



NEWSLETTER

St Ronan's National School

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Welcome to the February edition of the school newsletter.

Christmas Raffle

A raffle was held before the Christmas holidays in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We were delighted to present the charity with a cheque for €400! Thanks to everyone who donated a prize or bought a ticket.

Table Tennis

The table tennis teams are continuing to have great success. The division 1 girls will proceed to the next round of the cup after defeating Our Lady's Girls National School on Monday 13th February. The division 1 boys will take on Griffeen Valley in the next league match in St. Ronan's this week.

To celebrate Chinese New Year 6 players attended a table tennis challenge competition in St. Benildus College on January 28th. They came home with 5 prizes!

Div 4: Winner Thanh Nguyen
3rd place John Adebisi

Div 3: 3rd Coung Nguyen

Div 2: Winner Alex Tang
3rd Ijaz Jimmy

Leinster Close results:

Under 11 3rd place: Ijaz
Under 13 1st place: Ruth
 Plate runner up: Cuong
Under 15 plate winner: Ruth

Well done everyone! Congratulations also to past pupils Winnie, Tommy and Nga who placed well in their respective matches.

Green School Committee News

A member from An Taisce will be visiting the school in early March to assess the work being carried out in order to attain our Biodiversity Flag. She will be meeting with the committee to review the targets and will visit some of the classrooms.

School Garden

Work on phase 1 of the school garden will commence this week. Raised planting beds will be added and the garden will be enclosed by a native hedgerow fence. All going well, this will be ready for planting season in March. This will ensure each class level will be growing and harvesting their own vegetables in late May/early June.

This will be an ongoing project and we welcome any sponsorship. If anybody would like to make a donation to sponsor fruit trees, vegetable seeds or class gardening tools please see Ms. Conlon in room 15.

The committee would like to thank Betty who works in the local area with the Cherry Orchard Project for kindly donating a bird feeder and a hedgehog house to the school. The hedgehog house is set up in the wooded area and the bird feeder is currently in the courtyard garden.

Power Hour

The children in Senior Infants have started Power Hour. Children take part in reading and oral language activities from 9.25 to 10.05 every Monday to Thursday. They are having lots of fun and learning new skills.

Fairies at St. Ronan's!

Mr. Sweeney has made fairy doors for the wooded area and his class are currently painting them. Hopefully they will entice some fairies to come live in our woods along with the wildlife!

There are also visitors in Room 3 (Ms Dunne) and room 7 (Ms Bowe). There are fairies living in the classrooms in little fairy doors. The children were surprised with Valentine's Day treats from the fairies. The children are enjoying writing to the fairies and receiving letters back. It is all very magical!



One of the infant class fairy doors.

Congratulations

To Samira Mooge in Ms. Conlon's 5th class, who won a competition to design her own bookmark. This competition was organised by South Dublin County Council in conjunction with Clondalkin Library.

As a prize Samira won 100 professionally produced bookmarks with her design to share out amongst her friends.

Fourth class visit Glanmore

Glanmore Foods supply Award Winning Healthy Food to over 300 Schools daily and 38,000+ Children across Ireland. Fourth class were lucky enough to visit the factory recently.

Alan from Dublin Bus collected everyone and brought them to the factory in Blanchardstown. It was interesting to see exactly how the lunches are made. We now appreciate all the hard work that goes in to making sure we have a fresh, tasty and healthy lunch every day.

For more pictures of the day visit the 4th class website by going to www.stronans.ie and following the links.



4th class students seeing the giant mixers in action!

Confirmation

Confirmation for sixth class students will take place on Friday, June 16th.

Infant Enrolment for 2017/18

Enrolment is currently taking place for September 2017. If you or someone you know has a child that will be starting school you can book your place by calling into Connie in the office with their PPS number, birth cert and proof of address. Places are filling up so please don't delay!