

Holy Child Boys' School Larkhill

Newsletter April 2019

CONFIRMATION 2019



Congratulations to our 6th Class pupils, pictured above, who were confirmed by Canon John Flaherty on Friday the 5th of April. They had worked hard with their teachers, Ms. Corri, Mr. Gaughran and Ms. Madden in preparation for the Ceremony and it was lovely. Well done to all the readers and boys who had jobs to do in both the Confirmation and the Ceremony of Light, they did us proud. Thank you to Ms. Moen who prepared the choir of 4th & 5th Class boys who sang so well along with the Girls' School choir on both occasions. We are also very grateful to the parents who looked after the albs for the ceremony.

SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION - HOMEWORK

Many thanks to all the parents who took the time to complete our recent online survey. We had a 71% response rate. We are delighted to say that 82% of pupils and 76% of parents felt their boys were receiving the right amount of homework. We would encourage parents to check and sign homework journals daily. Teachers will be trialing new homework ideas for the month of May and reducing written homework for the month of June. We will also be introducing more active homework for the boys as the good weather returns. As always we encourage the boys to keep up their reading at home.



EASTER HOLIDAYS

School will close at 12 o' clock on Friday the 12th of April for the Easter Holidays and will re-open on Monday the 29th of April. We hope that you all have a lovely Easter break.



SPONSORED WALK

A big thank you to all the boys and their families who supported our main fundraiser of the year. We will hold our big raffle on Friday, so make sure to get your sponsorship cards in on time! All funds raised are used to provide the many resources required for pupils and school throughout the year. We greatly appreciate your support.



STANDARDISED TESTING

Standardised testing for all classes will take place in May this year. Dates are as follows:

Drumcondra Spelling Test

4th & 6th Class - Monday 13th of May
1st, 2nd & 5th Class - Tuesday 14th of May
3rd Class - Wednesday 15th of May

Micra-T (English)

1st & 2nd Class - Tuesday 21st of May
3rd & 4th Class - Wednesday 22nd of May
5th & 6th Class - Thursday 23rd of May

Sigma-T (Maths)

1st & 2nd - Tuesday 28th of May
3rd & 4th Class - Wednesday 29th of May
4th (Part B), 5th & 6th Class - Thursday 30th of May
5th & 6th (Part B) - Friday 31st of May



If for any reason your boy is going to be absent for his test please do let us know so that we can make an alternative arrangement.

PARKING

We remind parents once again to please be considerate of our neighbours when parking to collect children from school and not to block driveways. For the safety of all our children we also ask parents not to park in the clearway (yellow lines) outside the school gate at any time.



SPORTS UPDATE



Our hurlers (squad pictured above) are training hard with Mr. Flaherty and Sean and are hoping to bounce back from their first defeat of the league campaign.

Our soccer squad made a great comeback in their second game of the season when they beat St. Paul's Brunswick Street, with a comfortable score line of 7 - 0. Thanks to Mr. De Paor who is looking after the team and to Jeff Dequina for all his help in organising the pitches.

Mr. Culligan is preparing our athletes for the Santry Track and Field events which will take place on the 20th and 28th of May. Representing the school and pictured below are as follows:

500m U-11 Tom Lacey; **U-12** Melvin Binoy; **U-14** Brandon Chisnall.

Hurdles U-12 Cian Davis; **U-14** Logan Preston

Long Jump U-12 Tadhg O' Brien

Relay U10 Christian Kennedy, Redemption Odika, Adam Dequina and Frank Cameron

Relay U-11 Tom Lacey, Leon Laban, Steve Sunny and Michal Kubiak

Relay U-12 Cian Davis, Dominic Muyambi, Carl Lowry, Melvin Binoy

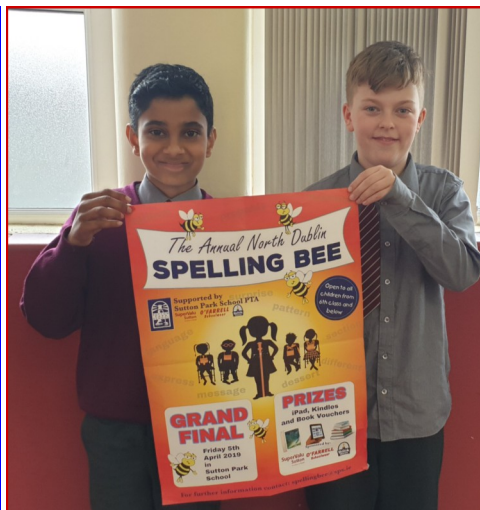
Relay U-14 Evan Gorman, Logan Preston, Jake Malone and Cian Ashmore



We wish them all the very best of luck!

SPELLING BEE

Well done to Alex and Hakesh who represented our school in the Grand Final of the North Dublin Spelling Bee - we are very proud of them!



SNIPPETS...

1st & 2nd Class boys are enjoying their swimming lessons on Wednesdays and are showing great improvement. Boys in 3rd and 4th Class already had their block of swimming lessons which they also thoroughly enjoyed.

5th & 6th Class pupils were sorry to come to the end of their PE lessons in DCU last week but will have lots of other activities to look forward to for the remainder of the year.

Pupils in 5th Class will take part in the Laser Run Schools Programme in May, thanks to John McDonald, Sports Officer, Dublin City Council Sport & Wellbeing Partnership and Pentathlon Ireland who gave our school the opportunity to participate again this year.

We welcome student teachers from St. Patrick's College/DCU who are on teaching placement in our school at the moment. We have Ms. Beirne in Room 17, Ms. Buggy in Room 14, Ms. Brazill in Room 4 and Mr. McCormack in Room 8.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Class boys are delighted to have Whitehall Colmcille coach, Sean Cleary, in on Thursdays for GAA coaching. He also takes our Hurling squad for some extra skills coaching.

Our after schools classes have finished for this term and due to the short final term of the school year there will be no after school clubs when we return after the Easter Holidays.

The boys in 2nd Class had a lovely ceremony for their First Confession recently and are now preparing for their First Holy Communion which will take place on Saturday the 18th of May.

Our attendance is currently at 94.4% for this year so far. Our target is to remain above 94% overall.

We have been instructed by the Elections Office that our school will have to close for all pupils on **Friday the 24th of May** as it will be used as a polling station in the Local and European Elections that day.