



7<sup>th</sup> March 2022



# NUAHT NA CROISE NAOFA

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It has been a very exciting few days planning out activities that we hope will take place over the coming weeks. To that end, we have another packed edition of our Nuachtlitir this week with the following important information contained;

2. Seachtain na Gaeilge
3. Collections for Ukraine
4. After school activity details
5. GAA arrangements for this week
5. Ceremony of Enrolment for Rang 6
5. Parents Association Coffee mornings



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week's photo is of some of our Rang 5 and Naíonáin Bheaga students teaming up for some shared reading for world book day last week. This is just one example of how the teachers are creatively taking advantage of the removal of the requirement for class bubbles. For more photos of this and other school activities, please check out our school's Twitter page - @HCDundrum

## Seachtain na Gaeilge 2022

Míle Buíochas le Mr Fitzgerald for arranging all of our SNAG 22' activities. We had a great start last Thursday with our Bodhrán lessons with Robbie. Please see further list of events below.



Don seachtain speisialta seo beimid ar fad ag déanamh ár ndícheall an méid Ghaeilge agus is féidir linn a úsáid sa rang agus thar timpeall na scoile. Beidh duais ann i ngach rang gach aon lá agus neart eile ar siúl le borradh a chur faoinár obair ar son ár teanga dhúchais - go raibh míle maith agaibh ar fad!!

*For this special week and a half, we will be trying our best to use as much Gaeilge as we can in the classes and all around our school. There will be prizes each day for each class and plenty more to boost our use of our national language!*

### **GACH LÁ (every day):**

Gaeilgeoir an Lae - Duais á thabhairt amach ag deireadh an lae  
Fógraí le crochadh thar timpeall na scoile - gach rang  
Abairt/Frásá an lae

Márta 3, Dé Déardaoin - Bodhrán Buzz (Rang 1 - 6)

Márta 7, Dé Luain - Ealaín as Gaeilge le crochadh thar timpeall na scoile

Márta 8, Dé Máirt - Tráth na gCeist: Rang a 3 - Rang a 6 @ 1.15pm

Márta 9, Dé Céadaoin - Bingo: Rang Naí Bheaga - Rang a 2 @ 11.20am

Márta 10, Dé Déardaoin - Seanacháí Róisín Murphy

Márta 11, Dé hAoine - Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine

Márta 14, Dé Luain - Cluichí teanga sa chlós

Márta 15, Dé Máirt - Ceol sa chlós & Céilí

Márta 16, Dé Céadaoin - Lá Glas

## Collections for Ukraine

As you all know, over the last few weeks, the world has been watching horrific scenes coming from Ukraine following the Russian invasion. This has led to extremely difficult circumstances for countless families, including some in our own Holy Cross Community.

As a school community it is important that we try to contribute in some small way to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Thankfully we are in a position to welcome one such affected family to our school this week.

Another way in which we hope to contribute is through a school collection for the Red Cross next Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup> March) on our Lá Glas (mentioned in our Seachtain na Gaeilge timetable above). On the day, the children can wear something green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We will be asking the children to bring in a few euro which we will collect for the Red Cross to use in providing aid to Ukrainian families displaced in recent weeks.

Indeed, this community spirit which is such a strength of our school, can be clearly seen amongst our parents. Some parents of our Rang 2 children are helping to raise funds directly for Ukrainian families who are re-locating to Ireland. They have set up a go fund me page which can be accessed via the link below

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-unimaginable-journeys-to-safety?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-unimaginable-journeys-to-safety?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer)

These funds will be used to arrange accommodation, food and other humanitarian resources for Ukrainian families who will be coming to the wider Dundrum area in the coming days and weeks.



## After School Activities

Thankfully, due to the recent easing of Covid 19 restrictions, we have been able to liaise with some of our after school teachers with a view to getting them back up and running.

**All of our after school activities listed below will start on the week of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March (after St Patrick's weekend).**

The table below has details of days, times, costs and importantly, contact emails for the various activities. **Please note that the office will not be taking any payment for after school activities** but rather if you use the email addresses provided, you can sign up for the activities and they will provide details on how to pay.

Day	Time	Activity	Class level	Cost
Monday	1.35 – 2.35	FitKids (zumba, yoga, poundfit, fun)	Junior/Senior Infants	€90, siblings (2 kids - €160, 3 kids - €240)
	2.40 – 3.40	FitKids (zumba, yoga, poundfit, fun)	1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Class	€90, siblings (2 kids €160, 3 kids €240)
Contact to register: <a href="mailto:janazumbafitness@gmail.com">janazumbafitness@gmail.com</a>				
Tuesday	1.35 – 2.35	Drama	Junior/Senior Infants	€90/ €170 for family of two
	2.35 – 3.35	Drama	1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Class	€90/ €170 for family of two
Contact to register: <a href="mailto:dramaholycross@gmail.com">dramaholycross@gmail.com</a>				
Thursday	1.35 – 2.35	Mini Tennis	Junior/Senior Infants	€90
	2.35 – 3.35	Mini Tennis	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	€90
Contact to register: <a href="mailto:ferghald63@yahoo.co.uk">ferghald63@yahoo.co.uk</a>				
Friday	2.40 – 3.40	Chess	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Class	€70 for one student, €115 for 2 siblings or €160 for 3 siblings
Contact to register: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQIWUDCe4hAxIjJEHX48qNxmNJ06mrwQRcNzQxwJd_GMv9FQ/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQIWUDCe4hAxIjJEHX48qNxmNJ06mrwQRcNzQxwJd_GMv9FQ/viewform</a>				

## GAA this Week

- We have only one match this week as the boys have finished all their football games for the year. The boys will continue to train however and will **train this week on Wednesday after school from 2:40 - 3:30pm.**
- The girls will have a match in **Deer Park on Thursday at 2:15pm.** The girls will return to the school at roughly 3:30-3:45pm.



## Ceremony of Enrolment

Well done to all students in Rang 6 who had their Ceremony of Enrolment for their sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening. It was wonderful to see so many of our families together in the church as they continue preparations for their Confirmation later in the school year.

## PA Coffee Mornings & Uniform Sale



We are very aware that due to Covid 19 restrictions, parents have not had the usual opportunities to connect with each other. This is particularly impactful on the parents of our infants classes who are new to the school. In order to give parents the opportunity to meet and chat, our Parents' Association will be holding a **Coffee Morning for parents of Junior and Senior Infants in the school halla on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9am.**



The Parents' Association, together with our school secretary Carina will also be holding a **school uniform sale AND coffee morning for all classes in the halla on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.** All parents are welcome on this date. It will be great to have so many parents back in the school for a cuppa!