



19th March 24



NUAHT NA CROISE NAÓFA

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir!

We hope that everyone had a lovely long weekend and enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Day. It is hard to believe that we are now in the last week of Term 2. It has been an incredibly busy few months in Holy Cross and all of the children deserve great credit for their hard work. We hope that all of our families and staff members enjoy the well deserved break over the Easter holidays. We have another bumper edition of the Nuachtlitir today with some very important information on the following topics;

- Arrangements for Spring Dramas this Thursday 21st March.
- Barnardos Online Safety training evening for Parents.
- School Closure for New Primary Maths Curriculum Training.
- Active Schools Week

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 8th April

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



"Maith sibh" to all of our Gaeilgeoirí na Seactaine from last week. These children were nominated by their teachers for really trying their best to speak as Gaeilge throughout the week!



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 **Thursday evening, 21st of 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 both of our Rang 3 classes and Rang 5.

The first show will run from 6.20pm—6.55pm and the second show will run from 7.15 pm—8.15 pm. 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 Wednesday and so if possible, 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.

Barnardos Online Safety Training

As highlighted by the support for the Holy Cross Parents Cyber Smart Charter earlier in the year, we know that the area of internet safety for children is a topic that many parents would like to learn more about in order to ensure their child safely engages with online content.



The charitable organisation Barnardos have been offering online safety training to schools for a number of years. We have been on the waiting list with Barnardos for quite some time as demand is huge amongst schools and parents for these talks. Thankfully on Wednesday 10th April (the Wednesday after the Easter holidays) Barnardos will visit Holy Cross to deliver age appropriate online safety lessons to our Rang 4, Rang 5 and Rang 6 children. The facilitator has also offered to return to Holy Cross that evening at 7pm to deliver online safety training to our Holy Cross parents. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the dangers posed to our children in today's online world and importantly, to hear more about ways that we can ensure that our children engage with the wonderful opportunities available online, in a safe way.



All parents from all classes are welcome to attend the school hall on the night of Wednesday 10th April at 7pm. As mentioned above, the Barnardos training is in high demand and also comes highly recommended and so we are sure that we will have a good turnout on the night.

New Primary Maths Curriculum

Over the next few years, the primary school curriculum in Ireland will be changing. This is being introduced on a phased basis. The next subject area that will be updated is the Primary Maths Curriculum. All schools will be engaging with in-service training in the 2023-24 school year. The date that has been assigned to our school is **Monday 20th May**.



Holy Cross school will be closed on this day to facilitate training for our team of teachers. There will be reminders closer the time but as this will obviously have implications for families we wanted to let you know as soon as possible.

Active School Week



Active Schools Week will be taking place again in Holy Cross this April. It will run from 22nd-26th April. Many thanks to Ms. Manning who has been busy making all the arrangements for what is always a very enjoyable week for everyone in Holy Cross.

If any parent would like to come in during this week or know of any sports person/group that would be interested in visiting, it would be greatly appreciated. We would especially love to extend a warm welcome to anyone who would talk to the students about healthy eating or lead a dance/Zumba workshop. In previous years, we have had parents visit the school to talk about their role as a nutritionist and physical therapist etc.. If this is something that you would be interested in, please contact Ms. Manning at smanning@holycrossschool.ie



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