

Our Good News

St. Patrick's Junior School, Skerries

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Dear Boys & Girls,

We have come to end of our very strange school year. It has been a year like no other and one which we will remember always. Staying home at the start of lockdown was hard. We all missed our friends and families and being able to go to the cinema, shops, for ice cream etc. You have been so brave and set a great example in following all the new weird rules like social distancing and not being able to hug our grandparents. I and all your teachers and helpers are so very proud of you and of your parents. It is great that we are beginning to have a little more freedom but keep being brave and following all the rules so that we can win this battle against Coronavirus!

Thank you all so much for helping me with this newsletter. It has brought so many smiles to my face and kept me going when times were really tough. I know the other teachers and staff have loved reading all about what you have been up to and we CAN'T WAIT until we are all back together again on 27th August. Until then I wish each and every one of you a fun, safe and happy Summer break.

Kindest regards,

Lynsey Dungan xxx



What have you all been up to?

Results of the Walk, Scoot and Cycle challenge:

1st: Ms. Grimes class with **304.2 km**

2nd: Ms. Mahon's class with **239.25 km**

3rd: Ms. A. Kelly's class with **167.66 km**



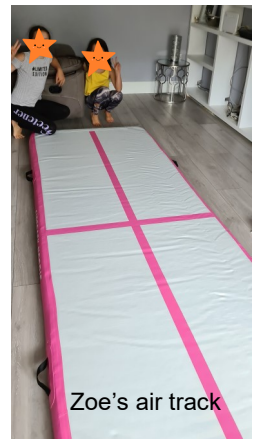
- Katelyn Keenan (Mr De Condúin) & Ellen Keenan (Ms Meehan) have been busy planting flowers in the garden and setting seeds in their vegetable patch. They love taking their dog Pixie for long walks on the beach. There is a lot of baking going on, there is always an abundance of scones and fairy cakes in the house. Katelyn celebrated her birthday on Saturday, she got a trampoline and spent hours with her sister jumping in the rain. They miss their teachers and friends and are looking forward to seeing them soon, they want to wish everyone a very happy summer holiday. Xx
- Finn Gaffney tried paddle boarding for the first time on Saturday along with his parents. They went to the north beach in Skerries and paddled along the shore. Sitting on the board was much easier and he did stand up on the board but lost his balance and fell in, (bringing his mother with him!). All in all, it was a great experience and one they hope to repeat many times during the summer! (see gallery)
- Sophie (Ms Ryan) has learned to cycle her bike without stabilizers and tie her shoelaces. She has baked and is now enjoying her new books. She would like to wish her class a Happy Summer.
- Tom (Ms. Wilde) has been working hard watering his plants every day and is delighted with his first crop - radishes! (see gallery) He hopes everyone has a great summer and is looking forward to seeing all his friends back at school in September.
- Katie (Ms. Daly) has accepted her daddy's challenge to run 2km five days a week for 6 weeks. She and her sister Emilka are into their 3rd week of running! They are enjoying their challenge. On the 25th of June Katie and Emilka are going to celebrate their sister-sister day. It's their new Crampton tradition after their mummy and her sister created that day around 30 years ago. It's a very special day for them, full of fun together and absolutely no arguing.
- Ms. Wilde sends best wishes to all her girls and boys and their Mums and Dads. Have a lovely, happy, sunny summer!
- Ms. N.Kelly had caterpillars in chrysalis for over a week and they have now emerged as butterflies! (see gallery)
- Zoe and her big sister Danielle got an airtrack to practice their dancing and gymnastics on. (see gallery)
- Cousins Sports Day! Cousins Saoirse (Mr De Conduin) and Molly (Ms. Hewitt) had their virtual Sports Day together. On the gallery page they are competing in "throw the welly" and "long jump"! Well done girls – looks like you had great fun!
- Amelia (Ms. Grimes) watched her sisters 6th class graduation on zoom video call on Friday 19th June. There was huge talent from all the 6th class students. We had a lovely day with lots of treats!!
- Ms. Meehan would like to thank the children in her class and their parents for all the hard work they have done this year. She would like to wish all the boys and girls a happy, safe and enjoyable summer!



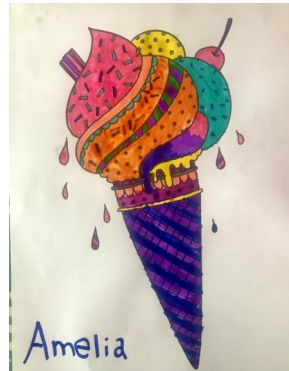
Keep smiling, because life is a beautiful thing and there's so much to smile about.

Gallery, Jokes & More

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EVEN WHEN
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Did you know?

The hieroglyphic alphabet was used in ancient Egypt. It used symbols.



Christopher (Ms. Keane)



Did you know?

Mrs. Dungan sourced most of our random facts from the kids national geographic site. There are some great 'weird but true' stories and facts to be found here:

https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/adventure_pass/weird-but-true/

Jokes from Maeve Adderly:

What is the difference between a teacher and a train? The teacher says spit out your gum and the train says "Choo, Choo!"
What is a snake's favourite subject? Hissss-tory!
How do bees get to school in the morning? On the school buzz!

Joke from Katie Crampton:

What did one tooth say to the other? Tooth or dare :)

