

Scoil San Treasa

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Nuacht na Scoile

Green Schools: The Green Schools committee (pupils) are working towards achieving the next flag for the school. The theme of this flag is: *'Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste'*. This theme enables schools to discover how work on Green-Schools has positively influenced our global community. There are two representatives from each class (1st-6th) on the committee – pictured below. They started working towards the flag last week by carrying out an environmental survey in each class.



Sports Days for all classes will take place on the following dates (weather permitting): 31st May – Junior and Senior Infants; 1st June – 1st & 2nd class; 2nd June – 3rd & 4th class; 3rd June – 5th and 6th class. More details will follow closer to the dates.

Extra-Curricular activities - It was a very welcome sight and sound to see and hear the boys and girls returning to their respective class training sessions last week. In Scoil San Treasa, we have established close links with Kilmacud Crokes, and hurling coaching (fundamental movement skills) takes place with 1st classes every Friday. Well done to the girls from sixth class on their involvement in hockey which has been coordinated by parents who have willingly given of their time and expertise. Thank you to all who give freely of their personal time to coach and support the children, not just on sunny days but in less favourable weather! Maith sibh go léir!



The DES has recently issued guidance regarding school tours advising that any such outings should be kept local and simple for health and safety reasons. Please be assured that we will continue to do our best to make the remainder of the school year as enjoyable and fun filled as possible for all the children in these times, whilst retaining a focus on learning for all.

Primary Science: On Tuesday 18th May, the 6th classes featured on the RTE News2Day programme and spoke about their 'Primary Science Fair' projects –

- 'Is Scoil San Treasa sustainable?'
- 'The Brain – Ways to keep it healthy'

This link can be viewed on the [RTE player](#). Well done to the 6th classes and their teachers on all of their work and research on these very worthwhile and interesting projects. 6th classes are also busy putting the finishing touches to their end of year 'Plays/Films' – 'The Lorax' and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. These productions have been created using 'Green Screen' technology and their polished performances which will be shared with all classes, should make for a very enjoyable experience in the coming weeks.



Our programme of work in the area of Gardening and Biodiversity continues. Pupils in senior infants and first class have derived particular benefit (and enjoyment!) from workshops with our visiting horticulturist in the course of this term. All classes are now using the outdoor classroom and this area behind the school will not be mowed again until September, so as to encourage the growth of a meadow which will include Bee Orchids, Cowslips, Black Medick, Achillea, Oxeye daisy and many more wildflowers already there waiting to grow. For more information on this dry grassland habitat area - <https://sstreasa.ie/latest-news/dry-grassland-habitat-sst-grounds>



Booklists

Booklists/lists of requisites for all classes for the coming school year 2021/2022 are published on the school website. As always, we have endeavoured to keep costs at a reasonable level. There are many good-value options available re the typical school requisites and parents are encouraged to be mindful of this when shopping. Our book rental scheme continues to be very well run at school level. Careful management of funds and supplies has allowed us again this year to extend our resources for your benefit. This year, for example, we will purchase a new English scheme - 'Starlight' for Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First and Second class, along with comprehensive digital resources for the Starlight programme. We have also extended the bank of graded supplementary PM readers for Senior Infants and First Class. At 5th and 6th class level, the Busy at Maths textbooks will also be replaced for all pupils.

Uniform

It is important to ensure that your child has sufficient quantities of the various items of the school uniform so that they will wear the correct uniform each day, in line with our Code of Behaviour. During the warmer summer season, children can wear navy school shorts. It is really important to ensure that all uniform items are labelled, particularly as the weather gets warm and as the children are more likely to take off jumpers/cardigans etc. Sometimes labels can become illegible after repeated washing. Please check the labels intermittently, as clear labelling makes it easier to reunite missing items with their owner.

Parents Association

Thank you to the Parents Association for their ongoing support in the work of the school and to those who give of their time and expertise in various capacities – in recent projects such as the 6th class year book, drumming workshops, biodiversity and the outdoor classroom. The Parents Association will host a sale of used uniform items at the end of the school year – details to follow from the PA in the coming weeks.

Planning for the coming school year 2021/2022

We are heavily oversubscribed for many classes for the coming school year. To facilitate the smooth running of the school for all concerned, it is important that you contact the school in writing, without delay, should your child not be returning to Scoil San Treasa in the coming year. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Health and Safety

Even in these days of hope, with the lifting of restrictions and the rollout of the vaccination programme, we must continue to follow all procedures and protocols. Renewed thanks to all in the school community for your ongoing support and for playing your part as we do our best to help keep everyone in our school community safe and healthy. Le gach dea-ghuí,
Frances Mullin

