

Callystown News

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Active Schools Week

The first week in June saw the school's first Active Week. Action and fitness were very much to the fore as everyone got a chance to try out new sports and activities. Each day started with active lines as classes took part in some fitness routines in order to get ready for the day's activities. In all there were 14 different clubs and organisations who came to the school. There was soccer, gaelic, rugby and basketball among the team sports on show. The pupils got a chance to try out athletics, golf and yoga. Dance, keep fit, boxing and Jiu Jitsu also featured. The week finished off with our annual sports day. By the end of the week we were all exhausted!! Thanks to Mr Clifford and Mr Crosbie who coordinated the week's activities and to Ms Deery who organised Sports Day. Active School's Week is part of our application for the Active School's Flag which promotes a healthier way of life for all.



Gold Attendance Certificates:

Congratulations to our gold certificate winners who missed no days at school this year; Maisy Sharkey, Rosie Cassidy, Nathan Sheedy, Jack Cassidy, Lennon Smith, Gerald Sharkey, Aoibh Magennis, Siofra Brogan, Caoimhe O'Brien, Amy Markey Moran, Cole Carroll, Lily Kirwan, Olly Carroll, Lauren Sheedy, Mollierose Smith, Ellie May Matthews, Treasure Uba, Robyn Reimann Delaney, Max Sidenko, Lucie Farrell, Tharukie Fernando, Alex Sidenko, Katie Lewin, Robin Kennedy, Yvie Sharkey, Sophie Mallon, Glynn Dillon, Anna Lynn Cunningham, Enrique Devlin, Matthew Mohan Moore, Ellie Hoey and Caelan Farina.



Annual School Report 2018/19

Board of Management 2018/19

Chairperson	–	Fr. Martin Mc Veigh
Treasurer	–	Grainne Campion
Secretary	–	Ambrose Mc Ginnity
Teacher Rep	–	Breda O Connell
Parent Reps	–	Shauna Collier Derek Shevlin
Community Reps	–	Jim Kirk Grainne Campion
Patron's Nominee		Seamus Boylan

The Board met on 4 occasions during this school year.

School Ethos

The school helped prepare our pupils for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. The Parish Council and the school worked on improving the Family Mass programme, Do This In Memory. A theme was picked for each mass. A newsletter explaining the theme and promoting the mass was also published. This initiative proved very successful. For Christmas there was a very enjoyable carol service. This year's theme for Catholic School's Week was Celebrating the Work of our Local Catholic Schools. Pupils held an assembly and participated in lessons based on the theme. Our Lenten Appeal was in support of Trocaire. A sum of €1275 was raised ... a great response. The theme was in line with the work of the Green Schools committee which is promoting global citizenship. The new Religion programme, Grow in Love was extended to 5th class. The end of year mass took place on Friday last.

Grounds and Buildings

An extension of an additional classroom will begin during the summer and will hopefully be ready by Christmas. A number of classrooms will receive a major refurbishment during the summer. The old carpets and tiles are to be replaced with marmoleum and the rooms will be repainted. A word of thanks to Tom King, our caretaker, who makes sure the school and its grounds are kept in ship shape condition.

Staffing

Due to an increase in enrolment there will be an additional teacher in the school next year. Ms Clayton continues on career break and Ms Kelledy and Ms Gaffney will continue to job share. We welcome Ms King back from her maternity leave and wish Ms Mc Clean well as she goes on her maternity leave. Interviews will be taking place over the coming weeks to fill a number of staff vacancies. The following are the teachers and classes for the coming year: Ms Dawe (Jun Inf), Ms Kelledy/Gaffney (Sen Inf) Ms Boylan (Sen Inf), Ms Neary (1st), Mr Clifford (2nd), Ms Brodigan (1st/2nd), Ms King (3rd), Ms Lally/ Ms O Kane (3rd/4th), Ms McClean (4th) TBC (5th), Mr Crosbie (5th/6th) TBC (6TH). Ms OConnell, Ms Slevin Ms Reilly and Ms Deery (Learning Support)

Achievements

As another busy year draws to a close we can look back with pride over many very enjoyable days. The highlight for most people was Grandparents' Day. The day will live long in the memory as over 320 grandparents and family members visited the school and were entertained by our wonderful pupils. The annual Literacy, Maths and Seachtain na Gaeilge weeks were very enjoyable. Two new weeks were added to the school calendar, with Wellbeing Week and Active Schools week helping to promote a healthier lifestyle for us all. Our school choir and musicians played central roles on sacrament days and also took part in the Lifeboat concerts. Look out for our musicians during the Fleadh! The Green Schools committee has been promoting Global Citizenship and while our sports teams may not have brought home much silverware, they certainly had a great time competing and taking part. There were so many more great days that added to another wonderful year at Callystown NS.

Curriculum/Policy Development

The Board and staff have introduced the new legislation to do with Child protection and General Data Protection Regulations. These policies are available in the school and will soon be accessible on the school's new website. The teachers have been working on the new Primary Language Curriculum and surveys of parents have been taken in order to inform policy. The staff has also been developing a Mission and Vision for the school and hopefully in the next school year parents will get an opportunity to contribute to the process.

**The school will reopen on
Wednesday August 28th**

Parents' Council

The Board is very grateful for the work of the Parents' Council. As always, the committee is to the fore when it comes to supporting the work of the school. This year the Board is very grateful for the 25 new Chromebooks donated, as they will greatly add to the digital skills development of our pupils. The Board also appreciates the support that the Parents' Council gives in the organisation of refreshments for 1st Communion, Confirmation and the 6th class graduation.