



24th January 2022



NUAHT NA CROISE NAOFA

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As we all heard last Friday, there was some very welcome news regarding Covid 19 and its associated restrictions. What exact effect that will have on primary schools in the coming weeks and months is, as yet, unclear but we are certainly looking forward to returning to a more "normal" school routine soon particularly with regard to extra curricular activities (please see GAA notice later in the Nuachtlitir).

The Department of Education has advised schools that current protective measures will remain in place until 28th February. On this point, we have taken delivery of HEPA filtering devices this morning which will be installed in each classroom and SEN room. This is another measure that will help keep our children and staff safe. Ventilation is still very important and so windows will remain open in the classrooms. Our hope is that these new machines will allow us some flexibility to reduce the time the windows are open fully and so keep everyone a little warmer over the next few weeks. I would like to thank our Parents' Association for their generous donation towards the cost of these expensive machines. The money raised from our Christmas raffle has been directly invested back into the school which is fantastic!

**PHOTO OF
THE WEEK**



This week's photo is of our delivery of HEPA filters received this morning. They will be distributed to all classrooms. We hope that they will provide additional level of safety in ensuring high air quality in our school for years to come. Many thanks again to the PA for their very welcome donation.



Important Reminder

We would like to remind all parents/guardians of children in 2nd and 6th classes that if they would like their child to take part in the sacraments later in the year, to register with the Parish Office for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Dates for both ceremonies and further details of preparation will be forwarded by the Parish to those families when registration is complete. You can follow the link below to register.

Registration for CONFIRMATION:

<https://forms.gle/H2QVpTrMcN9GhNPRA>

Registration for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

<https://forms.gle/vPFD7Qs1Zzt6QE8EA>

The closing date for registration is Thursday 27th January

Grandparents Day 2022

Grandparents day 2022 takes place on Wednesday 26th January. Each class will be doing a little project, story or poem to do with grandparents over the next few days. We are also preparing a little video wishing everyone a happy grandparents day. We thought it would be a nice idea to include some of the many languages spoken by families in our school in the video. Keep an eye on Aladdin and the school twitter on Wednesday!

GAA is back in 2022!

We have some great news this week with the announcement that Cumann na mBunscol, the organisation who run primary school GAA are starting back up in February. It will be fantastic to see Holy Cross girls and boys back out on the playing fields once again. Unfortunately our "Junior Teams" (Rang 3 & 4) are not back yet but hopefully they will resume for the hurling / camogie portion of the year after Easter.

In advance of our matches which will start in 2 weeks (details to follow), 5th and 6th class will train this week. **Training for the girls** will take place after school in the yard on **Wednesday from 2:40p.m. to 3:30p.m.** **Training for the boys** will take place on **Thursday from 2:40p.m. to 3:30p.m.** I would like to thank our enthusiastic teachers for being so generous with their time and arranging this for the school.



We are a voluntary group of local residents (including 3 Sixth class Holy Cross Mums) who have come together to welcome a refugee family to the Dundrum/Rathfarnham area. With the approval of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme and the guidance of the Irish Refugee Council, we will welcome a family in 2022 and support them in settling into our community.

We are required firstly, to find a suitable home for the family and secondly, to fundraise a target sum of €20,000 to support the family's integration for their first two years in Ireland. To read more please go to <https://daracsgroup.mystrikingly.com>.

This is a community initiative, and we would be delighted to hear from anyone that would be interested in joining us and helping out, or if you have any queries, please email us at: daracsgroup@gmail.com

We are kicking off our fundraising campaign with our "Dip for Dara" on Saturday 29th January 2022. Members of the DARA Community Sponsorship Committee will brave the icy waters at Killiney Beach. Any support would be greatly appreciated! Go to: <https://gofundme/d89a7f00>

Ballinteer Youth Choir

Boys and Girls aged 9 – 14
Rehearsals on Mondays 5.15 to 6.30 pm

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