



7<sup>th</sup> April 2025



# NUAHT NA CROISE NAOFA

## Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir!

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 10<sup>th</sup> April.
- GAA Arrangements
- Active Schools Week
- Wellbeing and Anti-Bullying Pupil and Parent Surveys

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 28<sup>th</sup> April.



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Sixth Class busy making cookies this 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, 10<sup>th</sup> April**.

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 Wednesday 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.

## Congratulations Mr. Fitz!

Huge congratulations to our Deputy Principal, Mr. Eoin Fitzgerald and his wife Liz on their marriage last Friday. Wishing you all the very best in the future from all of us in Holy Cross!

### Active Schools Week



Active Schools Week will be taking place again in Holy Cross after the Easter break. It will run from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

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 the school office.

### GAA this week

This week sees the beginning of the Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie season. Due to the plays taking place on Thursday there is only one of our teams in action. The Girls Camogie team will play St. Raphaela's NS at 2pm in Deerpark on Wednesday. They will return to the school by bus at 3:45pm for collection. The teachers will let the players who are travelling know before Wednesday.

There will be no Hurling and Camogie training tomorrow morning, Tuesday.

Best of luck to our Rang 3 students who are playing in the finals of the Andy Gibbons on Wednesday afternoon at 4:40pm in Naomh Olaf GAA Club!



## Wellbeing and Bí Cineálta Surveys

As part of the School Self Evaluation process, all schools are required to engage with school stakeholders in the preparation of a Wellbeing Policy. To take effect from September 2025, schools are also required to prepare a Bí Cineálta policy which will replace schools' Anti-bullying policies. As part of the process for both of these endeavours, we would like to get parent and student feedback on both anti-bullying and wellbeing practices in the school which will inform future policies.

We have prepared an online survey which will seek feedback from students and parents on these topics. On Wednesday of this week, instead of written work for the children, teachers are assigning one special item of homework! Two separate surveys will be sent via Aladdin on Wednesday. The first is the Pupil Wellbeing & Bí Cineálta Survey to be completed by the children. We ask that you as parents / guardians take some time to complete the student survey with each of your children (if you have more than one child attending the school).

We also ask that separately you would complete the parental survey on the same topic. You only have to fill out the parental survey once even if you have more than one child in the school. On Wednesday you will be sent links via Aladdin and emails to the various surveys with further instructions.

As always, your help and support is greatly appreciated.