gibbons Hurling/Camogie tournament. Both teams played lots of matches and showed off their camogie and hurling skills throughout. The staff were so proud of how well they represented our school - maith sibh! One of the teams even made it through to a final, which will take place tomorrow, Tuesday 24th at 4:30pm in Naomh Olaf GAA club. Ms. Lane will be in touch with parents involved to arrange transport etc. Best of luck!



In other GAA news, Camogie and Hurling training will continue for Rang 4 to Rang 6 tomorrow, Tuesday in the senior yard at 8:15am.



School Photos



Annual school photos will take place on Tuesday 14th April (the Tuesday after we return from the Easter break). Each class (with the exception of Junior Infants who had their class photo taken earlier in the year) will have their class photo taken.

Every two years our photographers, Imagemasters, offer families the option of having family photos taken (all siblings together). Earlier today, all families received more information on Aladdin about how to book these photos, if they wish.

All children must wear their full school uniform on the day.