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## NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2019



**Voluntary Contributions:** Many thanks to all who have contributed so far this year. It is much appreciated.



**Science Open Evening:** On January 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 we will be holding our Science Open Evening as part of our Discover Primary Science Award of STEM Excellence Project. Please come along and see our science exhibitions on display in each classroom.

**Christmas Cards:** Every boy designed a card and was able to order a complete set of his own design. These proved very popular and raised €1,450 for the Parents' Association. We look forward to this again next year.

**Road Safety outside the School:** You can help in the following ways:

- Comply with the Voluntary One-Way System. Please drive in the direction of Castle St. to Carysfort Rd. only
- Yield at the YIELD sign outside the school gate.
- Never park in the SET DOWN area. This is a pick up/drop off point for 8.50 am & 2.30pm.
- Do not park on Double Yellow lines on St. Patrick's Road.
- Do not park in neighbours' driveways.
- Please ensure to meet your son across the road at 2:30pm and not outside the gate.

**Reporting your son's absence:** All absences must be recorded in writing & sent to your son's teacher. Please do not phone Ms Doyle to explain why your son is absent. You may find it useful to complete the absence notes on page 109 of your son's Homework Journal.



**Scríobh Leabhar:** All pupils are now busy writing for the annual competition. We look forward to seeing their books on display during our Open Evening.



**Chess News:** The chess squad has just finished their first tournaments. Winners of the Junior Tournament: 1<sup>st</sup> Daniel Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eoin McCormick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie Hayden-Cranfield. Winners of the Advanced Tournament: 1<sup>st</sup> Chenjie Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> Diarmuid Power, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cathal Power.

The school team has qualified in for the Leinster Schools finals. Harold Boys' qualified in second place having won 3 out of their 4 rounds, losing 1 round very narrowly (4.5 - 3.5). It was a team of eight with two subs - Chenjie Long, Diarmuid Power, Cathal Power, Conor Flanagan, Daniel O'Connor, Conor Broderick, Luca Rizzi, Noah O'Regan, Colm Heylin, Thomas Cassidy. Four players brought medals home, three for winning 4 out of 4 matches (Chenjie, Diarmuid and Luca), Cathal won a medal for best sportsmanship. In addition to the boys playing so well, their good behaviour and manners were commended by other team managers.



**Christmas Art Competition Winners:** What an amazing standard we had this year! Judging was extremely difficult! Thanks to the Parents' Association for the prizes. The following were the winners:

	Rang 2	Rang 3	Rang 4	Rang 5	Rang 6
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rory Nolan	Rory Murphy	Dáithí Devaney	Niccolo McNamara-Benedetti	Noah O'Regan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fionn Crowley	Daragh Kral	Robbie McKenna	Kevin Molloy	Lorcan Flavin
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Liam Beirne	Peter Gavin	Daryll Renni	James Sexton	Hugh Egan



**Green Schools News:** 5<sup>th</sup> class painted a tiled litter & waste mural with Siobhan Brennan of Crazy Glazing in Wicklow. The theme fits with our work toward our Global Citizenship Litter & Waste flag and Ms. O'Carroll's class really enjoyed learning about the process involved in creating this mural. A huge thanks to Siobhan for the work she put in on this project too!

Our Green Schools blog has pictures of this mural and more activities from around the school so check it out at <http://hbnsgreenschools.weebly.com/>



**Sports News:** Sixth class will begin their swimming sessions on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January and will have their sponsored Charity Swim on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Good luck boys!



**Congratulations:** to Alex Kral who was highly commended in the dlr recycled Christmas Decoration Competition. We are very grateful to Roberts for displaying the other fantastic decorations over the holidays.

#### **Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:**

Rang 2	Liam Ógáin, Bobby Liao, Roibéard Séamus
Rang 3	Eiméad Ó Broin, Táilliúr Ó Nulláin, Nioclás Maoldomhnaigh
Rang 4	Tomás Ó Casaide, Andriú Ó Miadhacháin, Chenjie Long
Rang 5	Sebastian Snyman, Tomás Bigín, Éamonn Ó Raifeartaigh
Rang 6	Eoghan Hosford, Stiofán De Búrca

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

January 21 <sup>st</sup>	First Penance - Rang 2, 7.30 pm
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening - 6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m. - February 25 <sup>th</sup> 8.50 am - Midterm
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ceremony of Light Rang 6, 7.30 pm
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation - Rang 6 11am
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion - Rang 2 11am

Le gach dea ghuí,

Teresa Buckley  
Principal