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St. Lorcan's B.N.S

Newsletter - May 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a very busy and productive few months in St. Lorcan's BNS. We have much news for you!

Mr. Moore - Mr. Moore will be extending his career break for another school year. Ms. Gorham and I will continue to lead the St. Lorcan's school community. Thank you for your continued support.

Child Safeguarding - Our Child Safeguarding Policy has been reviewed and updated by the Board of Management. You will find it and the Notice of Review on the school website.

Rewarding Positive Behaviour - We have so many wonderful boys in St. Lorcan's and sometimes it can be hard to recognise them all individually during assembly etc. So in order to celebrate the consistent good behaviour, all boys who come to school on time, wear their proper uniform, complete their homework and treat their teachers and peers with respect, will be included in a raffle at the end of each month to win two cinema tickets. Our first raffle will take place on Tuesday 31st May.

Football - An exciting few months of sport culminated in our school football team reaching the final of the Matt Griffin Cup in Parnell Park. This was a hugely significant game for St. Lorcan's as it marked our first Cumann na mBunscol final in a decade and our first title in 12 years. What a fantastic achievement! Huge congratulations also to Ken Irwin, 5th Class, who was chosen on the day to play in the INTO Mini 7's League. Well done to the team who played so well in their games and to their coaches Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Graydon. This win has been a wonderful lift for the entire school community.

Hurling - Hurling began on Tuesday 26th of April, with training and trials in the Oval. There was a fantastic turnout, with a total of 36 boys attending training. A massive thank you to Mr. Peter Elliott and Mr. Ken Mariner for helping to organise the sessions. The first game took place on Thursday 5th May against Rathcoole, which resulted in a win. We have two more matches in this group stage, playing teams from all over Dublin.

Soccer - After the Easter Break, the St. Lorcan's Soccer tournament began on the senior yard. This competition is made up of 12 teams, consisting of boys from the 5th and 6th Classes. The teams are divided into three groups and games take place at break time each day. The games have been very close and entertaining with some fantastic skills on show. The final of this tournament will take place during Active Week.

Athletics Club - Our 3rd- 6th class pupils have enjoyed training in a fun and engaging way, over the past few weeks. Thanks to Ms. Joyce, Mrs. Fenton and Ms. Mc Sorley for leading Athletics club.

Homework Club -The club takes place every Monday & Tuesday in Room 8 from 2:30 until 3:45 and is organised by Ms. Sloyan and Mr. O'Connell. The club is full for the remainder of this school year but it will return in September.

Lego Club - Ms. Gorham and Ms. Hendrick are pleased to announce that the Lego Club is back, for the pupils in 1st class. It provides a great way for students to interact and socialise and it allows them to practice skills such as problem solving, collaborative thinking and group learning. It also teaches simple mechanics and engineering; it could even influence your child's future career! If you are considering buying your child a new toy - seriously consider Lego!

All children attending any after-school activities will exit via the Manor Park Gate only.

Rosary Competition - Huge congratulations to Mr. Graydon and all involved for

winning the Rosary competition, which our school entered last December. The judging panel praised the diversity, creativity and enthusiasm that the pupils showed for the rosary. The level of engagement the pupils showed while participating in prayer was also noted by the judging panel. Thank you to Joanne Monks from JoJo's Café on Manor Road, who treated the boys to some hot chocolate and lots of treats to congratulate them on their win.

Sacramental Preparation - It is a busy month for our 2nd and 6th classes, with the First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation both taking place in May. Many thanks to their teachers and to Canon Reilly, who are preparing them so well for their special day.

First Communion: 21st May - Ms Murphy's Class, 28th May - Ms. Geraghty's Class

Confirmation: 20th May - Ms Fogarty's Class, 27th May - Ms. Burke's Class

Wellbeing Week - The children engaged in lots of activities aimed at nourishing the mind, body and soul! They took part in everything from mindful colouring, yoga with Mr. Daly, healthy eating, movement breaks and lots more. We ended the week with the Mad Hatter's walk and an assembly. Thank you to Ms. Bracken and Ms. Fogarty for organising. Thank you to Ms. Jenner for painting our 'Thank You' tree on which boys stuck on colourful leaves which named something they were grateful for.

Mad Hatter's Walk - Our Mad Hatters Walk took place on Friday 8th April. It was wonderful to see so many colourful and creative hats. Thank you to Gerry the Giraffe and Yvonne Fogarty from Palmerstown Credit Union who presented the prizes on the day. Our pupils raised an amazing €7500.92. To show our gratitude and to give back to our local community, on behalf of our school community €250 was donated to Stewarts Hospital and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The remaining €7000.92 will go towards our Sensory Garden.

Sensory Garden - We applied to the Palmerstown Credit Union last October for a Community Grant to develop a Sensory Garden in St. Lorcan's. We are incredibly

grateful to the Credit Union for the €9,000 grant we received from them. We are currently seeking quotes to dig out the top sod, lay hard core and Astro Turf. The costs are coming in very high but we hope to get the project under way very soon.

Basketball hoops - The basketball hoops and backboards, which were purchased from the monies raised from our Christmas Jumper Fundraiser are being erected today. The delay was due to structural complications. Thank you to Mr. Glover, Mr. Andrew Pierce and Mr. O'Connell for getting the job done!

Spanish - Over 180 pupils from 3rd - 6th classes are taking part in the new Primary Language Sampler, which is a way of raising awareness among pupils, of the range of languages used by their peers. Ms. Sarah Carr will be teaching the pupils Spanish, for the next 6 weeks.

School Street Programme - A public consultation took place in our school hall on Friday 29th April. Ally Menary, SD CoCo, representatives from M.Co Project Management and Barry Engineers were present along with The Principals and Chairpersons of both St. Brigid's and St. Lorcan's Schools, Gerard O'Connell (Teacher), Monica Laffan (Parent), William Glover (Caretaker), Dee Douglas (Lollipop Lady) and Councillor Alan Hayes. The proposed plan to make the streets/roads around our schools safer, was discussed and feedback given. It is hoped this project will be completed during the summer months.

Please follow the link for information regarding the s38 consultation. Also find leaflet attached to this email.

<https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/active-travel-schools-project-st-lorcans-bns-and-st-brigids-gns>

Active Week - Active Week will take place during the week of June 13th. Ms. Geraghty and the Active Flag committee are busy preparing lots of great activities for the boys.

Sixth Class Graduation - There will be a Graduation Prayer Service for our two Sixth Classes, officiated by Canon Reilly, in the School Hall at 1pm on Thursday 23rd June.

Junior Infant Open Day - Our in-coming Junior Infants with their parents, are invited to come visit our school on Tuesday May 17th at 1:45pm. We look forward to welcoming them.

Healthy Eating - A reminder that St Lorcan's BNS is a Healthy Eating School with a small treat allowed on Friday's. Please note we are also a Nut-free school due to allergies.

Punctuality - We remind boys of the importance of coming to school on time. A good start to the day supports the boys settling into class and ready for learning.

Standardised Testing - Testing will take place the week of May 16th. Please ensure that absences are avoided where possible. Sometimes these tests can be stressful for boys so please talk to your child about them and encourage them to try their best.

School Calendar 2022/23 - Please see next year's school calendar which is available on the school website

Dates for your Diary

- New Junior Infants Open Day - Tuesday 17th May
- Primary Language Curriculum: The school will close at 12pm on Friday 13th May, to facilitate staff training.
- School will close Friday 3rd June (in lieu of March 18th Bank Holiday), Monday 6th June, Tuesday 7th June and Wednesday 8th June.

