



# Newsletter

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## April 2017



### TRÓCAIRE

Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts to raise money for

Trócaire

this year. We had great fun with all the different activities and raised a total of approx £700.



### RUGBY IN P7

P7 were treated to a visit to Kingspan Stadium with their friends from Wheatfield Primary School.

They also took part in a rugby blitz with lots of other primary schools.



### LEADING SCIENTISTS OF THE FUTURE

As part of the NI Science Festival, Primary 6 participated in a fantastic science workshop where they made their very own robot, the 'Doodle Bot'.



### CYBER SAFETY WORKSHOP



Our P6 girls were reminded of the importance of staying safe online today during their BEAM cyber safety workshop.

### PEACEFUL SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL

Bridget Brownlow and students from St Mary's University in Halifax, Canada, who have been visiting schools all over the world, visited Holy Cross Girls' and worked with the pupils on diversity and respect for others.



### HOLY CROSS ASTRONAUTS

Primary 5 had great fun while visiting W5 for the Destination Space workshop.



### GARDENING SUCCESS

Well done to the Eco Council who have been working so hard on the garden. They were awarded certificates from the Royal Horticultural Society for Level One and Level Two School Gardening Awards for all their hard work. P5 girls have already enjoyed making soup with the leeks from the garden!



### FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

To celebrate the start of Fairtrade Fortnight P5 had a fairtrade break in their class today - enjoying some fairtrade bananas and chocolate. By buying fairtrade products this will allow the farmers to be paid a fair price for their work and teaches the girls to be responsible citizens for the future.



### WORLD BOOK DAY & READ IN BED

We had lots of different characters at school to celebrate World Book Day. The big girls took the opportunity to read to the little girls. Remember to keep reading everyone. Congratulations to all the winners of our Read in Bed Competition.





### DIGITAL LEADERS

We were delighted to have Una Meabh from iTeach visit to train our new Digital

Leaders Team. The girls have helped us to achieve our Digital Schools Award.

### SING OUT CONCERT

We were very proud of our Primary 5 and Primary 6 girls as they participated in the School of Music Sing Out Concert along



with Our Lady's Primary School, St John the Baptist Primary School and St Teresa's Primary School. We were also able to enjoy music performed by the Junior Winds and the Concert Orchestra. Well done girls for such beautiful singing.

### NSPCC PANTS PROGRAMME

It was delightful to see P1 & P2 entertaining their parents as part of the NSPCC Pants Programme. The programme deals with keeping children safe and helps them to learn that if anyone does or says anything that makes them feel uncomfortable then they should tell a responsible adult.



### MEET THE LIFEGUARDS

David and Adam from the RNLI visited us to present their Meet the Lifeguards Assembly. They talked to us about how we can stay safe at the beach, what colour flags to look out for, what to do when someone needs help and what their job is. It was very informative and the girls learned a lot.



### ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our Irish dancers had a lovely time entertaining the children in Holy Cross Nursery as part of their celebrations for St Patrick's Day. Thank you to the boys and girls for being such a great audience and to Mrs Gallagher for our treats!



Some of our girls went down to visit our friends at Bradley Manor Care Home to entertain them for St Patrick's Day. They

were delighted with our Irish Dancing, tin whistle playing and singing.

We had a lovely morning celebrating St Patrick in school. We had mass with Father Myles followed by our annual ceili. Our Irish dancers entertained us with their skill. Our tin whistlers played a number of tunes including I'll Tell My Ma and the Kerry Polka. We all had great fun singing Irish songs and dancing.



### JUNIOR ENTREPRENEURS

Our Primary 7 class participated in the Junior Entrepreneur program and ran their own business designing and selling hair bows. There



were 2 designs to choose from: Beauty and the Beast or Easter Chick. Thank you to everyone who supported them by buying bows!

### JUDO

Well done to all the girls who took part in their Judo grading. Keep up the hard work!



## FIRST CONFESSION

Congratulations to our girls who made their First Confession. The pupils participated with great enthusiasm and reverence as they sang, read and prayed.



## FOOTBALLING FUN

Our Primary 7 girls had a great morning at the All Stars Football Tournament at Ballysillan Playing Fields. They played matches against



Wheatfield PS, Our Lady's PS, Cavehill PS, Ballysillan PS and Bunscoil Mhic Reachtain.

Well done to our star player who was presented with a medal and signed football from Joe Gormley.



## EASTER BONNETS at BRADLEY MANOR

P5 were involved in an inter-generational workshop with our friends from Bradley Manor Care Home. The care home was a hive of activity as both young and old worked together to make Easter bonnets and afterwards have lunch. It was a joy to see the interaction between the residents and children and the continued development of friendships. What a lovely life skill for the children to learn.



## ZOOLAB VISITS HOLY CROSS

Some of our classes had a visit from Sarah and her Zoolab animals. The girls were very brave and held a cockroach, a giant snail and a corn snake. They also got to pet Ozzie the rat and get close to a Chilean tarantula.



## CANCER FOCUS WORKSHOPS



All our classes enjoyed taking part in workshops with Cancer Focus NI to learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

## MATHS PUZZLERS

Well done to all the girls who answers the questions correctly on their Easter Maths Puzzlers. The winners were:

- P7 Cleonagh Keenan
- P6 Elle Lindsay
- P5 Katie O'Neill
- P4 Natasha Flanagan
- P3 Nicole McGuinness
- P2 Sophie Sewell
- P1 Katie Faulkner



## READING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Some of our P6 girls enjoyed a day out to celebrate completing their Reading Partnership Programme. They had a great time choosing books in Easons and having lunch in McDonalds before spending some time in Ardoyne Library.



Congratulations to our classroom assistants who were accredited with their

Reading Partnership qualification and our thanks to them for the fabulous work done supporting the girls through the programme.



## FLAX CENTRE EASTER MASS

Our Primary 7 girls were delighted to provide the singing at a beautiful mass for the pensioners in the Flax Centre.



### EASTER BALLOT WINNERS

Well done to the winners of our Easter Ballot  
1st Prize £50 - Teagan Morgan  
2nd Prize Large Egg and Cuddly Toy -  
Amylouise O'Neill  
3rd Prize Medium Egg and Cuddly Toy -  
Christine Hall  
4th Prize Small Easter Egg - Maia McGuigan

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Look at how many girls  
received prizes for having  
100% attendance in Term  
2. It is brilliant to see  
these girls at school every



day.

Congratulations to the girls in  
P5 who won the class  
attendance prize for Term 2.  
Remember both competitions  
will start again after Easter.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our P7 girls presented  
the Stations of the  
Cross in the Church  
for us today. They  
read reflections and  
prayers for each station and really made us  
think about the journey of Jesus to the Cross.



### FAIRTRADE CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who  
supported our Fairtrade Campaign  
by purchasing our Fairtrade  
Easter Eggs. We hope you enjoyed  
them!

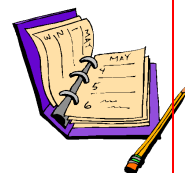


### ACCELERATED READING TREAT

All the girls who achieved 75% of the  
Accelerated Reading target were treated to a  
movie afternoon. Great work girls - remember  
to keep reading and look out for the date for  
the final AR treat for  
everyone who reaches  
100% of their target.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:  
School closed for May Day Bank  
Holiday*

*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May: P3 Trip to Mount  
Stewart*

*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May: P7 TREK Day*

*Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May: St Anne's Choir  
Competition*

*Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May: First Holy Communion*

*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day*

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Science Starz Week*

*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June: P7 Celebration Week  
begins*

*Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June: P1 Music Morning*

*Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Champions for Peace  
Activity Day*

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: P7 Leaver's Mass*

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