



25th April 2022



NUACHT NA CROISE NAOFA

A New Term Begins in Holy Cross

Céad míle fáilte romhaibh ar ais ar scoil! A very warm welcome back to all of our students and staff members. I hope everyone enjoyed a peaceful Easter break.

We have a jam packed edition of our Nuachtlitir for you this week.

Topics include:

- Active Schools Week 3rd-6th May
- Santry Athletics & GAA Arrangements
- Teacher Swop
- Booklists and Waiting Lists
- Student Council
- Rugby for Girls

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



This week's photo is of some very special new arrivals in Ms. Palmer's Senior Infants!

Ms. Palmer's class took delivery of an incubator with some eggs that we hope will hatch in the coming days! As you can imagine, there was quite a bit of excitement this morning. Ms. Palmer has also made arrangements so that other classes in the school can pay a visit over the coming days to meet our V.I.C.'s!



Active Schools Week - 3rd to 6th May

One of the most enjoyable events on the calendar kicks off next week with our Active Schools Week. Many thanks to Mr. Kelly for his hard work in arranging everything! Some details from Mr. Kelly below.

Active Schools' Week is taking shape and we are looking forward to lots of activity interspersed throughout the week. The highlight of the week has to be the School Community Walk in Marlay Park on Thursday evening (May 5th). This has become very popular in recent years and we cannot wait to get back this year. The walk starts at Marlay House at 7:15pm - see you there!

Points to note for Active Schools' Week.

- Children are asked to wear school tracksuit every day.
- Children to wear club/county jersey on Wednesday.
- Active travel on Wednesday - walk or scoot to school.
- **School Community Walk in Marlay Park - 7:15pm on Thursday.**
- As the children will be partaking in additional activities each day, it would be a good idea if they brought additional water to school.

Santry Athletics 2022

We are delighted that the Santry Athletics competition will return this year after a two year absence. This year, due to restrictions, events for 2022 are open to boys and girls in the Under 12 and Under 14 age categories only. This unfortunately means that we will not be able to bring as many athletes as usual to the games. Please see further details on age classifications below.

Under 12 - children born in 2010 - some children from Rang 5 and all Rang 6 children.
Under 14 - children born in 2008/2009 - some children from Rang 6

The panel for each age group consists of five girls and five boys competing in sprint and relay. The panel of five includes one substitute. **Trials will take place tomorrow, Tuesday April 26th, in Rosemount Park after school. Children should be collected at 4:15 pm from the school.** Children taking part in the trials should wear a tracksuit to school.

Please ensure that each child taking part knows what age category they are in as names and dates of birth are required to register the panel of athletes with Cumann na mBunscol. The competition itself takes place in Morton Stadium, Santry on Monday, May 30th during school hours.

GAA this Week



Our Hurling fixtures have been announced with the Girls Camogie team and the Boys Hurling team beginning their matches next week. **This week, the Girls camogie team will train in the yard from 2:40pm - 3:30pm on Wednesday. The boys team will train in the yard from 2:40pm - 3:30pm on Thursday.** If the boys and girls have their own hurleys and helmets they can bring them along.

Teacher Swop 2022

This Wednesday, 27th April, we are bringing back another one of our most enjoyable initiatives that had to be put on hold due to Covid - our Teacher Swop Day. On Wednesday, each class will arrive to school with a special guest waiting in the class for them. The teachers (including our wonderful SEN team and myself!) have been rearranged for one day only. The special guest teacher will take the lessons for the day in that class (or SEN setting). As well as being a bit of fun for the day, it allows the teachers to mix with students from various classes - something which we have all missed for the last two years. The teachers know what class they will be teaching on Wednesday but this information will remain a closely guarded secret until Wednesday morning when the children arrive to school!

Booklists and Waiting Lists



The booklists for next year (2022-23) will be sent out next week to all families. A letter explaining payment options etc. will be sent out with the booklist. To allow this process run as smoothly as possible, and also as we currently have waiting lists for all of our classes, we would be grateful if families would get in touch with the office if they are planning to move out of the area and their child / children will not be attending Holy Cross next year. Míle buíochas.



Student Council



We are proud to announce the formation of the Holy Cross Student Council. We hope this will give the children in our school an opportunity to have their say on a wide variety of topics in Holy Cross. Each class (with the exception of our two infants classes who will be represented by 6th class pupils) will have a representative on the Council. Their job will be to canvas the opinions of their classmates on various topics and bring these opinions to the wider Student Council. They will also have to report back to their classes with information from Council meetings. The teachers will be discussing the roles in more detail with the children this week and class reps will then be selected. Exciting times ahead!



Rugby in Holy Cross

Children in Rang 1 and Rang 4 will begin Rugby sessions with coaches from Leinster Rugby this Tuesday. Rang 4 will be taking part in a Rugby blitz later in the term also.

Give It A Try - Girls Rugby Is Back

Old Wesley Leinster Rugby Give It A Try 8 week fun programme is back in Wesley College, Ballinteer for May and June.

Where & When: **Sunday in Wesley College from 12:00-1:00**

8 May - 26 June - €10 for 8 weeks

Ages 8 to 16.

To register email girlsrugby@oldwesley.ie

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