

The Harold School

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Strictly: Thank you to the amazing group of dancers who put a wonderful performance on Saturday. Everyone had a great night. We are very grateful to the parents, community members and staff who danced – you were spectacular. Thank you to the PA and Andrea Rochford who made it all happen. To date €35,000 has been raised.



Seachtain na Gaeilge: We have been celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge this week. Bhí craic agus ceol againn go léir. Nothing lifts the spirits more than lively music and an energetic dance. On Thursday 14th we had an outdoor Ceilí for the whole school. We had lots of fun, spórt agus spraoi as we encouraged the tapping of little feet dancing to the rhythm of a jig or a reel. Well done to all teachers and pupils for getting into the spirit of “Seachtain na Gaeilge” and we hope that you hear about all the effort and joy involved.



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Córfhéile

The School Choir sang in the National Basketball Arena on the 6th March. Well done to Mr. Collins and Ursula for training the Choir.

3rd classes participated in Córfhéile on the 7th March. Thank you to 3rd class teachers, Mrs. Cave, Ms. Byrne and Mr. Larkin for their work with the Classes. They received a wonderful commendations for their performances from the adjudicators.



The School celebrated World Book Day on the 7th March.

Thank you to all parents and children who purchased books at the Book Fair. Books to the value of €3,260 were sold. The school will receive credit of half that amount to purchase books for pupils.



Accord Talks for 5th classes and 4th class girls will take place on the 27th March and for 6th classes on the 28th March.

First Confession will be on the 30th March. Confirmation will be on the 5th April at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church.

Odd Sock Day: We will be supporting Odd Sock Day on the 21st March in aid of Down Syndrome.



Handwriting Week:

Congratulations to our pupils on their participation in handwriting week. Well done to all prize winners.



Green Schools ' Committee

The Harold School now has a Green Schools' Committee. It consists of two teachers, parents and pupil representatives from 2nd to 6th classes. The Committee will be working on how we can make the school greener.

COMMUNICATION: If a parent wishes to communicate/set up a meeting with a teacher, they can do so through written note/note in journal (for privacy reasons, emails are not acceptable.) Please see our website for Communication Policy.

Internet Safety talks will take place on the 19th and 20 March for 3rd to 6th classes. If you have not already done so please fill in Information Survey as this will inform content of talks. Survey available on

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WK3TY7Y> Parent talk will be on Wednesday 20th March at 8.00pm in The Harold Hall.



3rd classes will visit the Pavilion Theatre on the 28th March.

5th classes enjoyed their visits to Dalkey Heritage Centre.

Congratulations to Ms. Bonner's class on their participation in Science Blast in the RDS on the 7th March. Their wonderful project is on display in the front hall.



Teacher Absences: Currently all primary schools are experiencing difficulties getting substitute teachers to cover absences. The Harold School always endeavours to find substitute cover for staff absences. When substitute cover is unavailable, the school endeavours to make provision for pupils with the available resources. We appreciate your support as we do our best to deal with this situation. All queries can be directed to the Department of Education and Skills regarding substitute teacher shortage.



Happy St. Patrick's Day