



A Lovely Ceremony to Start our Year of Commemeration

Thursday last was a very proud day in the history of Grove Road as all 900+ pupils came to watch the presentation of our National Flag and a copy of The Proclamation being presented to the school. This ceremony was one of thousands happening throughout the Republic and it is the sign to our school to start a year of commemoration remembering the centenary of the 1916 Rising and to celebrate 100 years since the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. The



Government has asked Óglaigh na hÉireann to deliver a National Flag and a copy of the 1916 Proclamation to every national school in the country and it was our turn on Thursday to receive ours.

This visit was part of the Ireland 2016 Project which is responsible for organising the Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme for the 916 Rising throughout the country. The celebrations will culminate in Proclamation Day on 15th March 2016, which has been set aside by the Department of Education as a special day to focus on the 1916 Proclamation and the raising of our National Flag. All schools will raise the flag outside their buildings that day in a special flag raising ceremony at a set time throughout the land.

Lt. Paul Dunne and Sgt. Jim Hoare from the Óglaigh na hÉireann arrived to present our school with a copy of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic along with our National flag. This was the first of our planned



events in the school to mark what is a very significant year in the history of our people and country next year with the 100th anniversary of 1916.

In true Grove Road style, the children behaved impeccably. With a precision that the Army would be proud of, the routine was executed. At 10.50 the sixth classes formed a guard of honour up the driveway. Once the army officers reach the steps, they were welcomed by Ms O'Connor. The officers presented the flag to two reps from the Student Council. They spoke about respect for the tricolour and then read the proclamation. One paragraph was read by a member of the Student Council. The Tricolour was raised as the massed pupils, Teachers, Board and Parents sang Amhran na bhFiann. It was a spine tingling moment that will be long remembered by all in the Grove.



Historical Cup

Meet Marcus Fitzpatrick and he has every reason to be proud. The cup he is holding dates from 1916 and was given to his Granny by Patrick Dalton who fought with Patrick Pearse in the GPO.

"My Granny gave me this cup. She got it from her godfather. His name was Colonel Patrick Dalton. He fought with Patrick Pearse during the 1916 Rising. I'm very proud to have this special cup!"



Girls Gaelic:

Ollies Girls Gaelic Team before match V St. Marys, Navan Rd. Unfortunately we were not victorious but the girls performed with passion and we were all very proud of them.



New School

Great news from the Dept of Educ - We have finally, after a very rocky climb, reached the coveted Stage 2B – a small but significant step. It's plain sailing from now, no more design reviews or building reg changes. There is no reason why we won't see the diggers on site in the coming year. It feels like the child counting the sleeps to Christmas – we know it will be really exciting when it comes but we can only dream and wait it out as we are powerless to make the days move faster.

Goal - Isabelle, Nicole, Aoibhin and Alex PC8

Last week after the talk from Goal we decided to do something to help refugees in Syria. We came up with idea to bake cakes and cookies and ask our neighbours to donate money in return for the goodies. We baked about 60 cakes and raised €520.42 in two days. We are very grateful to everyone who donated and hope our small gesture helps in some way.

Editor: And the whole school is very proud of all of you




Parent Teacher Meetings

In view of the success of the format of the parent teacher meetings over the last few years, the Board of Management, in consultation with the Parents Association, has decided to continue for another year. The meetings will be held after school on Nov 19 & 20. Junior Infant Meetings will not take place at that time but will be arranged in February. Appointment times will be allocated for each child and these will be issued nearer the time. If for some particular reason one of the above dates are unsuitable for you or for a specific reason you need a specific time, please give full details to the class teacher and we will make every effort to accommodate you.



Reminder to parents, children are covered for most accidents under our student policy (24hrs a day 365 days a year). That includes the dentist, swift clinic etc. Claim forms are available from the office should you need one.



**NOTICEBOARD**
Coming events for your diary.

School Calendar 2015/2016

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| Midterm break: | Mon Oct 26 - Fri Oct 30 |
| Christmas Holidays: | Tues Dec 22 |
| | Re-open Wed Jan 6 |
| February Mid-Term: | Thurs Feb 18 & Fri Feb 19 |
| St. Patrick's Day: | Thurs Mar 17 |
| Easter: | Fri Mar 18 |
| | Re-open Mon April 4 |
| Public Holiday | Mon May 2 |
| May Break: | Tues May 3 - Fri May 6 |
| June Bank holiday: | Mon June 6 |
| Summer Holidays: | Thurs June 30 |

First Communion Dates
2nd Classes - Enrolment Masses
Ms Fogarty & Ms Ryan Sun Oct 11
Ms Clinch & Ms Keogh Sun Oct 18

Class Masses Week Commencing Jan 25

First Penance Thurs Feb 25
Ms Clinch & Ms Keogh 6.30pm
Ms Fogarty & Ms Ryan 7.30pm

First Holy Communion Sat May 28
Ms Fogarty & Ms Ryan 10am
Ms Keogh & Ms Clinch 12 noon.

Confirmation dates to be announced





Enjoying the last of the summer sun, children from Rooms 7 & 8 take to the great outdoors for some music and Environmental activities. Enjoy the sun but remember to “Slip, Slop, Slap” everytime. And if you’re not familiar with Sid and his important message visit him here [“Sid Says”](#)



Swap Shop - Team Swap Shop

Swap Shop open tomorrow on the first Tuesday of each month. Unfortunately due to limited storage space and abundant supply, for the moment we cannot accept grey trousers, skirts, pinafores or blue shirts. Our apologies for this but we would be very grateful to receive tracksuit tops & bottoms, crested polo shirts and jackets.

This proves a great boon for parents as it allows them to either donate unwanted uniform in good condition or acquire a spare set cheaply. Items for donations may be brought along on the morning or left in the office. Ensure all donated/swap items are clean and in good condition. Thank you.



Student Council 2015-2016

Our Student Council is organised so that pupils in the school have a forum at which they can air their views and bring up ideas to improve the sense of community within the school. The work of the Student Council is a valuable facet of school life. They undertake many practical tasks in addition to offering their views on a wide range of topics. The members of the council are well prepared for later life having honed their diplomatic, communication and negotiating skills to a fine art.

In a recent study undertaken in third level Colleges, students who had the experience of participating in a Student Council, were found to be much more articulate and much better at using their initiative. This is the fifteenth year of Student Council in our school and we wish the members of the Council well in the year ahead. We look forward to hearing their plans and supporting their initiatives.

This year the Council members are: Alanah Tilley, Cormac Nolan, Aoibhin O’Toole, Jamie Wilson, Maya Chalisani, Jamie Wynne, Tara Berry, Wilhelm De Klerk, Lauren Memery, Diogo Figueiredo, Aoife Mitchell, Cathal Mc Loughlin, Erica Egan, Christian Scanlon, Alex McGahan, Ryan Butterly, Heather Mulcahy, Emmet Ryan, Summer Baker and Ben Cody O’Carroll.



Book Rental/School Charges

At the beginning of the school year each family is asked to pay a charge to the school to cover various expenses. **This is not a voluntary contribution** and every child must take part in order for the system to work. The money raised through the scheme is necessary to cover all the costs incurred in delivering a state of the art service in our school. Following requests from parents we have now set up an on-line payments system. Of course parents may pay directly to the school if that is more convenient. This year there are still a number of payments outstanding. Families will be reminded by email if they have overlooked this payment. Where there are extenuating circumstances parents should speak to Principal in confidence, and the on-line system of payment facilitates payment by installment which allows families to spread the payments over the year.

Every last cent of this is spent on the children as follows:

- Pupil's Personal Insurance 24hr 365 days
- Sundry Services and Utilities
- Pupil's First Aid Training & Supplies
- All Materials for art and craft
- All photocopying expenses
- All site licenses for programmes on Interactive Whiteboards
- ICT including updating aps on ipods and ipads and Microsoft surface.
- Assessment including mandatory Maths and English Standardised Tests
- Postage
- PE Equipment
- Classroom resources for all curricular areas
- Guided Reading Books:

We now have more than two thousand books in our Guided reading Library. By participating in the guided reading programme, children can access a range of books of various genres, both fact and fiction. Teachers can ensure that each child is reading books suitable for his or her ability. Children enjoy reading in smaller, more informal groups. It is hoped that reading such a vast array of books will have a positive effect on children's reading abilities, and will nurture a love of books from an early age.

• Book Rental:

Over the past few years we have worked hard to include as many text books as possible on our book rental scheme thereby alleviating the financial burden on our families. With the cooperation of our Parent's Association and staff, all of our books are covered and in good condition. Worn books are replaced each year. Through this scheme, we are building our resources giving children a far wider range of texts.



Section of Guided Reading Library

Sixth Class

Listed below are just some of the many resources that are available to the children in 6th. Class. For a Comprehensive List of resources available to all Class click here: [Class Resources](#)

Literacy

Novels:

- The Hobbit
- Goodnight Mr. Tom
- Safe Harbour
- Wonder
- Walkabout

Texts

- A Way With Words 6
- Snakes Eyeballs and Indians
- SRA Reading Comprehension Box 3b

Maths

- Maths Matters

Gaeilge

- Bosca Cluichi

SESE

- History Quest 6
- History All Around Me 6
- Geography Quest 6
- Geography All Around Me 6
- Science Quest 6
- Science All Around Me 6
- Science Fusion 6

Religion

- Alive O Programme
- Alive O - Pupil Book

Music

- Let's Make Music 5/6



Books available on 6th. class book rental

The Debbie Carolan Memorial Cup

Ava Foran & Eloise Goodman.

In Sept we played a tournament in the Alsa Basketball Arena. for our Malahide u13s Basketball Team. On the team there were 5 school - Amy Farrell, Ava Foran, Eloise Goodman, Erica Egan and Lisa Ryan. We played 5 teams in 7 matches including the final. All the matches were quite tough and we hardly got a break in between them. Fortunately, we came first out of all the teams and made it to the semis against Killester. They are a great team and are very hard to beat. It was a finger biting game but we stuck at it and came out on top. It was a great game but we knew we were now against an even tougher team

In the Final against a Kilcock side, during the first half we were playing great. Amy Farrell was a great scorer that day. Then came the second half and we were really drained after six long hours of playing. Kilcock put up a great fight. They put their two best players on and put lots of pressure on us. We were shocked with the talent of one of their players. We kept fighting and it was a very tight game. With eleven seconds to go, their coach called a time out. There was only one point in it and they had possession. We were amazed when the final buzzer went off. We had won The Debbie Carolan memorial Trophy and we were so thrilled with ourselves. Deirdre our coach put so much time and effort into training us, We were so grateful. We all received a small trophy and proudly claimed the CUP!



Group Meetings

Group Meetings are nearly finished and we thank all the parents who took the time to come and meet their child's teacher for this year. These meetings give parents the opportunity to hear something about the work planned for the class for the year ahead. Thanks to the teachers for their hard work and preparation.



School Links:

Transition Year Students from Malahide Community School are working with some classes on Friday mornings. They are past pupils in the main and come on work experience. It is a very valuable activity for the students and pupils alike. We look forward to working with them.



Rainbows

We are pleased to announce the continuation of the Rainbows programme for children whose parents have separated or who have experienced the death of a family member - parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle. The separation or bereavement does not have to be a recent event - grieving can be carried on long after the sad event itself has taken place. How does Rainbows help? Rainbows helps by providing a safe setting in which children can talk through their feelings with other children who are experiencing similar situations. They are helped to articulate their feelings by an adult facilitator or listener.

Rainbows has been running in our school for almost 15 years now and over 200 children have benefited from the programme. Many parents have spoken about the support it has been and what it has meant to the children.

Confidentiality: - Children agree, at the first meeting, to keep their discussions confidential. They are, however, encouraged to speak at home about what they themselves have said in group, but not about what any other group member said. Children are facilitated in groups of 3 - 5 and Rainbows will be resumed after the midterm break. Our thanks to the facilitators who give so generously of their time. The school is indeed fortunate to have such a willing group to support pupils who can be very vulnerable.





Last Friday David Leech from Goal came to talk to all of our fifth and sixth classes about the work that Goal are doing around the globe. We saw pictures of Syria before and after the conflict there. We have decided to have a jersey day on Friday 9th October and to send the proceeds to GOAL to help in their Syrian campaign. Each child can wear a jersey or t-shirt of their choice. On the day children from third to sixth class will take part in the mile run, and the younger children will have a fun run in the school yard. We are asking each child to bring a donation



towards Goal. Maybe they can ask family or friends to sponsor their run? Some children have already organised fundraisers of their own, so hopefully we will be sending lots of money to help! We hope that all children will take part. A mile may be ambitious for some, but they can walk if running is too difficult. If for any reason your child is unable to participate in the challenge, please inform the class teacher in writing so that supervision arrangements can be put in place.

Savings

The school savings scheme has restarted. All students from 1st class up are welcome to join. Application forms are available from the office. To join a student must have a completed application form, a recent utility bill, a copy of a passport/birth/baptismal cert, PPS number and of course their savings. This is a great opportunity to start the saving habit. Join any Thursday!



Dogs

It has been brought to our attention that there are a lot of dogs with their owners outside the gate. Though these dogs are on leashes, This is causing huge distress to some children and we would ask parents to be mindful of the fact that not all children/parents like dogs. If people with dogs could maybe leave the gate area free and stand across the road enabling freer movement at the gate. Dogs should NOT be brought onto the school grounds. Thank you so much for your assistance in this matter.



Irish Dancing - Holly Soffe & Sarah Scott

Last Sunday I danced in under 9's for the Carlton Feis, in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport. I danced "My Blackbird" then I danced my heavy jig and finally the reel. I had to wait patiently for the results, I was so excited along with the other little girls, finally the results were in and I realised I won the Blackbird, reel, heavy jig and the over



Centre for Talented Youth - Primary

CTYI runs courses for primary school pupils who have qualified through assessment and would generally be in the 95 percentile or above. The courses are designed to enrich the curriculum and have a strong academic element. They move at a more accelerated pace to what the children are



used to in school, and cover topics that they are unlikely to have accessed elsewhere. Courses available at CTY are held in DCU and Sutton Park School. They are taught by lecturers, researchers and practitioners in each field. The courses are very interactive, and use a variety of teaching techniques to ensure students' interest, motivation and understanding of the subject are extended. Please check the website for their public meetings at DCU.



all scores as well. I got a first. it was a perfect weekend.

And Sarah Scott tells us "I danced in Feis in Erin Isles GAA club, I danced slip jig, single jig and light jig. I came 3rd in the slip jig and I came 1st in the single jig and 1st in my light jig. I am so happy with those results."

Kids Online

Supervise their activity

Know what they're viewing

www.webwise.ie

Proactive parenting can have a big impact on the positive experiences children have on-line and in turn reducing the risks. Parents need to know what their children are doing on-line and help them to understand how these interactions work. Remind your child that sometimes people aren't who they say they are. It may look and feel as if you are communicating

or talking to a real person when it might be for example



a video recording. This can be very convincing and children/young people have more of a tendency to believe what they see. Children can receive very inappropriate communications/requests e.g. on-line game Clash of Clans which is being used by some to make inappropriate and disturbing connections with children.

Be cautious around "open" access to YOUTUBE. There is some really interesting and enjoyable content to be found but there is always a considerable amount of violent and inappropriate content and can influence children's behaviour.

There is really good advice and helpful information on webwise.ie, a site for parents and teachers which is constantly update to reflect the ever changing trends.

It's not easy to keep up with the on-line activities but it's much harder to undo the harm if we don't. Stay informed, talk to your children about what they're playing and watching on-line and if you're uneasy about what they're doing on-line, take action.



We are currently working towards our seventh green flag. The theme for this flag is Global Citizenship/Energy. While we work on our new theme we are also expected to keep working on previous themes as part of the renewal process. Previous themes included the following, waste management in school/ recycling, conservation of water and energy, global warming and sustainable travel. As a committed green school we are continually working on these areas and children in Ollies are aware of the role they play in helping protect our environment.

To help promote sustainable travel we will continue with our monthly WOW days (Walk On Wednesday). On these days children and parents are encouraged to leave the car at home and walk all the way to school, park and stride (park some distance from school and walk the remainder of the journey), cycle / scoot, or use public transport. The green team survey the whole school on modes of travel on wow days and records are kept for our green flag application. It is important everyone makes an effort to take part.

Our next wow day is on Wednesday Oct. 7th. Walking buses will operate from usual venues.

Biscayne/Seapark meet at the bollards @ 8.30
Malahide Marina meet at Village Green @8.40
Yellow Walls meet opposite Londis @ 8.25
Seamount meet opposite Hill Top stores @ 8.40



Young children must be accompanied by an adult.

Let's get Walking

Malahide Castle

On Fri. Oct 2nd. children from Ollies were invited to a flag raising ceremony in Malahide Castle. The green flag was awarded to the castle for managing the castle grounds in an environmental and sustainable way. Only six parks in the country will receive this flag, Malahide is the second to be awarded to date.

Our school played a vital role in achieving this flag. Last year as a green school project fourth class children helped with a big clean up of the wooded area of the castle grounds. They removed ivy which inhibits growth from the base of trees. Children got the opportunity to bring frog spawn home, take care of it for a few weeks and return the frogs back into their natural habitat in the castle grounds.

Children met pupils from John Pauls, St Andrews and the Mayor of Fingal. They helped raise the flag. Fingal Independent took lots of photos, so keep an eye out for the next issue. Well done everyone!

Editor: We are so proud of this achievement and of the boys and girls from our school who played such a big role in achieving it. Well done to everyone involved.





Raising Green Flag in Malahide Castle

Last Friday children from fifth class attended a flag raising ceremony in Malahide castle. The flag was award for the castle role in maintaining the parks and gardens in an environmental and sustainable way. Last June children from fourth helped clean up the castle grounds and also removed ivy from the base of trees. Pupils from St Andrews and John Paul's also attended. Children met the Mayor of Fingal, Councillor David O'Connor, and representatives from An Taisce and Fingal Co. Council. After the ceremony refreshments were provided and a good time had by all .

















