

# St. Laurence's National School

## Easter Newsletter 2020

Happy Easter



From all of us at  
St. Laurence's National School

## Letter from St. Laurence's Board of Management

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Board of Management I would like to thank you and your children for your patience, co-operation and commitment to St. Laurence's National School during these challenging times.

It has been a very unpredictable year and the school community has pulled together to ensure that your children's education and welfare is the number one priority. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic team in our school, all the teachers, S.N.A's, our secretaries and our caretaker. A special word of thanks to Ms. Finnerty for leading and motivating everyone in such a professional and compassionate manner.

We appreciate your continued support and wish you and your families a very happy Easter.

**St. Laurence's BOM**



### School Updates

**On-line learning:** Thank you to all the students and parents for their support and participation in on-line learning this term. We had huge engagement in Google classroom with hundreds of posts and updates from the students.

**Well-being zoom calls:** During the school closure each class teacher and SEN teachers participated in on-line zoom calls with the students. The teachers and SNAs enjoyed seeing and chatting to the children. We hope that the children found these calls helpful.

**Return of Devices:** Thank you to all the families who have returned devices borrowed during the school closure. There are only a handful of devices outstanding and we would appreciate your co-operation in returning them so we can clear and use them in the classes again.

**World Book Week:** To celebrate world book day a special video was created and posted on Google classroom for each class to see. Teachers in the Senior and Junior Buildings dressed up as a masked reader, reading their favourite children's books.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge:** We celebrated 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' from March 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. The children participated in a wide range of fun activities. A "Siúlóid Dúlra" (nature walk) took place around the school grounds. We celebrated "Lá Glas" (Green Day) and encouraged the children to dress in green, white and orange. The children's knowledge was tested on the "Tráth na gCeist" (table quiz) and lots of "Cluichí Teanga" (language games) were played in class. Finally, the children enjoyed a "Tóricht Taisce" (treasure hunt). Molaim na páistí go léir as ucht a gcuid iarrachtaí.

**St. Patricks Day:** To celebrate Lá Fhéile Pádraig the children in the Junior school took part in a special parade around the school.



**Green School:** The Green School Committee are busy working keeping our school green and clean.

**GAA:** The boys and girls have enjoyed taking part in GAA with Mark from and na Dubh Ghall.

**"Daly Exercise":** The boys and girls in the Junior and Senior Buildings enjoyed an exercise to music programme with 'Daly Exercise'. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all the boys and girls.



*Photos from all our school activities  
can be seen on our school website  
[www.stlaurencesbaldoyle.org](http://www.stlaurencesbaldoyle.org)*



## **Fundraising**

**Non-Uniform Day:** Unfortunately, we were unable to have our usual cake sale and raffles this term, however our **non-uniform day** continue to be a great success. Non-uniform day takes place on the first Friday of every month. Thank you to everyone who donated for the non-uniform day in the Junior Building in March. The total collected was **€288**. I wish to thank the members of the **Parents Committee** for all their effort on behalf of the school.

## Important notes for your Diary



**Book Rental:** The Book Rental scheme will be commencing shortly.



**School closes for Easter Holidays on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 11:45 as per the timetable you have received on Aladdin.**

**Please note: The Children will return to school at 9.00am on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at the continued staggered start times**

## Message from the Principal

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

As we approach the end of the second term and the *Easter* break could I thank everyone, staff, committees, pupils and especially you the parents/guardians for all your continued support, encouragement and co-operation with the reopening of the school.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the return to school form. Please note we would ask you to complete this form should your child be absent from school. The form is available on the Aladdin app.

A sincere thank you for all your co-operation with the staggered start and finish times and for complying with social distancing and the wearing of the face masks.

**We wish you all a very safe and Happy Easter.**



Yours sincerely,  
*Clare Finnerty*  
(Principal Teacher)

