



St Matthew's National School NEWSLETTER



April 2019

Our second term has been extremely busy one full of learning, events and special achievements. Within, you will find some articles written by a number of our pupils about our learning, achievements, projects and activities, but please keep an eye on our blogs on our website, www.stmatts.ie for more!

Many thanks to our teachers and staff for their continued energy, hard work and dedication. I would like to congratulate Kevin Kavanagh on a successful Teaching Practice at our school. St. Matthew's NS wish you all the best in your future career.

As a little reward for working so hard throughout Term 2, the children won't have any homework next week in the lead up to the Easter Break (reading will continue in some rooms). As children will not need to write down their homework or hand up homework assignments, parents can drop their child(ren) to their classroom until the early bell. We would ask you to be mindful that the teacher is not interrupted. Should you have a message or query for the class teacher, please give your message to the School Office. The class teacher will then endeavour to get in touch with you a.s.a.p. At St. Matthew's NS, all of our endeavours rotate around our children and this school belongs to them, not us. Please be mindful that some children in our school have special needs or struggle with anxiety. Our corridors need to remain calm and quiet places so that our children feel safe and empowered to make their way to their classroom.

I will be heading on leave a week earlier than scheduled. Friday 5th April will be my final day at St. Matthew's for a little while. Working in this school, with your amazing children and with a wonderful staff faculty is a privilege and honour. I will miss St. Matthew's hugely, but look forward to visiting to see special events such as the 6th Class Graduation. I leave you in the extremely capable hands of Casey McConnell, Acting Principal and Amy Dunne, Acting Deputy Principal.

The Board of Management have made a number applications for grant aid towards adding mature trees, planting, and space for class gardening projects and towards an upgrade of the school's yard toilets. Should these applications be successful, we will update you on the works.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely restful Easter Break.

Naomi Rousseau
Principal

Topsy Turvy Day

Every child in our school community is treasured, and from time to time, we can offer an extra helping hand to some. One of the children in our 2nd Class, Mia, has a Primary Pulmonary Hypertension Condition. This serious condition affects her heart and lungs. It is so rare that only five children in Ireland have it, they are cared for by Crumlin Hospital, under the supervision of Great Ormond Street Hospital in London. Mia's parents, alongside the other children, are raising funds in order for a doctor and nurse to come over from Great Ormond Street Hospital in London to Our Lady Children's Hospital Crumlin to review their condition and care.

We want to help by fundraising for Mia by having a **Topsy Turvy Day on Friday 12th April.**

Children are:

- * invited to dress all 'Topsy Turvy!' – odd socks, silly clothes, crazy hair etc! Let your imagination run wild!
- * asked to bring in a donation for this special cause



Looking forward to seeing you all dressed up!

Many thanks for your support.

Extra Curricular Activities Term 3 2018/2019

Registration for Extra Curricular Activities is now taking place.

Please note all activities begin the first week of term on Monday 29th April.

Registration and payment can be made on our website www.stmatts.ie or return Registration Form with payment to the School Office.

(Cheques made payable to St. Matthew's National School).

Historical Artefacts

We are trying to build up a collection of historical artefacts that can be used for teaching the History Curriculum. Do you have any of the following at home that could be donated to the school?

- * Old school books or copybooks
- * Old pens
- * Photographs from being at school long ago
- * Local newspaper reports from long ago
- * Games or toys from long ago
- * Old telephones
- * Household objects from long ago
- * World War II artefacts

Please drop any such items into the School Office. Thank you for your support!

Congratulations!

- Eva in 5th Class who represented St. Matthew's in the Eason's Spelling Bee, making it all the way to the top 13 children in the Dublin area!
- Senior Boys Hockey Team who won their league and made it to the final, being narrowly beaten by the opposing team.
- Livia in 6th Class who made it to the All-Ireland U13 final in her running distance - what an amazing achievement!

Child Protection

The Department of Education & Skills has published *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools*. Ensuring the protection and welfare of children is the responsibility of all of us who work with children and young people. Child protection must be a priority for every school and must be at the core of all of our activities. There is an obligation on schools to provide children with the highest possible standard of care in order to promote their well being and protect them from harm.

Because of the close contact school staff members have with children they are well placed to observe changes in children's behaviour, their lack of development or outward signs of abuse. In situations where any member of a school staff suspects that a child may be at risk of neglect or abuse, they must make sure that this is reported to the HSE and An Garda Síochána.

This reporting is done by the Designated Liaison Person [DLP].

- * In this school the Designated Liaison Person is Casey McConnell
- * In this school the Deputy Designated Liaison Person is Amy Dunne

Punctuality & Attendance

School is open from **8.30am**. Children are required to be in their classrooms no later than 8.50am. The time between 8.30am and 8.50am is an important time to organise homework, for reading in junior classes, to settle in and to be organised for the day ahead. Class teachers will contact parents in the event of pupils being consistently late. The roll is taken at 9.10am. Any child that arrives after this time is marked absent. We ask that parents ensure children are collected promptly at home time.

Under the Education Welfare Act 2000, children must not be **absent** from school for 20 days or more. Any child who misses more than **20 days** of school will be reported to The Educational & Welfare Services of the Child and Family Agency. It is our school policy to send you a reminder letter when your child has missed 15 days or more.

It is important that all absences are explained in writing or through the Aladdin Connect App. We understand that children may be ill or a family emergency or bereavement can occur. Reasons for absences are recorded. It is essential that family holidays are not planned during school holiday periods.

For more information please see https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/english_leaflet.pdf

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 12th April 2019	<p><u>Topsy Turvy Day</u> We want to help by fundraising for Mia by having a Topsy Turvy Day! Children are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • invited to dress all 'Topsy Turvy!' – odd socks, silly clothes, crazy hair etc! Let your imagination run wild! • asked to bring in a donation for this special cause
Monday 15th April – Friday 26th April 2019 Inclusive	School closed for Easter Holidays
Monday 6th May 2019	School closed for May Bank Holiday
Monday 3rd June 2019	School closed for June Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th June 2019	Active Week
Wednesday 5th June 2019	3 rd & 4 th Class School Tour <i>(more info to follow)</i>
Friday 7th June 2019	St. Matthew's Colours Cup (Sports Day) @ Irishtown Stadium
Tuesday 11th June 2019	6 th Class School Tour <i>(more info to follow)</i>
Wednesday 12th June 2019	1 st & 2 nd Class School Tour <i>(more info to follow)</i>
Monday 24th June 2019	6 th Class School Tour <i>(more info to follow)</i>
Tuesday 25th June 2019	6 th Class Graduation @ 11am
Wednesday 26th June 2019	School closes for Summer Holidays at 12pm
Wednesday 28th August 2019	School re-opens following the Summer Holidays

Standardised Testing

In Term three, all children in 1st – 6th Class will be completing their Standardised Tests in English Spelling, English Reading and in Mathematics. The Drumcondra Education and Research Centre has updated these tests based on the most recent research and data available. We anticipate that children's Sten scores will be slightly lower as we have been informed that the updated tests are more difficult than the older versions. The children will also need to get to a new format. The school will as always monitor these tests and will be in touch with parents individually if there are any concerns. Results will be communicated in the usual manner. As always, we do not recommend that you share these results with your child(ren).

IMPORTANT NOTICES

If any pupil is intending to leave St. Matthew's at the end of this academic year, please let the school know immediately. This is in order to accommodate those waiting to take up places.

The Lost Property Box will be emptied each term. Unclaimed items will be sent to the recycling centre. Please label your child's belongings!

First Aid

It is vital that the school has up-to-date health and allergy information for your child. Remember to inform the school of any changes regarding your child's health in writing.



Learning

Literacy Lift Off

We loved taking part in Lift Off. It was lots of fun. We had to do lots of reading. When we were reading we learned new words and answered some questions. We also made words on our whiteboards and wrote sentences based on our books. Our favourite thing was going on the iPads. We got to play a game that helped us with our sounds. Thank you to Mrs. O'Neill, Ms. Buckley and Mrs. Griffin for coming to do Literacy Lift Off with us every day.

Senior Infants

Following on from our Literacy Lift off, we have been completing our literacy team teaching with our teachers. We are very busy exploring different ways of writing, as well as reading, word activities and spellings practise. We complete these everyday so we can get as much practise as possible in each area.

Senior Infants

Cycle Right

This year 5th Class have participated in the Cycle Right programme which enables children to cycle safely on the road. In this programme we learnt to indicate and do the emergency stop and we also learnt how to cycle in large and small groups and how to make sure that no one tires. We also learnt how to successfully cycle in two way traffic and learnt useful things about crossroads and intersections. All these things are thanks to our instructors Eoin and Amanda who patiently taught us these useful skills.

Jessica and Zoe, 5th Class

Swimming Lessons

This term every Tuesday we have got into partners and walked down from our school to Marian College swimming pool to do our swimming lessons. In swimming we have three groups. We often start off with a few minutes of play time where you get to swim around with your friends and play in the water. Our teachers are very nice. The one thing I don't like is changing. In conclusion it is great because you learn how to swim.

Beth and Benjamin, 5th Class

French

We've been doing French since the start of 5th Class on every Wednesday. It's really fun and our teacher Anne is very nice and helps us learn. When our class first started French most of us didn't know the language at all. Now the whole class can count to 100, introduce themselves, know all the months of the year and days of the week. Whenever there's a special event; Christmas, Halloween, Easter...etc Anne always makes her lesson based around that theme, we also learn vocabulary about the theme too. Our lesson is normally like this: Anne comes in and she goes around the class making us introduce ourselves. Then we normally have a worksheet about the topic we are learning. Once we've finished that, we all sing one of Alain le lait music videos- which are always hilarious!

Rebecca, 6th Class

Our Ocean Projects

On Thursday 21st of March our 4th Class for geography did a project on saving the oceans. Some of the things we learned about were how plastic damages our beautiful oceans.

- * Turtles and dolphins are the most affected sea creatures.
- * There are over 400 "dead zones" where no sea creatures can live because of pollution.
- * Humans are affected because of the food chain.
- * The great pacific garbage patch is bigger than Texas USA which is pretty massive.

We really enjoyed our projects!

Tadhg & Zack, 4th Class

ICT

In 6th Class we get to use a really cool app on the iPads called seesaw. It works the same as our SALF folders; we use it to show the work we are particularly proud of. To use it you scan this barcode and then it opens up to our part of it (St. Mathews, 6th Class), everybody has a file and you can take a picture of the work you like and then write why you like it and what you learned. Then you save it to your file. After if you have the correct barcode you can browse your class mates ones and add helpful comments to their work.

We also do a thing called Lego WeDo. It is a kind of Lego you can buy and it comes with this app that you can download. The app has loads of different projects you can make ranging from easy to hard. Ones that you just follow the instructions and ones you have to use your imagination. Then, once you have finished building you can programme what you have made to do certain stuff like moving, singing and changing colour. We all love using Lego WeDo.

We also used the laptops to research about astronauts, especially Valentino Tereshkova, who was Russian and also the first women in space. We learned a lot. *Katie S, 6th Class*

Heritage Workshop

On the 19th of March Aidan came into us telling us loads of facts about Ireland and our history. He went in depth and told us some of his family tree. He told us that his uncle was in WW2. He said his uncle nearly survived the war but was sadly shot in the back through his belt and killing him. He showed us what an authentic gas mask was.

He taled about many of the famous peoplewho had been born in Sandymount.

It was a great day with everyone learning lots to take home and tell their families that they might not have known. *Cameron, 6th Class*

Music

We have been learning notes with our music teacher Karen. We have been learning notes a,b g,f,d,e,c on the recorder. We also played the looney knuckles and bells. One finger on the back and six on the front. D is one finger on the back and three on the front. G is one finger on the back and 2 fingers on the front. 3rd Class have great fun playing on the recorder. *Henry, 3rd Class*



Sport

Hockey

In St. Matthew's School the girls and boys from 1st to 6th Class play Hockey every Thursday from 2.10pm to 3.30pm in Pembroke Wanderers Hockey Club. We do drills, games and a tournament every few weeks.

The girls team have had a very good season drawing with the best team in the league. In the first match we played against Monkstown Educate Together National School A Team in Newpark Comprehensive School and we won! YAY! The score was 5-1. In the next round we played in Wesley against the Wesley preps A Team (preps are the same as 6th Class). Sadly, we lost that round but we still played well. We played against Glenageary Killiney National School A Team also and lost narrowly after a very close match. It was then after that match we tied playing the best team in the league, St. Laurence's National School A Team in Pembroke!

The boys also competed in a league and they are now in the final! They played a very tense game in the semi's ending in a draw. Now, the boys are SUPER excited to play in the finals!

Katie S & Rachel, 6th Class

The Hockey Article St. Matthew's vs St. Colmcille

The mighty St. Matthew's came on the pitch, everyone stops to admire these future millionaires. The sun beating down on their bodies, ready for the game of a lifetime. They knew the dangers ahead but with optimism and pride they merely smiled. Their opponents and the opponents supporters were already there in intimidating numbers (that is to the normal human being!). But no, St. Matthew's are no ordinary school, they were champions! They start the game even as ever, two equals, mano v mano. The ball went back and forth but in the second half the opponent scored a game changing goal. St. Matthew's tried well but unfortunately lost 1 nil to St. Colmcille. We had lots of chances and were unlucky not to score. We had lots of fun and in the hearts of the people and bystanders, the outcome was different. While St. Matthew's great they could not be that good without the help of Mr McAndrew and Mrs O'Neill.

Charlie C and Alex, 6th Class

GAA

We have been doing GAA with Ciaran this year on Mondays. He has taught us how to hand pass, pass and kick the ball. We always get to play the game zombies at the start of GAA which we love! We also love doing the bear crawl at the end of GAA.

Junior Infants



Initiatives, Projects & Competitions

Spelling Bee

Every year 3rd – 6th Class participate in a Spelling Bee. The words are all categorised in a different level of difficulty starting with easy, then medium, then hard. Examples for easy would be “walking”, medium “abracadabra” and hard “hippopotamus” which was the word I won. I am now going on to participate in the Dublin Regional Spelling Bee. It is a huge achievement for me and I am really looking forward to it.

Eva, 5th Class

St. Matthew's Spelling Bee Winners:

1 st Class	Winner: Malachy	Runner Up: Eleanor
2 nd Class	Winner: Roman	Runner Up: Megan
3 rd Class	Winner: Adelaide	Runner Up: Cameron
4 th Class	Winner: Abby	Runner Up: Leo
5 th & 6 th Class	Winner: Eva	Runner Up: Jesse

Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP)

This year 5th Class have been working very hard to produce a fabulous project. They have decided to put together a cookbook which has lots of recipes that families have contributed around the school. Lucy, Eva, Cleo, Emily, Emilyrose and Zoe came up with the idea of a cookbook and they successfully won over the dragons. We have nearly completed the cookbook and we'll be selling it soon in the school and at Lotts & Co. We hope that you will buy it and enjoy cooking with your family.

Lucky K and Cleo, 5th Class

Mystery Reader

Senior Infants are participating in 'Mystery Reader' at the moment. Every week, a surprise person comes to visit us and reads us their favourite story. Before they come, we get some clues and we try to guess who it might be. So far, we have had three mystery readers. We love seeing what their favourite book is. We are really excited for lots more mystery readers to visit us.

Peace Proms

Peace Proms is an amazing concert that thousands of schools do. It is really fun and enjoyable and all the songs are well picked. I have done it twice now and both concerts were so much fun. The conductor Greg is very funny and makes every bit of it enjoyable.

Anna, 3rd Class

The Credit Union Quiz

The Credit Union Quiz taught us teamwork as well as being a fun learning experience. It was very exciting and intense. We started with preparation and as the first round drew closer we worked to heighten our abilities that would be useful to us on the day. When the day came the pressure was on. We walked to the bus stop and got on a bus headed in the direction of the competition. When we got there we were greeted by smiling faces as we waited for the other teams. When the other teams got there we waited for a few minutes until the quiz started. It started out easy but soon the questions got harder and harder. After sixty questions we were through to the next round! At the next round the questions were harder, the stakes were higher but we were more prepared. In the end we didn't win but of all Dublin we came third in our age group. It was a brilliant experience. "I thought that an unsporty person like me couldn't win a medal for our school but the Credit Union Quiz gave me a chance to prove myself to my team mates, my family and my friends in a subject that I was more comfortable with!" said a participant and Nathan and I believe the entire team would agree!

Nathan, 4th Class and Allegra, 5th Class

The whole experience was amazing. I remember doing the entrance quiz and thinking "will I actually get enough questions right to take part in the infamous Credit Union Quiz?" A few weeks later I was called down to the Principal's office with Jesse, Rachel and Katie O. That was where we were told that we got into the quiz team. We got a bit less homework (yay!) so we could have more time to study. Before we got to the place we went to get OffBeat Doughnuts (yum!). When we got to the quiz place the people there were really nice and they had sandwiches and refreshments. During the quiz I got kind of carried away with the delicious tuna sandwiches! At the end of the quiz we were so stressed out until we heard we had won! Exactly one month later we went to the second quiz (because we won). Katie O could not make it to this quiz so we took Lili with us instead. Sadly though we did not win the second quiz. But to say sorry to us, mother nature made it snow as soon as the quiz was over! I loved my time in the Credit Union Quiz team and it was so much fun to take part and I think everyone should try to take part in it because those who don't take part sadly miss all of the wonderful magic that is the Credit Union Quiz.

Charlie P, 6th Class

This year St. Matthew's took part in the Credit Union Quiz. On the way there we stopped at the OffBeat Doughnut shop and Mrs Rousseau very kindly bought us all doughnuts. They were sooo good! When we arrived, the people organising the quiz were so friendly and kind. They had prepared sandwiches and refreshments for us to eat between the rounds. A few minutes later the other schools arrived and we started the quiz. There were 10 rounds for Team A and 12 for Team B. The first few rounds were quite easy and then it started to get really hard. When it was over the organisers added up the points and announced the winners. Would you believe it.....we won! We were so happy. They presented us with our certificate, €20 Easons voucher and a goodie bag. We were also sent to the next round. The upcoming weeks before the next round, Mrs Rousseau suggested to our teacher that we have less homework so we would have more time to study, and the teacher agreed. Yay! So for those last weeks all we had to do was study a bit for the quiz. A few days before the quiz, Katie O announced that she wouldn't be able to make it to the quiz. We were disappointed but Mrs Rousseau said we could have another team mate to compete with us so that's when Lily joined the team! Finally the day came. It was on a Sunday so our parents drove us to the location instead of Mrs Rousseau. We were to compete in the Clayton Hotel which is beside the airport. It was very fancy! They had our tables set up with fancy table clothes and glasses of water. They also had a tray with little mints. The quiz started and we did ok for the first few rounds and then we started to struggle a bit. In the end we didn't win but that was ok because we tried our best and had a lot of fun. The experience was great and I wish I could do it again.

Rachel, 6th Class

Science Blast

Recently, 6th Class took part in a competition called Science Blast. Science Blast is for primary schools and each school must pick a scientific question that they must answer. Judges would walk around and give us a report on how well we investigated our question.

6th Class picked the question, "How does sound affect concentration?". We investigated this by splitting 3rd, 4th and 5th Class randomly in two and made a test for each of the classes. One group per class was sat in their classroom to do the test where the room was quiet whereas the other group was in the hall where students from our class made loud noises such as arguing, banging sport equipment and shouting loudly. We hoped that the students in the loud area would find it harder to concentrate so consequently would get worse marks in the test.

Once this step was done, we marked the tests and created an average mark that each group from each class got. Most of us thought that there would be a major difference between the loud marks and the quiet marks however there wasn't much of one. Next we created our poster which included all our information such as why we chose this question, how we tested this, and how this discovery will help teachers in the future when their class is doing a test.

When the Science Blast competition day finally arrived, the class was split into small groups of 4 and each had a parent or teacher supervisor. We had to stay in that group for the whole day. Once we were ready, we started walking to the RDS where we would set up our huge poster and start exploring the many activities we could do there. Our group started by going to the Deadly Equations show where a scientist showed how he could perform dangerous acts such as karate chopping 3 planks of food in half by using science to show these acts were possible without dying or breaking any bones. The scientist showed us some pretty cool stuff and explained the equations he used to do these things. I

learnt that a whip's end travels at 1500 km which would mean you could drive from here in Dublin to Venice in Italy in only 1 hour!

There were many other shows too like Gastronom extreme. This show was all about gross things like poo, bugs and some disgusting experiments. This scientist showed us how our digestive system works and the system we use to poo. All the shows were great and I liked most of them. Also there were lots of stalls from all the other school that we could wander around. It was great to compare how they experimented on their different questions. Some of their questions were really interesting and I liked learning about their answer. Many science places like Explorium were there with interactive activities that we could explore like the bed of nails and virtual reality.

Overall the Science Blast competition was a great experience to have. Not only because it extended our knowledge but also made us realise how cool science is.

Lili, 6th Class



Special Days/Weeks

World Book Day

Senior Infants really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day in March. For this special day, we all got to bring in one of our favourite books from home. We shared our books with the rest of our class. There were lots of different books to look at.

Senior Infants

Special Person's Day

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the Special People who joined us for a morning of laughter and storytelling. Your stories were very interesting and enjoyable to listen to. Many of the children were amazed on your stories from when you were in school. We were amazed at all of the different artefacts which you brought in to show us from pictures, scarves and coins to teddies and even some baby hair. There were so many it was hard to choose a favourite. Thank you so much and feel free to share with us any more stories and artefacts as we could love to see and hear them.

1st Class

A few weeks ago 3rd Class had a special visitors/grandparents day. We had 4 stations. The first one was construction where we had to make towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti. The second station was Irish bingo. The third station was show and tell where some of the grannies showed us stuff. The fourth station was see-saw and self folders where shown to them, stuff that we are proud of. Overall it was lots of fun!

Beibheann, 3rd Class

Special Visitors Day is when you bring in a loved one of yours. For example, I brought in my granny. We played with cards and we went on the iPads and we played with bricks too. But you can bring in anybody. I had so much fun. Next year I will bring my mum.

Tate, 2nd Class

My special person was my little 2 year old cousin Iseult. First we went over to the toys. Then my sister Maya came to get Iseult because she was about to do her shake it off recorders show so we had to bring the toys with us. We had to bring the toys because Iseult wouldn't leave without them. When we came back, Iseult went to play with the cards. When she saw the marshmallow and spaghetti station she went over there and tried to eat the marshmallows. I really enjoyed Special Visitors Day. Next year I would like to bring my auntie Elisa.

Roman, 2nd Class

Unfortunately, I did not have a special visitor but I would have loved one. My teacher Ms Clements set up stations with different activities. When special visitors came we were put into groups. Each group started in a station and when the timer rang we all switched station. One station was card games. One station was building buildings. One station was bricks, one station was when the special visitors that were with you would share and show their show and tell. I loved special visitors day. If you would like to come next year do. Next year I will bring my nana and grandad if they can come!

Anna, 2nd Class

Pancake Party

All class got a chance to have some yummy pancakes in school on pancake Tuesday! We loved getting to eat pancakes with our friends and eating the sprinkles on top!

Junior Infants

Our Aviva Stadium Trip

On Friday 15th February 3rd Class, 4th Class, 5th Class and 6th Class all went to the Aviva Stadium to see the Irish Rugby team training session. It was great. We got to see hopefully how they would play in a real match. We saw Johnny Sexton and wo other players winning with him. Then guess what, we got some signatures! We had a great time!

Laura, 3rd Class

Engineering Week

Engineering week altogether was a great experience. From experiment to visitors we had so much fun! The pinball machine was a great experience because we got to build it ourselves and they were lots of fun to play with after most of them were success but some of them had seen better days. On Wednesday we did a live web chat with really cool engineers. One of them was trying to give a 3rd painter used for brains and another engineer working on filtering water it was called "I'm an Engineer get me out here". Then we had a very special visitor, Lisa Lyons, who works in the aviation industry. She talked about the engines and how much planes cost and that Ireland has the largest amount of planes in the world. It was very interesting. In conclusion, engineering week was fun and exciting in more than one way, it was also packed full of useful information! Thank you for reading!

Mathilde and Garret, 5th Class

Seachtain na Gaeilge

The week started with Lá Glas on Monday. We all dressed up in green and some people painted their faces green and wore funky headbands. Then on Tuesday we had the Céilí in the hall with Ms McConnell which was super fun! Instead of the céilí, the younger kids went on a shamrock treasure hunt and watched a cartoon as Gaeilge.

6th Class organised Tráth na gCeist on Wednesday and we had eighteen different teams. The questions were very hard but we all had fun. On Thursday we had Leathuair Spraoi which was half an hour of fun and games in Irish. On Friday we had an assembly where all the classes performed a song or a poem in Irish and we also had Siopa Milseáin. In assembly we also had prizes for the art competition 'What it means to be Irish'.

It was a great week!

Mia and Rebecca, 6th Class

Parking and Road Safety at St. Matthew's National School



It is not permitted to stop or park in the yellow box or 'zig-zag zone' at the bottom of the school laneway. Please do not stop, park or pull into this area when bringing your children to or collecting from school. This is a matter of safety for our children attending the school who cannot see or be seen by traffic.

We have two wonderful School Wardens at St. Matthew's National School. Please continue to use these services as much as possible, following the rules of the road, so that this vital service remains in place.

For many years we have enjoyed harmonious relations with our neighbours, please do not park in a manner that blocks neighbour access to/from their driveways.

Please ensure this message is passed on to anyone else who brings or collects your child from school.

Thank you for your co-operation with these matters.

Bicycles

It's great to see so many people cycling/ skating/ scooting to school but don't forget.....



- * In the interest of safety, please do not cycle/ skate/ scoot down the lane or in the school grounds.
- * All bicycles, scooters etc must be locked to the racks.
- * Please do not leave bicycles, scooters etc at the school over the weekend/holiday periods.
- * Remember your safety equipment.



St. Matthew's Parish News

St. Matthew's Church Annual Clean-Up

St. Matthew's Church are participating in Dublin City Council's Annual 'Team Dublin Clean-Up' on Saturday 27th April from 10am until 12pm. 'Team Dublin Clean-Up' is an initiative from Dublin City Council which aims to get the community involved to improve your area. DCC will support us in providing equipment and will remove all rubbish collected free of charge.

Since our first Clean-Up day in April 2017 we have made great progress in clearing and replanting sections of the church grounds thanks to parents, pupils, parishioners and members of the community. On Saturday 27th April we will be clearing rubbish, leaves and generally tidying the front of the church and grounds. St. Matthew's Church will provide refreshments and treats all morning. We would really appreciate if you could lend a hand. Even half an hour of your time would be much appreciated.

Easter at St. Matthew's Church

Easter Sunday Service at St. Matthew's Church will be at 11.30am on 21st April. Easter arts and crafts will be taking place in the Stuart Hamilton Room throughout the service. Annual Easter egg hunt will take place in St. Matthew's Church grounds straight after the service. All are welcome to come hunting with us!

Rev. John Marchant





St. Matthew's National School Extra Curricular Activities Term 3 (2018/2019)

Monday 29th April 2019 – Friday 21st June 2019

Please Tick <input type="checkbox"/>	Activity	Day/Time	Class Range	Dates	Cost	NOTES
	Athletics	Monday 2.10-3.30pm	1 st - 6 th Class	29/4/19 to 17/6/19	€70.00	<u>Location: Irishtown Stadium.</u> Teachers will accompany children to the location. <i>Children to be collected from Irishtown Stadium at 3.30pm.</i> <u>No class on Bank Holidays.</u>
	ArtZone	Monday 1.10-2.10pm	Jnr & Snr Inf	Please contact ArtZone directly for details of registration and term dates @ www.artzone.ie . School cannot provide family discounts for ArtZone.		
	ArtZone	Monday 2.10-3.10pm	1 st - 6 th Class			
	Chess	Tuesday 2.10-3.10pm	2 nd – 6 th Class	Please contact Alexander Baburin, Chess Promotions for details of registration @ baburin@gmail.com or 087 9682378. School cannot provide family discounts for Chess.		
	Basketball	Tuesday 2.10-3.10pm	1 st – 6 th class	30/4/19 to 18/6/19	€55.00	
	Oh Lá Lá French	Wednesday 1.10-2.10pm	Jnr & Snr Inf	Please contact Anne Rice for details of registration @ ohlalafrenchclasses@gmail.com or 087 9558282. School cannot provide family discounts for French.		
	Oh Lá Lá French	Wednesday 2.10-3.10pm	1 st - 4 th Class			
	Hockey	Thursday 2.10-3.30pm	1 st - 6 th Class	2/5/19 to 20/6/19	€75.00	<u>Location: Pembroke Hockey Club.</u> Teachers will accompany children to the location. <i>Children to be collected from Pembroke Hockey Club at 3.30pm.</i> <u>Children need Hockey stick, gum shield, shin guards & weather appropriate clothing in order to participate.</u>
	Drama	Friday 2.10-3.10pm	1st - 6th Class	3/5/19 to 21/6/19	€55.00	No class on Sports Day.
	Spanish	Friday 1.10-2.10pm	Jnr & Snr Inf	Please contact Anne Rice for details of registration @ ohlalafrenchclasses@gmail.com or 087 9558282. School cannot provide family discounts for Spanish.		
	Spanish	Friday 2.10-3.10pm	1 st - 4 th Class			

- Payment can be made by cash or cheque or online at www.stmatts.ie
- Please note that all activities are subject to minimum/maximum uptake.
- Unfortunately, the school is not in a position to provide refunds or reduced fees if your child is ill, away, attending another activity or has joined the activity late.

By registering for and making a payment for an extra curricular activity, you are in agreement that some activities are contact sports and can be dangerous, that injuries can occur and that you give permission for First Aid to be administered if your son/daughter is injured. All school policies apply to extra curricular activities, including the Code of Behaviour.

Child's Name: _____

TOTAL € _____

Class: _____

Less: 2nd child discount
€5 per same activity) € _____

Parent Signature: _____

Total Amount Paid € _____