

Safety of All Our Children

In order to provide a safe environment for all our children, we ask you please: not to drive into the school grounds under any circumstance, at any time between 8.40a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Gates are locked at regular intervals. If you disregard this request and your car gets locked in, you will have to wait. We will not open the gate until it is due to be open.



not to park on the footpaths outside the school gates or in front of the barriers on yard. This area must be kept clear for emergency services.

not to park on the zone marked with yellow zig zag lines

NB: Please use the pedestrian path and gate when entering and leaving the school grounds - do not walk through the car park with your children.

Dogs on the school yard are a danger to children and some children are frightened of dogs. If you own a dog, please ensure that it does not enter the school yard.



Library News!

We have very close links with our local library in The Square complex. The library offers a wide range of facilities, books, DVDs, use of computers also activities for children. The staff are extremely friendly, supportive and keen to keep this contact with the school. It would be of great benefit to your child's education if you visit the library regularly. Membership is free! Opening hours are as follows:

Closed Saturdays and Mondays of Bank Holiday Weekends

* Mon: 9.45 - 8.00 * Thurs: 9.45 - 8.00

* Tues: 9.45 - 8.00 * Fri: 9.45 - 4.30

* Wed: 9.45 - 8.00 * Sat: 9.45 - 4.30

Check out www.southdublinlibraries.ie for up and coming events taking place in your local library. Please use the Tesco exit from The Square and follow the pedestrian walkway to Tallaght Library.

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Best wishes,

Martin Morris
Principal



Newsletter

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March / April '15



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's great to see the snowdrops and daffodils in bloom, the brighter mornings and the stretch in the evenings. Activity begun in the school garden this week. Please have your child in school every day between now and Easter

Martin Morris - Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURES & HOLIDAY DATES

Wednesday 16th March: School closes at 12.15 for Easter Holidays

Thursday 17th March to Friday 1st April: Easter Holidays - School closed.

School re-opens Monday 4th April at 9.00 a.m.

First Confession: Congratulations to the 2nd class children who made their First Confession at the beginning of March. Well done! We thank Ms O'Connor, Ms S Ryan & Ms O'Driscoll.



NEW JUNIOR INFANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

**CHILDREN MUST BE 4 YEARS ON
OR BEFORE 1ST SEPT, 2015**

We are still taking applications for Junior Infants. Please collect a registration form from reception and bring it with your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (where applicable), proof of address, PPS No. and any other relevant reports relating to your child, to reception. If you know of any parent /guardian in the area with a child due to start school this September, please pass on this information. Thank you.

Meeting for Parents/ Guardians of New Junior In- fants for September 2016

An information meeting for parents of new Junior Infants will take place in the school hall on:

Wednesday 11th May at 9.20 am

This meeting is for parents/guardians of children who have enrolled in Junior Infants for Sept'16.

It is very important that you attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Proclamation - Flag Raising Day: Next Tuesday, 15th March at 11.00 a.m. we will be raising our National Flag as part of a 2016 nationwide schools event. We wish to invite all parents/guardians to celebrate this event with us in our school yard (weather permitting).





World Book Day –What a lovely celebration we had on Thursday 3rd March for World Book Day. The children and staff dressed up as “characters” from books, fairy tales, and nursery rhymes. We all came to the hall for community singing. Liam from school completion was our Mystery Reader on the day

Students from KCS joined us to read some favourite stories in all classes on the day. We thank them and the staff of KCS for helping with the organisation.



First Holy Communion

Second class children will receive their First Holy Communion on :

Sunday 15th May and Sunday 22nd May @ 11.00 am Mass

15th May 2015 - M. O'Connor & S. Ryan's Classes

22nd May 2015 - S. O'Driscoll's Class

The school photographer will be in the school on Monday 16th & Monday 21st May at 9.00 a.m.



The mornings
Eco-Schools are brighter,
the evenings
longer. We
are a WOW
school so
don't forget
to **WALK
ON
WEDNESDAYS**



Meeting for Parents/Guardians of New Early Start Children for 2016-17

An information meeting for parents who have enrolled their child will take place on :

**Wednesday 18th May'16
at 9.20 a.m. in the school hall**

This meeting is for Parents/Guardians of children enrolled in Early Start for Sept'16. This is a very important meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Time Keeping and Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school. The Education Welfare Act (2000) requires schools to report on attendance. The school is obliged to return absences of 20 days or more to TUSLA (Educational Welfare Services Child and Family Agency). Please let the school know in writing if your child is absent and why.

Junior Achievement

We had a busy day on February 10th with the Junior Achievement group; in partnership with Master Card. Junior Achievement Ireland encourages children to remain in education and teaches skills needed for success in a changing world. Their school programme shows children the huge range of opportunities there are for them to use their talents, imagination and creativity when they grow up. The business volunteers were from Master Card and they worked in all our Senior infant, 1st and 2nd classes. It was a wonderful experience for all involved and we thank Junior Achievement and Master Card for a terrific day. We hope to continue with the Junior Achievement programme again next year.

Good News Good News Good News

We had a very successful Biodiversity Assessment visit from the South Dublin co. Council on March 1st so we will be awarded our Biodiversity green Flag from An Taisce in the coming months. Congratulations to everyone, especially the Green School Committee who have worked so hard and to all the teachers who did so much with their classes. The children on the committee and all the class monitors really did us proud! This is a great achievement for our junior school and community. So many people got involved in so many ways. Thank you to all parents/guardians who sent in materials for our “Bug Hotel” which now stands in our school garden. It was great to see the children enjoying themselves outdoors digging for bugs in the soil. Our “Day of Action” was also a great success and once again thank you to all the parents who braved the elements and joined in our nature walk in Killinarden Park. Thank you also to Daniel our caretaker who helped build our “Bug Hotel” and to Ali, Ann and Kathleen who were judges in our SAVING ENERGY competition. Take some time to have a look at the Green School Noticeboard to get a good overview of the many and varied biodiversity projects that we have been going on over the past 2 years. Remember our new code - Biodiversity is really cool

We learn about it in our school
It's plants and trees and living things
That's what Biodiversity means

C. Boyle



Home / School / Community



Dear Parents/Guardians,

- ♦ The Easter Crafts Course has just finished. The course was enjoyed by all!
- ♦ The Healthy Food Made Easy Course was a great success - parents got great ideas on how to cook healthily and economically.
- ♦ Fun Learning for parents of children in Junior Infants has started and will continue until the end of April.
- ♦ Gardening: The gardener, Deirdre, will be in the school March and April and will be working in the garden with 1st Class children. If any parents would like to be involved, please let your child's teacher know.
- ♦ Put a Spring into Your Step: Schools ag Súl April Walk Programme. Beginning Friday 8th April for 4 Fridays for a short walk followed by refreshments in the Parent's Room. Buggies, toddlers, and all members of the community welcome! Final Friday - trip to Seán Walsh Park with your school child! Register Friday 11th March in the school hall @ 9.00



Marie Tuohy/ HSCL



Early Start



OPEN DAY

Early Start are having an open day for pupils joining us in September 2016 on Wednesday 13th April @ 10.00 am.

Registration forms are still available at reception.

Early Start Registration Change
NB - Change of Age: Your child must be 3 years on or before 1st Sept'16. We are still accepting applications for Early Start for 2016/17 (forms available at reception). These must be accompanied by a birth certificate, Baptismal certificate (where applicable), proof of address & PPS No. Completed application forms should be returned to reception as soon as possible.

Early Start Team

The Morning Group

The morning group are welcome to join us for the flag raising ceremony at 11.00a.m. on **15th March.**

The morning group will get their Easter Holidays on that day.



The Afternoon Group

The afternoon group will come to school on Wednesday 16th from 9.00 - 11.30a.m.

The afternoon group will get their Easter Holidays on that day.