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NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome back to everyone! A special word of welcome to our new pupils in 2nd class. Welcome also to Miguel Moreno-Solé who has joined 3rd class and to Harry Covill, Patrick Kelly & James Murray who have joined 5th class.

We welcome three new teachers to the staff of Harold Boys' N.S., Allison O'Regan as a permanent teacher, Alex Molyneaux covering a career break and Gemma Byrne covering a maternity leave. We also welcome Denise Watt as a permanent SNA and Maeve Corrigan who will be a job-sharing SNA. We wish you all much happiness in the school.



Parents' Association AGM will take place on Monday 9th September at 8:00p.m. Please support the meeting. A wine reception will follow.



School starts at 9.10 a.m. Please do not send you son to school before the doors open at 8.50 a.m. as there is no supervision provided before this time. Also, a reminder to be punctual when collecting your son at 2.30 p.m.

After School Activities: Our after-school activities will begin on the following dates in September. Monday - Drama (9th September), Lego Club (for 2nd & 3rd Class only, commencing 16th September), Tuesday - Guitar (10th September), Wednesday - Gaelic (for 5th & 6th class only, start date TBC); Thursday - Chess (12th September). Please send payments directly to these teachers and not to the School Office.



Green Schools News - After earning our sixth Green Flag in May, we now start work on the Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste theme this year. Mr Smith will choose a new Green Schools committee this month with two members from each class.

Keep an eye on our green schools blog at <https://hbnsgreenschools.weebly.com/> for news and photos of our work throughout the year.



We are proud to be entering our 14th year of the Discover Primary Science & Maths Awards. As part of our school project, we actively participate in Maths Week, Science Week, Engineers' Week and Tech Week. We have been very lucky over the years to have guest speakers from the parent body visit the school to share their expertise with the boys. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in joining us throughout the year to help us achieve our 14th award, we would be very grateful. Dates are listed below, but speakers are welcome any time! Please contact Ms. O'Carroll.

Maths Week	12 th - 20 th October 2019
Science Week	10 th - 17 th November 2019
Engineers' Week	29 th February - 6 th March 2020
Tech Week	Spring/Summer 2020



Green Schools' Art Competition: Congratulations to Rowan Goff, in Rang 5, who was highly commended in the Green Schools' Art Competition that was organised by Wilton Art Gallery. Well done Rowan!

School Self Evaluation (S.S.E.) The area of focus this year is Oral Language, a strand of the *New Primary Language Curriculum - English*. We hope you will work on this at home with your son. More details will follow.



Lunches – As several pupils have food allergies, we ask you not to include the following in your son's lunch: Nutella, Snickers, peanut butter, or any other items containing nuts. Please remind your son not to share his lunch with anyone.

Healthy Lunch reminder: No crisps, bars, sweets, gum or fizzy drinks. The HSE advises first break to be a 'fruit break'. Friday can be a treat day e.g. a bar. This applies to school tours also.



Office Hours: 9:00am – 1:30pm Monday to Friday. Please note that the office is unattended after 1:30pm.

Uniform: Please ensure your son wears the correct uniform (including black shoes) on non P.E. days and that all items of the uniform have his name clearly marked on them. Uniform Crests are available in the office. The cost of the Crest is €6.



Book Rental – Please note: your son has been allocated an identification number which is on all the books he will rent this year. These books will be returned to the school in June 2020. Parents/Guardians will be asked to purchase new books if those rented are lost or damaged.



Sports News –

- The Cuala Autumn Senior League will begin on Tuesday 10th September and continue until the end of October. This will be held in the Thomastown pitches after school on Tuesdays. Best of Luck boys!
- Rugby will begin for all classes on Monday 16th September for four weeks.
- Fifth class will begin their seven-week cycling course on Friday 6th September.
- Fourth class' swimming lessons will begin on Thursday 19th September in Castlepark Swimming Pool.
- Soccerthon 2019: A total of €2,460 was raised at our Soccerthon on 31st May, 2019. Well done to all who took part.

Gaelgeoir Na Seachtaine

Rang 3	Seán Ó hEoghain, Ruadhan Doidín, Roibéard Séamus, Crosby Ó Conchobhair
Rang 4	Eiméad Ó Broin, Diolun Ó Caoimh, Alsandar Kral, Beau Mac Cába
Rang 5	Roibéard Ó Droichid, Maitiú Ó Broin, Oisín Ó hIfearnáin
Rang 6	Sebastian Snyman, Beiniamin Ó Ceallaigh, Dáire Breatnach

Dates for your Diary

9 th September	Parents' Association AGM 8.00 p.m.
16 th May	1 st Communion

Le gach dea ghuí,

Teresa Buckley
Principal