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NEWSLETTER - March 2020



Voluntary Contributions: Many thanks to all who have contributed so far this year. It is much appreciated. There has been a phenomenal increase in parents paying online. This has made the administration so much easier for Ms Doyle (& no more lost envelopes at the bottom of school bags!) Thanks to all 😊



News from the Parents' Association - The Parents' Association quiz fundraiser will be held in The Club on Thursday 26th March. Start time 8:00pm. Please support!



Charity Swim - Rang 6 will take part in a charity swim in Castlepark swimming pool on Thursday 23rd of April. This year we will raise funds and awareness for *The Irish Cancer Society*. Best of luck to everyone taking part.



Seachtain na Gaeilge - We are hard at work preparing for our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations (1ú - 17ú Márta, 2020)! Beidh a lán eachtraí ar súil i rith na seachtaine, m.sh. ciorcail cómhraí, ag léamh leabhair Ghaeilge le chéile, ceolchoirm na scoile, lá na leipreacháin, dánta, cluichí teanga, amhráin, 10@10 trí Ghaeilge, tráth na gceist, comórtas ealaíne is corpoicheachais trí Ghaeilge. Táimid ag tnúth go mór leis na himeachtaí go léir. Many thanks again to our Parents' Association for funding the prizes for our celebrations. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

Sports News:



Sixth class will have one session in the studio at Dance Theatre Ireland with Robert O'Connor on 27th of February. Many thanks to the Parents' Association who funded this.



The Leinster Tennis Primary Spring League will also begin this month for our 5th & 6th class team. Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh!



Special Olympics A past pupil of Harold Boys', Tim Guidera, is taking part in the Special Olympics, participating in the sport downhill skiing. We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 28th of February to raise money for this wonderful cause. Best of luck Tim ☺



Speech & Drama News - On March 27th the Irish Board of Speech & Drama will hold Communication Skills Examinations in Harold Boys' National School, Dalkey. These examinations will encourage the boys to be better communicators and increase their confidence in:

- Speaking clearly
- Interpreting a text with appropriate expression
- The use of practical conversation and speaking skills
- The use of imagination and confidence to explore a topic, either in speech or dramatic form



Green Schools News - Dale Treadwell from Naturally Wild came into us on Monday 24th of February for Biodiversity workshops with each class. He discussed the All Ireland Pollinator Plan with each class and all things beginning with B - birds, bugs, bees and more! It was great fun and we'd like to thank Dale for sharing his enthusiasm & knowledge with us.

Check out our Green Schools' blog at <https://www.haroldboysdalkey.ie/green-schools> for more of the latest Green Schools news and pictures from our school.



Stay Safe - 2nd, 4th & 6th class have begun the *Stay Safe* programme as part of the SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education) curriculum. This programme will be completed by Easter.



Curriculum Planning - All primary schools are required to close for a half school day in term 2, to plan for the *New Primary Language Curriculum*. We have chosen **Monday 23rd of March** for our school closure. The school will close at 12:30pm.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine

Rang 2	Éibhear McCallig, Donnacha Ó Luasaigh, Éatan Ó Ríagáin
Rang 3	Seán Ó hEoghain, Diolún de Barra, Seán Bakker
Rang 4	Seán Ó Caomhánaigh, Beau Mac Cába, Rí Mac Taidhg
Rang 5	Daryll Renni, Madhav Nambiar, Bobby Bridgeman
Rang 6	Seán Ó Ceallaigh, Dáire Breathnach, Antoni Sjeiko

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 5 th	11am Confirmation
March 16 th	School Closed
March 17 th	Public Holiday, School Closed
March 23 rd	Half Day 12:30pm - Curriculum Planning Day
March 26 th	Pub Quiz in The Club 8:00pm
April 3 rd	12 noon to April 20 th 8.50 a.m. - Easter Holidays

Le gach dea ghúí,

Teresa Buckley
Principal