

Scoil San Treasa

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Fáilte ar ais – Welcome back

It is great to see the many happy faces bouncing in our school gates each morning and to hear the voices and sounds of laughter in Scoil San Treasa as the children reconnect with each other again after the recent school closure.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

This year Seachtain na Gaeilge was a little different due to Covid 19 restrictions.

The annual 'Ceol sa Foyer' became 'Ceol sa Seomra', and children from Rang 2 to Rang 6 were instead invited to make a short recording of themselves playing an instrument. Bhí a lán uirlisí ceoil le cloisteáil - pianó, giotár, veidhlín, méarchlár agus fiú drumáí!. Some teachers recorded instrumental performances ar a n bpianó, giotár agus na píobaí uilleann and these were also shared with the children over the course of the week.

Ar an Máirt 16ú Márta in áit 'Tráth na gCeist' (table quiz) a bheith againn sa halla mar is gnáth, bhí ceann fíorúil againn ar Zúm.

Cloisimid Gaeilge á labhairt go minic thart timpeall na scoile, and all are encouraged to use the 'cúpla focal' throughout the day – tá neart Gaeilge ag cuid mhaith de na tuismitheoirí agus ba bhreá linn í a chloisteáil! There are some useful Irish tip sheets and resources on <https://sstreasa.ie/useful-links>



Sacraments

Understandably, as of yet, dates cannot be set for Confirmation or First Holy Communion ceremonies, but the children in 2nd, 3rd and 6th classes are preparing for, and very much looking forward to these special occasions. The 6th class pupils with their parents, teachers and Fr Joe Mullan had a special virtual ceremony on Tuesday 23rd March as part of their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

On Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday) the children from 2nd and 3rd classes are invited to the [online Sunday Mass at 10am – at this link](#). The parish has provided Palm crosses for the children which will be blessed during the Mass.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has recorded a special message for the parents of children due to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year – [at this link](#).

We wish every blessing to our pupils and commend all those who have supported them in their journey of faith – at home, in school, in the parish and beyond. We appreciate their generosity of time and good will.

Rath Dé oraibh go léir!



Literacy

Pupils throughout the school engaged very well with the recent World Book Day and the pupils in 3rd and 6th class took part in the annual Write-A-Book Project coordinated through Blackrock Education Centre again this year. We are justifiably proud of all the boys and girls for writing their individual books – Maith sibh go léir!

The 'Libraries Ireland' initiative 'Spring into Storytime' is an excellent video gallery resource of digital story times and book readings provided by Irish authors and library staff and is well worth a look at the following link: <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/spring-into-storytime/digital-storytimes>

Laethanta Saoire Na Cásca – Easter Holidays

The school will close on Friday 26th March for the Easter holidays and current DES/HSE advice is that all schools will reopen again on Monday April 12th. *(If there is any change on reopening dates, we will update you as soon as we receive any information. As a precautionary measure, the children will bring home some of their text books/copies this week.)*

On Friday 26th March the following collection times will apply and all collection points remain the same as normal.

- **Junior and Senior Infants – Collection time @ 12:00 midday**
- **1st – 6th Class – Collection time @ 12:10pm**

Health and Safety

As the classrooms must be well ventilated during the school day, we are keeping all of the windows and doors open at all times. This means that the classrooms may not be as warm as they usually are. Please make sure that the children are wearing enough to keep them warm.

Thank you for all that you are doing to help keep our school a safe place to work and learn. From not sending your child to school if they are displaying any COVID symptoms, to the wearing of face masks at all times, to being vigilant about social distancing at arrival and pick-up times, to dispersing as quickly as possible from the school gates, you are all playing your part to help keep everyone safe.



Finally, a big well done to all of the children, teachers and parents for all of your hard work and engagement with online learning in what was a very different second term. We are looking forward to Term 3, and we are very hopeful that schools will continue to remain open in the long term.

The cherry blossom trees at the front of the school continue to bloom beautifully amidst all of the change and uncertainty in our lives right now and provide a very uplifting reminder that Summer and sunnier days are not too far away. Tá súil againn go mbainfidh sibh go léir sult as na laethanta saoire.

Le gach dea ghuí
Frances Mullin, Principal.

