

Primrose Hill National School

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A Note from Mrs. Flood

Welcome back following the Christmas break. This term is another busy one that is packed full of incredible learning experiences. One of these experiences is Global School Day of Play. Play provides a unique opportunity for children to resolve conflict, problem-solve as well as get creative, all in a playful way. It also provides time for valuable observation to be carried out by teachers.

The teachers will engage in the next part of the Primary Language Curriculum in-service on Thursday, 16th March 2023. School will close on that day for the pupils at 12pm.

The school year will culminate on 23rd June. During the month of June, we will have our School Tours. Junior and Senior Infants and 1st Class will have their tour on Friday, 9th June and 2nd to 6th Class will have theirs on Friday, 16th June. Further details will follow shortly.

Green Schools' News

The Green Schools Committee have been working hard on setting out targets and goals for our flag renewal. As part of this process, they have organized a whole school clean-up day on Friday, 13th February 2023. Each classroom will be allocated a designated area and be provided with equipment for the clean-up.

They are also organising a community clean-up initiative. Further details to follow.

PLC In-Service for Teachers

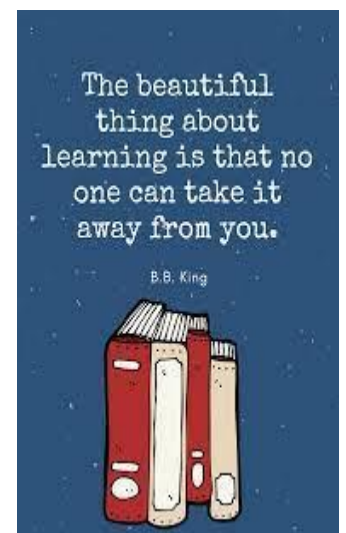
The next instalment of in-service for teachers will take place on 16th March 2023. Classes will end for all pupils at 12pm.

Teachers are currently using their knowledge from the previous webinar in the series to explore and examine the current level of Irish in the school. We are developing our Language Policy in line with the six-step process of School Self Evaluation and we are currently on step 2 – Gathering evidence/ data.



Enrolments

Our enrolment process for September 2023 is now closed. All offers of places will be sent out in the next fortnight.





The school's Active Flag Committee will be helping Mrs McCarthy to organise a Playground Leaders' rota. The Active School Flag organisation have sent us Blue ASF Hi-Viz vests and some whistles. Small groups from 5th and 6th Class will join the junior end of the school at first break on Mondays to teach them playground games and sports skills. This will run on a continuous basis and is an important step along the way to winning our 2nd Active School Flag.

Other Active Schools activities are ongoing with classes taking regular movement breaks throughout their school day, including the Daily Mile initiative and Dance of the Month (also a

daily event in each classroom). Once our Playground Leaders initiative is under way, we will be looking forward to talking on ASF's 3rd Run Around Ireland Challenge - counting our Daily Mile distances each day, to see how many of Ireland's landmarks we can (virtually) reach. This will begin on 6th of March.

We have a wonderful new slogan for our Active School Flag campaign, composed by Leah Coyle from 6th Class, and it is in Irish too!

Beidh mé ag rith nó ag scipeáil
Go dtí an Scoil nó ar an mbus
Ach is cuma cad a dhéanfaidh mé
Tá mé ar mo chos!

Active News

Fundraising Updates

As you are aware, the school was recently part of the Tesco Community Fund Initiative. A fortnight ago, we got the call to say that our cheque was ready. We received a grand total of €1264 from Tesco. Thank you to all who added blue tokens to our box each week of the campaign.

As a result of the fundraising efforts during Term 1, our total for this year stands at €5896.

I am currently looking into getting an updated quote for the playground surface and hopefully, in our next newsletter will have the balance of what we have to fundraise for.

This term, we hope to have two further fundraisers. The first will be in conjunction with Shrove Tuesday and the second in conjunction with Easter. Details on each fundraiser will be made available shortly via email.

Dates for Your Diary:

6th February 2023 – February Bank Holiday
16th and 17th February 2023 – Mid-Term Break
21st February 2023 – Pancake Day
22nd February 2023 – Ash Wednesday Service 11am in Christ Church, Celbridge
16th March 2023 – PLC In-Service for Teachers, school closes at 12pm
17th March 2023 – School closed for St. Patrick's Day.

The Lunch Bag

A reminder that if you have a planned absence, make sure you cancel your child's lunch before 12pm otherwise it will be sent into school as normal.