

Scoil San Treasa

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Congratulations to our Gaelic **Football** players – senior girls and senior boys – on their fine display of skill and sportsmanship in Croke Park for the Cumann na mBunscol (Dublin) Shield Finals just before the midterm break. Their loyal supporters are to be commended also for representing the school so well. Many thanks to all who helped in various ways – directly and indirectly. Our pupils continue to engage with a range of sports and activities. Our senior boys and senior girls, for example, will be taking part in the Dublin Primary Schools Basketball League Finals in the National **Basketball** Arena later this month. Cian O'Sullivan (Dublin & Kilmacud Crokes Gaelic Football player) visited our school with the Sam Maguire Cup last month. (Check out the photos on www.sstreasa.ie) Our pupils really enjoyed hearing Cian – a past pupil of Scoil San Treasa – share some tips about skills, training and preparation for big events. Kilmacud Crokes also arranged for two members of the All-Ireland Ladies Football winning team (Dublin) to visit our school today with the Brendan Martin Cup. They shared some words of inspiration with us after their two-in-a-row win at national level.

It is a delight to hear so much beautiful **singing** and **music** in our school. Fourth Class are steadily expanding their repertoire in preparation for the Laudate Choral Event next term (– we do not yet have the date for the actual event). Fifth Class had their first inter-school rehearsal for the National Children's Choir 2019 last week – they really worked hard on the day. Those in the school orchestra continue to lift our spirits as they rehearse throughout the year. Well done to all the boys and girls and to the teachers, parent volunteers and ancillary/support staff who put so much into all of these projects.

Plans are well underway for our school to apply for a **Discovery Science and Maths Award** through the Science Foundation Ireland (SFI). Our approach will be a whole-school one throughout the school year. We look forward to sharing more information with you as the year progresses.

We are re-launching our 'Crannchur na **Gaeilge**' whereby children who make a significant effort to speak Gaeilge outside the Irish class are given a ticket for a raffle (crannchur). We draw a few tickets for small prizes each month. We've displayed some additional green signage bearing simple Irish phrases around the school. We encourage parents to refer to the Irish tip sheets on www.sstreasa.ie ...these are helpful in terms of integrating Irish words & phrases into daily activities. *Go n-éirí libh!*

It is good to see the high level of commitment to **healthy lunches**. Thank you for your ongoing support in this regard. For health and safety reasons, we are asking that **nuts** are not included in your child's school lunch. Please note, however, that we cannot guarantee that the school will be a nut-free zone. It is important that parents of children who may have allergies/food intolerances ensure that their children are aware of the importance of not eating food other than what they know to be safe.

We remind you of the importance of taking care and observing sensible **safety** precautions in the areas around and near the school... for example, local car parks. **Cars** should not be parked on pathways that are marked for pedestrian use. We need to be particularly mindful of safety in car parks on the wet days that we will inevitably have in the course of the year. **Wet days** make life more difficult for all of us but we need to bear the children's safety in mind at all times. On a wet day, visibility tends to be poorer for drivers, and it is all the more important that we park with great care and consideration for all and leave designated pedestrian areas free for children and adults to use. We ask for your full cooperation in this.

Well done to the **Parents' Association** on organising their annual Wine & Cheese event on Friday night, 9th November. This popular event on the school calendar – both a social event and a fundraiser - generated a great buzz again this year.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir....and best wishes for the second half of the first term!
Anne English (Príomhoide)