

April 2016

Hello everyone,

St. Patrick's Day and the Easter holidays are behind us and we can look forward to spring. I hope you have been following us on sancarlojunior.org but I will outline some of the interesting things we have been up to.

Art Displays



All pupils have been taking part in an Art Project in conjunction with Leixlip Library. Each class was given an art book and had to select a painting to inspire their own creations. One class from each year group was selected at random and these paintings will be put on display in the library. These classes are Ms. Smyth's (J.I.), Ms. Conroy's (S.I.), Ms. Pyne's (1st class) and Ms. Kennedy's (2nd class). All the other paintings have been put on display in our school hall and in the surrounding corridors. They are really worth a look.

The staff at Leixlip Library are very good to our pupils and I want to thank them sincerely.

As well as promoting the Art Project/ Exhibition they have arranged other events. On Monday 14th of March our pupils from first class went to the Library to meet an author who read to them from his book. Our Senior Infant pupils will also go to the Library on March 15th for an Egg Hunt and to have a story. These extra visits help promote the use of the Library by the children.

The children have also completed a "Kindness Wall" where every child drew a picture, on a white brick, of themselves showing kindness to others or others being kind to them. All the bricks were mixed up and now the children get to look at all the pictures to try and find their own. It is part of our "Well – being in Primary School" initiative.

Proclamation Day

Proclamation Day was an event of commemoration, remembrance, reflection and celebration, together as a community.

The pupils worked hard on preparing a new proclamation for San Carlo Junior School. All classes were involved.

It was unveiled on Tuesday March 15th following the raising of the Irish Flag.

One flagpole has been purchased between both schools (funded by the Parents Association) and we held a joint ceremony at 10.00am. on March 15th to which all parents were invited. This ceremony was held out of doors and we were very lucky with a spell of fine weather. Refreshments were served in the Senior School hall following the event and I want to take this opportunity to thank the hard working members of the Parents Association for their continuous help and support to both schools. All parents and family members were welcome to visit the Junior School afterwards to look at the pupils' Art Exhibits.



First Confessions

Congratulations to the pupils from our three 2nd classes who made their First Confessions on Monday February 15th. All the pupils looked very grown up and deserved the class parties they had on Tuesday. Preparations are under way for their First Holy Communion which takes place on May 7th.



Active Schools

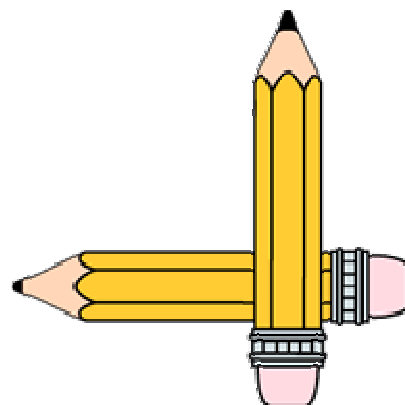
Pupils in 1st and 2nd classes have been enjoying football and hurling skills training which is sponsored by Kildare G.A.A. and Confey G.A.A. club. It has been organised by Paul Divilly and I want to thank the coaches, Cathal Jennings and Frank Bass. It is hoped that this coaching will resume again after Easter.

With all this activity going on we couldn't leave the younger pupils out so we organised some Zumba dance classes for them. These were taught by Adel from Dance LA and the costs were met by funds from the Parents Association. The children thoroughly enjoyed the fun.

Incidental School Inspection



Our school inspector, Mr. Peadar O'Muirí, paid an incidental and un-announced visit to our school on Wednesday 24th of February. He arrived promptly at 9.20 am. and left at 4.00 approx. He selected three teachers at random and visited their classrooms. He checked through each teacher's planning, watched



teaching methods to ensure correct teaching strategies are being used and he questioned pupils on their recall of work since September.

I am very happy to report that he was very impressed with everything he saw in our school and commended the teachers on their work ethic and their good, caring relationships with their pupils.

He was also impressed with the clean, colourful school environment and the wide-ranging and active use of classroom resources.



Dental Health Care

A Dental Nurse visited the school on Wednesday 24th of February.

She spoke with the pupils in Infants and 1st.

Pupils in 2nd class will be called to the clinic for individual appointments.



In conclusion, I hope that you enjoyed our Proclamation Day celebrations on March 15th and we can all look forward to all the events that will take place in the coming month.

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