

## Cake Sale a Great Success



Thanks and very well done to all who supported our recent cake sale, which was in aid of Alex's Room – a charity set up in memory of our past pupil Alex Lynam, to refurbish the day room of St. Clare's Ward in Beaumont Hospital. 4th, 5th and 6th classes baked around 4,000 cakes and raised a grand total of €1,585. Alex's mam was very appreciative of all the effort and thanked the children for their generosity and effort. (By Conor and Luke, 6th Class).

## Signage & School Safety

Here's a reminder of some very important house-keeping rules:

- A number of new signs were put up over the summer. At the front and back gates there are signs stating that the school and premises are private grounds. Our large new entrance sign states that the carpark is for staff use only Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm. Please respect this.
- Can parents/minders/grandparents please be mindful when parking. On occasions large cars are haphazardly parked across the footpaths and doors swing dangerously open.
- Marian our Lollipop lady is here to help the children cross the road safely. Parents please remind children to ensure they walk up to Marian and cross with her. Some children are crossing at the entrance to Old Castle Avenue and this is very dangerous.
- No dogs (except special needs/guide dogs) are allowed on the school grounds regardless of size. Some of the children are afraid of dogs and it can cause unnecessary upset.

## Summer School Upgrade Works

You may have noticed that we got lots of jobs done around the school, both inside and outside, over the summer holidays. Our reception office has moved to the right of the entrance, our staffroom was upgraded. We have very limited space for storage so we had a stairs installed in the gym hall storeroom to create a mezzanine storage level off it. Our old prefab was demolished and removed which makes space for a future garden / play area. We removed hundreds of tonnes of soil from the top of the yard to also create more space for our pupils and to create some space for future storage. Finally, we moved some of our bike racks over to the Carrickbrack Hill / Duncarraig entrance, for pupils entering / exiting from that side.

## 6th Class Visit Kildare Bog



On 27th September both 6th classes visited the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, to learn how bogs are made. We did 4 lessons. In lesson 1 we learned that there are 4 layers in a bog, the living layer, moss peat (4,000 years old), woodland, fern and lake marl (eg. old fish bones, snail shells). In lesson 2 we studied insects that you can find in a bog. In lesson 3 we learned about carnivorous plants that eat insects. In lesson 4 we got on the bus and went to see and walk around the bog. My favourite lesson was lesson 4. By Lauren, 6th Class.

**Application forms for Junior Infants 2020 are now available from reception**



**2nd Class pupils on a recent mini-beast hunt in the school grounds**



**3rd Class pupils introduce the new "Buglington" Bug Hotel which they made!**



**5th Class pupils orienteering in St. Anne's Park**

## School Football Leagues Back in Action!

Well done to our girls and boys senior football teams (and team trainers!) on their Cumann na mBunscoil match performances.

## Cross Country Athletics

Well done to the 3rd – 6th class pupils who participated in the recent September event. The next cross-country session is on 24th October. There'll be a few more sessions in term 2-3, with the finals to come in Santry.



**Best wishes to our 3 new junior infant classes**

**And finally...**



**Best wishes to Our Caretaker on his Retirement**

At the end of this month, our caretaker Chris will be retiring. We will be very sorry to see him go. Thanks for all the drilling, lifting, assembling, moving and all round kindness and generous helping from us all in St. Fintan's NS! A new caretaker will be appointed for after Halloween.