

Scoil San Treasa

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It's been a busy few weeks here in Scoil San Treasa. The boys and girls have lots to be proud of...some examples of activities and programmes with which they are engaging - together with a few reminders and updates - are contained below.

- Girls are through to the semi-final of Sciath Chomhar Linn (ladies **football** - senior).
- Boys are competing in the Cumann na mBunscol League (gaelic **football** - junior).
- Boys have qualified for the quarter-final of the Corn na nGearaltach (gaelic **football** – senior) competition.
- Girls and boys in sixth class are training hard for upcoming **basketball** matches.

The high level of participation in sporting activities in the school is wonderful to see. Renewed thanks to all who support these ventures on an ongoing basis, particularly the teachers who give so freely of their personal time, energy, enthusiasm and expertise for the benefit of our pupils.

Two members of the Dublin Ladies Football All-Ireland winning team visited Scoil San Treasa with the **Brendan Martin Cup** last week. This generated great excitement in our school. Children from infants right up to sixth class got to see the cup.

Our **Biodiversity** programme – linked with our Green Schools activities and our overall Social, Environmental and Scientific Education programme – is ongoing. Pupils in our senior infant classes and in fourth class enjoyed recent workshops with our **Heritage in Schools** visitor. Their programme to date has included much learning about the flora and fauna around our school grounds, and practical work on planting (e.g. onions) and weeding of our raised beds. The children derive much enjoyment and benefit from their engagement with this programme.

Pupils in fourth class are working on the **Laudate** programme – a **choral** project which is organised at Diocesan level. The Laudate project aims to build a common repertoire of hymns in both school and parish. The highlight of Laudate will be the celebration of a festival evening involving a choir formed by a number of participating schools.

Pupils in fifth class are working on the repertoire for the Peace Proms **choral** initiative. Their endeavours will culminate in a large-scale performance involving several schools later in the year.

Pupils in second class are preparing for their First Holy Communion later in the year. An information meeting (parish/school/parents) was held in the school last Wednesday night and the children are looking forward to taking part in the Enrolment Ceremony in the Church of St. Thérèse on Sunday next at 11.15am. The input of parish, parents, teachers and support staff is a hugely valuable component of the children's sacramental preparation.

Pupils in junior and senior infants are engaging wholeheartedly in the **Aistear** programme. Their learning experience is greatly enhanced by the new teaching materials that were purchased last year and we renew our thanks to the parent body for their contributions in this area. The fine input of teaching staff in planning and coordinating the curricular focus of this project and streamlining it with the overall infant programme is greatly valued.

We had our **Healthy Eating** week last month. You are reminded of the importance of supporting our healthy eating policy, especially with regard to school lunches. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Reminder

Visitors to the school should **always call to the secretary's office first** – this includes those who may have a message for someone in the prefabs. You will understand that this is ultimately in everyone's interest, from a safety and security perspective. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in these matters.

Looking forward to seeing you at our **Board of Management/Parents' Association Joint AGM**

on Monday 16th October at 7:30pm.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Anne English - Príomhoide