



### FOOD DUDES:

Food Dudes Week has been a great success! Well done to all the children who were really enthusiastic and enjoyed eating grapes, cucumbers, pomegranate, carrots and apples over the week. Thank you to all the people who helped out and gave up their time. Special word of thanks to Willie McCormack for all his support also.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN WALK

Thank you to all the parents who helped out for the Children's Annual Fun Walk on March 11<sup>th</sup> and to everyone who contributed to the fundraiser also. Details on how much was raised to follow soon.

### HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE 'SEED DRIVE'?

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes will be planting after the Easter Holidays. They would be very grateful if any parents could donate any vegetable seeds they might have. They can be left with the School Secretary or given to the class teachers.

### ANNUAL CAKE SALE:



Okay, so let's try this again!!!!

Apologies about the 'mix-up', but as Lent fell early this year, the Cake Sale was rescheduled.

However....we are delighted to confirm that the Cake Sale will now be held on **FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL!**

- Cake Sale starts at 8.30am in the Halla
- Please clearly label any cake-tins/containers which you need returned. They can be picked up when the sale is over.
- The children will get a chance to buy something during the morning. They can pick up some nice treats by giving a donation on the day.
- It might be worth including a spare lunchbox in the schoolbag that day, to avoid any squidgy mess in the schoolbag!!

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## Notes from the Principal



### ROAD SAFETY:

As the evenings are lengthening and children are able to play outside for longer, we ask parents to remind all children about safe behaviour around traffic, when using bicycles, tricycles, scooters or flickrs, and when crossing the road. We want all our pupils to be safe this spring!

### GREEN SCHOOLS NEWS:

Ms. Gillian Henderson from Fingal Co. Council came to the school to see all the work we have been doing for our sixth green flag. She interviewed all members of the Green Schools Committee from Senior Infants to Second Class and was very impressed with their knowledge and with all their hard work. She also put a photograph of our Fair Trade noticeboard and of our Global Citizenship flag competition display on Fingal Co Council's Twitter feed. Here's hoping!!

### GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP:

The winner of the Global Citizenship "Design a Flag" Competition was Alanna Griffith from Ms. Stewart's Senior Infant class. Well done Alanna!

### RETURN OF THE TADPOLES:

We are hoping that our tadpoles, who have immigrated to Skerries from their ancestral home in north Co. Cork, enjoy the comfortable accommodation we are preparing for them in the school garden. We are "hopping" to see a few frogs there before the summer holidays!

### SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE:

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a great success again this year. Lots of activities took place in every classroom. Each class had an Irish Dancing lesson with Mrs. Keane. Junior classes were treated to a concert of Irish music from some of our past pupils who are now in the Senior School, while musicians from the Community College played for an appreciative audience of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils. Everyone in the school enjoyed speaking as much Irish as possible and each day the Gaeilgeoir an Lae from each class got special recognition and a wrist band marking his or her achievement. Maith sibh a pháistí!! Special thanks to Ms. Keane for organising all our Seachtain na Gaeilge activities – Maith thú Ms. Keane!

### SCHOOL YARD:

After Easter, each class, guided by their teacher, will be discussing their ideas for how to improve the school yard and sending these suggestions to the office.

If you have suggestions for the yard or garden, or if you are willing to volunteer your time or expertise to help us improve them, please contact the Parents' Association.

### ACTIVE FLAG NEWS:

This week, our teachers are volunteering their own time to partake in further training as part of our Active Schools project. Maith sibh a mhúinteoirí!!

### PROCLAMATION FOR A NEW GENERATION

As part of the Ireland 2016 Commemorative Programme, Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March was designated National Proclamation Day for Schools in Ireland. To help us reflect on the events of 100 years ago, each class in our school has come up with their wishes for our country for the next 100 years. These wishes have been used to write our School Proclamation. They were read at a special school assembly on National Proclamation Day, Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, and the National Flag was raised outside the school shortly afterwards. Our Proclamations are currently on display in the school hall.