

NEWSLETTER

MARCH/APRIL 2019

New Stage

Very many thanks to the PTA who have kindly funded a new stage. The stage is really useful as we can store it in the containers when not needed and is easy to put up and take down. The old stage has now gone to a good home in another school which has made a donation to charity in appreciation.

Chromebooks

The PTA has also funded the purchase of a new set of Chromebooks for the pupils use in the senior classes.

Building Works

The Board of Management is aware of some difficulties that have arisen due to the building renovation that's taking place near the entrance to the laneway. Cones have now been placed on the apron outside the gate to discourage parking there. Please take special care in the laneway when dropping off and collecting children. We have asked the builders to ensure that deliveries only happen outside times when the traffic in the laneway is very busy.



Child Protection

The Department of Education have commenced inspections in schools on compliance with the Child Protection Procedures for schools 2017. These are detailed inspections and the Board of Management has been engaged in conducting a review of Child Protection in our school. This review is now complete and the Child Protection Safety Statement is available on the school website.

Policy Review

This term the following policies have been reviewed/ developed:

- Dignity in the Workplace
- Critical Incident
- Stay Safe and SPHE





Laneway

Parents should note that the laneway is a private laneway that does not belong to the school but is the property of Mr. Douglas Gillis. Please can we request that parents make sure the access to the lane at the gate is kept clear when cars are going in or out.

Pyjama Day

We held a Pyjama Day recently to raise funds for the charity Habitat for Humanity. Ben, a former pupil at RPNS, is a Transition Year student in The High School and will be going to Vietnam in April with this charity to help to build houses there. He spoke in assembly and told the pupils what life is like for some children in Vietnam and why homes need to be provided for their families. He would like to thank the pupils at RPNS and their families for supporting this. The Pyjama Day raised €433.



3rd and 4th Class Play

The children in 3rd and 4th class performed the play 'Treasure Island' on Friday 22nd March. They were brilliant and entertained everyone really well with expert singing and dancing. Many thanks to Ms. Sweetnam and Mr. Duff for all their work in co-ordinating the performances.

St. Columba's Choral Day

Choir members in 4th, 5th and 6th classes have once again been invited to St. Columba's College to take part in a choral workshop on Tuesday 26th March. The children will join with several other schools and with the choir of St. Columba's College to learn some new music. At 3 p.m. parents are invited to the college for a short concert to hear what the children have learned.

ACE Service

The next ACE service in Rathfarnham Parish N.S. is on Sunday 31st March (Mothering Sunday). The choir will sing at this service and all families and children are welcome.



4th class have been working with buddies in Junior Infants

Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Management will take place on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30 p.m. in the school.

Cross Country

Children in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class have taken part in two Cross Country events organised by South Dublin County Council. The children ran really well and did the school proud. The next Cross Country even is on the 11th April.

Siopa na Scoile

During the last week of term 6th class are setting up a Siopa na Scoile. During this week children will have the opportunity to buy items in the shops but will have to use their Gaeilge to do so! More details to follow.

6th to Rua Red

On the 4th April 6th class will go to Rua Red in Tallaght to make a music recording. This is part of Music Generation and builds on the songwriting work that the children have been doing in school.

National Children's Choir

5th Class will represent the school in the National Children's Choir concert on Monday 1st April in the National Basketball Arena. The children in 5th class have been working very hard on music this year and have learned a broad repertoire of songs for the concert. We hope that they will enjoy the experience as they take part in a concert with almost 500 children singing together.

PTA Quiz

The PTA is holding a social night quiz on Friday 12th April. More details to follow.

END OF TERM

School will close for the Easter Holidays at 12 noon on Friday 12th April and will reopen at 8.20 a.m. on Monday 29th April 2019.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

