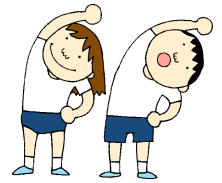


**Welcome to our new Drama Teacher, Tracy Macken and Niamh Flannery, Learning Support Teacher.**

### Active School Initiative

On the 10th of February at 10am all our pupils and staff headed outside and did 10 minutes of exercise together. We were delighted to participate in this national initiative which Operation Transformation promoted. We all had a great time doing exercises, dancing and moving to the music. Three cheers for The Harold !!!



**Our next whole school outdoor activity will take place during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Beidh na ranganna go léir amuigh faoin aer ag damhsa go Ballaí Luimní. Táimid go léir ag tnúth leis an craic agus an ceol. .**

Watch out for our Senior Infants as they pound the local streets for Fresh Air Fridays! This is part of our Active School Initiative. The children love getting out and about - it is a great opportunity to get some fresh air and to observe the signs of Spring while getting some exercise! Parents are welcome to join in if they wish !



The introduction of the **Gold Cup Award** has been very successful. It provides a great opportunity to acknowledge pupils' achievements and participation in all areas of Sport. Every month at assembly, the names of the children who have had an achievement in sport - be it, moving up a level in a swimming class, winning an Irish dancing competition or representing our school in a team sport - we love hearing about them all! We are proud of all our pupils who participate in a wide range of sporting activities and we continue to encourage all our pupils and families to lead active, healthy lifestyles.



**Keep an eye out around the school for Tapa the Tiger - he is our Active School mascot.**

Although Grandstand Sports, Dún Laoghaire have relocated to Patrick's Street - don't forget ..... they are continuing to run their loyalty scheme with The Harold. Mention The Harold at the checkout and they will give 10% of every purchase back to our school in the form of P.E equipment.

We will be celebrating **National Active School's Week 24th-28th April**. Any parents/guardians who feel they might be able to contribute in any way, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or Ms McKeogh as soon as possible!

**Córfhéile:** Pupils from 3rd classes participated in Córfhéile in the NBA on the 7th March,. Thanks you to Mr. Collins, Ms. Keane, Ms. Ryan, Mrs. Molamphy, Ms. McGettrick and Ms. Kennedy who helped. Thank you to all parents who went on the night to support our choir. The school received a wonderful commendation for their performance from the adjudicator.



Congratulations and well done to our u13 Credit Union Quiz Team who will be competing in the National Credit Union Quiz final in the RDS on the 2nd April. Thank you for Ms. Wall for her work with the team.



We celebrated World Book Day on 2nd March. Jackie Burke, author, spoke to 3rd and 4th classes.



**TRIPS:** 3rd classes attended Environment the Musical in the Lexicon Dun Laoghaire on the 8th March

6th classes visited Croke Park on the 6th March.



We will be celebrating **Seachtain na Gaeilge** this week with lots of fun activities. **Happy St. Patrick's Day.**

Ms. Ryan's 3rd classes helped with painting an Anti Litter Mural in the Yard with Down to Earth Theatre Company funded by DLR Co Co.

**Cuala Gaa:** Best of Luck to Cuala for the Club Hurling Final on St. Patrick's Day.



**Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Moore on the death of her father-in-law and her mother-in-law and also to Sue on the death of her Mam.**

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a nanamacha.**

**Mindfulness:** 5th classes have started a ten week Mindfulness course with Fionnuala Power (Primary Teacher and Psychologist.)

**HANDWRITING WEEK:** Congratulations to our pupils on their participation on Handwriting Week. Well done to all prize winners.



Congratulations to our under 11 and under 13 handball team who did an excellent job representing our school in round two of the Dublin league. Our under 11's won four out of five games and our under 13's team played very well against tough opposition. Thank you to Mr. Cuniffe and Ms. Furey for training the teams.

We will be supporting "Odd Sock Day" on World Down Syndrome Day on the 21st March.

There will be a Garden Clean up day on the 25th March. Details to follow.



**DIARY DATES: Confirmation 24th March.**

**First Confession 25th March.**