



23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022



# NUAHT NA CROISE NAOFA

## Parents Night & PA AGM

On behalf of our Parents Association, I would like to remind everyone about our Parents Evening this Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. We will kick things off in the school halla at 7:30pm. This will be a great opportunity for parents to catch up and hear about what is going on in the school. There will be a guest speaker on the night also. Finally, the PA will be appointing 4 new members to the PA Committee (see last week's Nuachtlitir for more info).

**Today is the last day to put yourself forward to go on to the PA Committee. Please email your details to [principal@holycrossschool.ie](mailto:principal@holycrossschool.ie) if you are interested.**

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



WE DID IT! Congratulations to one and all as we have been awarded our 4<sup>th</sup> Green Flag. Our Green Schools Committee shared the wonderful news with the school during Tionól last Friday. Here they are proudly displaying our flag! More info later in the Nuachtlitir!



## Confirmation this week

We would like to wish all the very best to our children in Rang 6 who will be making their Confirmation in Holy Cross Church this Friday. The children have been preparing for the occasion with Parish-led online zoom sessions with their parents over the last few weeks as well as completing the Grow in Love programme with their teachers throughout the year. They had their Ceremony of Light on Tuesday evening last and were a credit to all of us throughout the very intimate Ceremony.

## A Bumper Week of Sport in Holy Cross

This week sees many of our children take to the playing fields in a number of codes - details below!

### Athletics

Mr. Kelly will train the boys and girls on our Athletics teams after school on Tuesday AND Thursday of this week. Children will return to school at 4pm for collection. No training on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> as previously planned due to Confirmation.

### GAA

Our Camogie team have their final match this Wednesday in Bushy Park at 3pm. They will return to school between 4:20-4:35. They have been absolutely fantastic over the last few weeks when pitted against some very strong teams and deserve great credit - we are very proud of you girls!

No boys hurling match or training this week.

### Rugby

Ms. Dobey's Rang 4 will take part in a rugby blitz organised by Leinster Rugby in Marlay Park on Friday. Ms. Dobey will be in touch with parents via Aladdin with further details.



## Standardised Testing

This week, classes from Rang 1 to Rang 6 will complete Standardised Assessments (Drumcondra Testing) in Numeracy and Literacy. The children have been preparing for these assessments throughout the year with their teachers and so there is absolutely no need for any child or family to be anxious about them. These assessments must be carried out each year but are only **ONE** indication of a child's progress and should not be the cause of any worry! If your child will be absent for any reason this week please inform your class teacher via the Aladdin app in advance. The results of these assessments will be included in the end of year school reports which will be sent out in June.

As always, if you would like to speak to your child's teacher on this or any other matter in the meantime, they would be more than happy to schedule a time for a chat!

## Green Flag for Transport Awarded to Holy Cross School

I would like to sincerely thank and congratulate all of our pupils and staff and in particular our amazing Green Schools committee on our recent award. This is now our 4<sup>TH</sup> Green Flag. This flag represents the progress we have all made in improving how we use transport in a more sustainable way. Our Committee (Driekus, Katie (*missing from photo*), Aine, Alice, Grace, Freddie and Aaron) have worked so hard all year. Some highlights include the whole school travel survey, improving our Walk on Wednesday figures from 39% to 61%, scooter and cycle workshops as well as the many presentations they made to the school throughout the year. Finally, I would like to thank Ms. Devereux and Mr. Kinsella for leading this initiative in the school. Another brilliant day for Holy Cross!!

## Message of thanks from Dundrum and Rathfarnham Area Community Sponsorship Group

Many thanks to everyone at Holy Cross that generously donated to DARA earlier this year. We have made huge progress thanks to very generous support – we have almost reached our fundraising goal and we are now in discussions with two potential benevolent landlords with a property that they are willing to make available to the family. The refugee crisis has very much been to the fore over the last few months due to the tragic events in Ukraine. The Community Sponsorship model is more suited to refugees who are planning to remain in Ireland long term and so we expect to welcome a family most likely from Afghanistan.

We will have a stand in Airfield market on the morning of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May and we would be delighted to update you on our project or chat about how you might like to help when the family arrives.

Many thanks again for all your support.

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