

# The Harold Times

## April 2022

### Greetings from the Principal

On behalf of myself, Ms McKeogh and the senior management team I would like to wish all parents/guardians, pupils and staff a very Happy Easter. This is a time of renewal, hope and rebirth. We have been able to resume many of our wonderful classroom activities (singing & group work) over the last few weeks. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for the support that you have provided for our Student Council (Support for Ukraine) fundraiser. We have since welcomed two children from Ukraine to our school. Without everyone pulling together this term would not have been as successful as it has been. We have opened our school library, marvelled at the beautiful murals painted by our 6th class pupils, applauded our pupils who performed beautifully for Seachtain na Gaeilge and enjoyed watching our Senior classes teach our Junior classes cooperation & respect with yard games. The education of our pupils has been achieved through teamwork, cohesion and a shared purpose. We have much to be thankful for and we hope that the future will soon be a time of peace for all.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh · Wishing you and your families a very happy Easter break.

Dervla Nic Mhathúina

### IMPORTANT RE Returning to the Harold in September 2022??



*If you are aware that your child will not be returning to The Harold in September for the 2022/2023 school year, we*

*would greatly appreciate it if you would let us know as soon as possible as we have a waiting list of applicants for most classes.*

**Please email [admin@haroldschool.ie](mailto:admin@haroldschool.ie)**

### EASTER HOLIDAYS



As per calendar the school will close for the Easter break with a half day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

The finishing times will be staggered as follows:

**Senior Infants-11.30 am**  
**Junior Infants -11.40 am**  
**1<sup>st</sup>//2<sup>nd</sup> Classes-11.50 am**  
**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Class- 12.00 noon**  
**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Classes -12.10 pm**

**School will re-open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at the usual times.**



### Other Dates in the summer term

#### **School closed:**

Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> Bank Holiday

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mon 6<sup>th</sup>, Tue 7<sup>th</sup> June Bank Holiday weekend

School closes for summer break on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June (Half day)

### Sacraments



#### **Upcoming Ceremonies for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes**

First Penance for 3 x 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes all @ 7pm  
25/4 Ms Stedmond  
26/4 Ms Morris  
27/4 Ms Kavanagh

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

First Communion for 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes

17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Confirmation for 3 x 6<sup>th</sup> Classes





Cómhghárdeachas agus míle buíochas do ghach duine ar “Foirean Arailt,” idir dhaltaí, múinteoirí, SNAs, na cailíní san oifig agus sibhse go léir sa bhaile a ghlac páirt in imeachtaí Sheachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana.

Rinne na páistí agus na daltaí go léir sár íarracht a gcuid Ghaeilge a úsáid níos mó, agus bhí fuinneamh agus áthas le feiceáil agus le chloisteáil í ngach áit. Bhí sé go híontach dul amach sa chlós agus na páistí a chloisteáil ag labhairt Gaeilge go nádúrtha lena chéile agus leis na dhaoine fásta thart timpeall orthú. Bhí Gaeilge le feiceáil ar na ballaí agus sna chóipleabhair; le chloisteáil ar an intercom agus taobh amuigh agus bhí atmaisféar íontach ina leith cruthaithe ag gach duine.

Ghlac na páistí páirt iomlán sna raiflí gach lá ag obair go dian chun “ticead” a bhuachaint. Rinne said go léir sár-íarracht agus tá súil againn gur bhain said craic agus taitneamh as.

Comhghárdeachas do “Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine” i ngach rang a bhuaigh duais dheas ó Ms Nic Mhathúna ag deireadh na coicíse. Buíochas mór ó chroí do ghach duine as an méid oibre a rinne sibh go léir. Bhí seachtain íontach againn!!

### **In English**

Thanks to everyone who made such an effort in celebrating ‘Seachtain na Gaeilge. It was so nice to hear words of Irish being spoken around the school and to hear some of the Irish songs and music. The daily raffle was a highlight and two pupils in each class were awarded ‘Irish Person of the week’ during the week.

**Míle buíochas (Many thanks) to Mrs Ahern for organising the week’s events and activities.**

### **Internet Use/Safety**

We continue to emphasise the importance of parental supervision of children’s activity on the internet and social media over the Easter holidays.

**Céad Míle  
Fáilte/Welcome/**

**Ласкаво просимо**



We were delighted to welcome 2 new students from Ukraine into Senior Infants and 6<sup>th</sup> Class in The Harold School recently.



Thanks to everyone, Teachers and

Classmates, Host Families and the whole Harold School community who made them feel so welcome and have looked after them over the last number of days.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

A huge **thank you** to all parents who have made a contribution in this regard. Your support of the school is most appreciated.

**For those who might still like to contribute, payment may be made online through your child’s payments page via Aladdin Connect.**

**Thank you!**



### **Student Council Fundraiser for Red Cross/Ukraine**

Our Student Council members organised a

fund raiser in aid of Red Cross Ukraine.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of everyone in The Harold School Community a wonderful amount, **€10,000** was raised for this very worthy cause.

**Well done to all members of the Student Council for organising this!**



## Sporting Activities in The Harold

The Leinster School Girls Hockey League is now finished. We are very proud of our



6th Class Hockey players who finished 2nd place in the League. Well done girls! The girls represented The Harold school very well and looked great in their new Harold Hockey Team hoodies too!

**Many thanks to Emma Meir and Ms McKeogh for coordinating the teams.**

The Harold Hockey training will continue for the summer term after school on Thursdays for 4th, 5th and 6th class players.

The Leinster Primary Schools **Tennis** league began in March.

We have both boys and girls from our 4th, 5th and 6th classes playing in this league.

They will be participating in matches over the coming weeks and have so far had a number of wins.

**Many thanks to our parents Gillian Darcy and Ellen O Carroll** for coordinating this with the school.

We want to wish our tennis teams well over the coming weeks.

You may have spotted our 6th class pupils in their bright, colourful t-shirts running in the area or around the school



over the last few weeks. They have been participating in the **Marathonkids Ireland** event. The programme lasted 8 weeks and involved four running sessions each week in preparation for their first marathon while also learning about the benefits of physical activity. The final run took place in Stepside this week where the 6th class pupils from The Harold joined schools from the area at a location in Stepside. The pupils from different schools ran together to complete a marathon run.

**Thank you to Mrs Ahern, Ms Madden and Ms Wall for coordinating this very worthwhile event.**

If you would like to find out more about this event, please see [marathonkidsireland.ie](http://marathonkidsireland.ie)

## Sporting Activities in The Harold (contd.)

Our 6th Class mixed Gaelic team participated in the Cuala League in Thomastown. They played matches on Thursday 31st March and also on Thursday 7th April.



The Harold had two teams participating against Gaelic teams from Johnstown,

The Harold Boys, Dalkey and St Joseph's N.S.

Our 6th class pupils enjoyed the league and enjoyed having the

opportunity of playing on a mixed team as they represent The Harold. They showed great teamwork and we are all very proud of them.

**Many thanks to Ms Madden, Mrs. Ahern & Ms. Wall and Donagh Healy (Patricia's Dad) for facilitating and coordinating our teams.**

## Amber Flag

We are enjoying our Promoting Positive Mental Health week-'Let's Stay Connected' in our school as part of our efforts to secure an 'Amber Flag' The children are all engaging in fun activities and learning how they can look after their own mental health and wellbeing. Junior and Senior classes are joining up during the week to work together and connect.

Our Amber Flag committee have been busy working towards the week and organising these activities and we appreciate your support from home too.

**Get to know our committee**

**Students:**

**3rd class:**

Joshua Ascencio

Tristan Kelly

Senan Nolan

**4th class:**

Luke Darcy

Kate Brody

Delia Gibney

**5th Class**

Florence Kane

Sam Clancy

Grace Carney

**6th class:**

Conor Harvey

Patricia Healy

Isobel Fitzgerald

**Staff**

Aine O'Sullivan

Clíodhna Cadogan

Róisín Lynch

Shannon Quinlan

**€2,183 raised to date**

So **THANK YOU!**

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## Sixth Class Report

We have been very busy in Sixth Class over the last few weeks.

Aisling and Fiona from



### **Bloom, The Art**

**Project** came in and helped us to design and paint two fabulous new murals on the walls of the playgrounds. They are finished now and have really made a big difference to our play spaces. The whole experience was great fun and we thoroughly enjoyed it!

We have also started learning

**French!** Our teacher, Anne, has been teaching us all about the similarities between English and French...and we are beginning to speak "un peu"



already! We really appreciate this opportunity and we know that it will be a huge advantage to us as we move on into secondary school next year.

We have been taking part in

### **Marathonkids,**



which is a programme involving our running a marathon (26 miles) over the course of a number of weeks. We will finish this on Thursday next and will run our final km in Stepside where we will be presented with our medals on completion. It has been hard work, but we have really enjoyed the challenge and we all feel fitter and healthier already!

Some of us have also been taking part in a **football tournament** organised by Ken Fitzgerald of Cuala which is currently happening every Thursday afternoon after school up in Thomastown Road. It is great to be able to meet up with and compete against children from the other schools in our area and we are delighted to be taking part and representing The Harold. And so, it has been really busy and great fun. We have just finished walking Bray Head on Tuesday, and with all these activities we will definitely be ready for our Easter holidays!!

After that it is full steam ahead with the summer term leading up to the Graduation.

**Huge thanks to Ms Ahern, Ms Madden and Ms Wall for their enthusiasm in arranging all these events/activities!**

## School Tours

We are very pleased that school tours have resumed, and we expect a number



of tours to take place in the summer term. As before we will be depending on parents to come along and help.

All parents accompanying a school tour must have **up to date garda vetting**.

If you would like to check if your garda vetting is up to date or apply for garda vetting in The Harold School for the first time,

**please contact Reception by email on [reception@haroldschool.ie](mailto:reception@haroldschool.ie)**

*Thanks to all parents who help to make these tours/trips possible.*



*To everyone in the Harold School Community  
Happy Easter!  
Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir,  
and best wishes for a lovely relaxing Easter holiday break.  
Happy Easter and stay safe and well!*