



# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the March edition of the school newsletter.

## CTYI Scholarships in DCU

On Saturday The 26th of October, three 6th and one 5th class student took part in the assessment test for the Centre of Talented Youth Ireland. A few weeks later they received their results and thankfully all four of them scored brilliantly and were graded with exceptional intelligence!

There was a wide variety of courses to choose from including rocket science, forensic science, chemistry, astronomy, art design, neuroscience, playwriting & drama, experimental physics, engineering and creative writing.

Victoria Sinko chose medicine, Ashlyn Flynn chose biotechnology, Jumoke Sosan chose Law & Order and Jamie Sweeney chose Maths Magic. The courses began on Saturday the 28th of January and so far they have extremely enjoyed their courses.

We are very proud of our pupils and their achievements.

## Senior Infants

Senior Infants really enjoyed marching around the school with their leipreachán masks for St Patrick's Day and singing 'An Leipreachán' song for their parents. They had great fun. We made cards and flowers last week for Mother's Day.

We are looking forward to doing some art next week for Easter. We also plan to do an Easter egg hunt.

## First Class News

1st Class have been doing some cooking with Joe. We've made yummy pizza as well as rice krispie buns!

This week in class we are going to learn how to make butter by putting cream in jars and shaking it.

## Green School Committee News

The school welcomed Aisling Stafford from An Taisce, South Dublin County Council, on Wednesday the first of March. Aisling was assessing the school to report about all the work the school has completed in the hope of attaining our Biodiversity Flag.

The Green School Committee and officers hosted a meeting to inform her of the actions completed by the school. Following this, the officers took her on a walk around the school grounds and pointed out the wonderful Biodiversity Projects on display around the school. They showed her all the Biodiversity in the school Grounds such as the wooded area, bird feeders, baths and boxes, the leaf mound and compost bins, log habitats, fox tracks, the new wildlife garden and all the beautiful flowers and trees in the grounds.

Aisling was highly impressed and said "St. Ronan's was one of the best schools she had visited" as part of the programme. Well done to the Committee and all the other students and teachers for all the hard work. Fingers crossed the flag is on the way!!!

## **Recycling Competition**

Congratulations to Roberta Covaci and Thanh Nguyen in fifth class on winning the Greyhound recycling art competition.

The winning art entries have been displayed on the side of the greyhound truck and will remain there for a year. The two children also received Samsung galaxy tablets as an extra prize.

The truck was also entered in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Well done to all the children from fifth class for entering.



*Fifth class with the Greyhound truck*

## **Fourth Class News**

Fourth class are busy rehearsing for the Passion Play which will be held in the church on Tuesday, 5th April at 11am. The drama will depict Jesus Christ on the day of His crucifixion and have accompanying prayers and songs.

We are also really excited about planting our carrot seeds in the garden next week and looking forward to some lovely healthy salads from it!

## **Cross Country**

Congratulations to the 50 runners who represented our school in the 2nd race in the South Dublin County Council race series (9th March) and well done on the excellent running and behaviour! Ms Higgins was so proud of the whole squad who did so well and they looked great in our new blue school singlets (kindly sponsored by Xilinx- thank you Pat).

We had three girls who finished first in their races; Mary in 3rd class, and Chloe and Kayleigh in 5th class.

All the runners who finish in the top ten positions in each race earn points for our school. As well as the race winners the following students finished in the top ten: Dubem, Jamie, Sebastian, Oluchi, Sandra, Rebecca M, and Chloe from 3<sup>rd</sup> class. Jonathan, Adedayo, Daniel and Salvador from 4<sup>th</sup>. Ijaz, Stephen, Kian, Goodness, Taylor, Samira and Osinachi from 5<sup>th</sup>. Abdi, Peter, Gladys, Rebecca and Nicole from 6<sup>th</sup>.

Training Monday and Wednesday for 10 mins before school and Friday afternoons (weather permitting) - new members always welcome.

2 more races; Thursday 6th April and finals on Thursday 11th May - parents welcome to come along and watch.

## **Music in St Ronan's**

3rd class have been leaning to play the violin. Matt Rafter from Music Generation takes them for a lesson once a week. They have learned all about the violin, some of the music notes and of course how to play music on the violin. 4th class are continuing to play the violin with Matt and have learned to play many songs.

## **Junior Infants**

For St. Patrick's Day we sang "I'm a Little Leprechaun" and "I'll Tell Me Ma". Thank you to everyone who came to see us. Pictures are up on the website.