

Scoil San Treasa

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The second term is now well underway. We commend the girls and boys on their fine work to date.

Science...some news and updates

As you are aware, here in Scoil San Treasa we chose **Science** as a topic of focus for our School Self Evaluation/School Improvement Plan. There is a great buzz around Science throughout the school.

- Pupils in third class have completed a series of three **workshops** (facilitated by **Rediscovery**) on the topic of Energy. Their engagement with the programme was most impressive, and they continue to work on some of the models that they made in the course of the workshops.
- Pupils in second class have also participated in a Rediscovery workshop, with a workshop scheduled for pupils in first class in the near future.
- Plans are in place for a further series of **Biodiversity/Gardening (Heritage in Schools)** workshops in the second and third term – with fourth class engaging in this programme to a high level (as was the case with last year's fourth class i.e. this year's fifth class). It is planned that pupils in infants and first class will also engage with elements of the Biodiversity/Gardening (Heritage in Schools) programme again this year.
- Pupils in sixth class submitted a project for **Primary Science/Young Scientist Exhibition 2019** in the RDS on Friday 11th January 2019. They presented their material very well in the course of the day and also enjoyed visiting the various exhibits/displays at this major national event.

Music and related areas...some news and updates

- Pupils in third and fourth class enjoyed their visit to the **National Concert Hall** on Monday – for 'Music in the Classroom'. Their familiarity with the programme through advance preparation greatly enhanced their enjoyment of the event and the benefit they derived from it.
- Fourth class are also working hard on the repertoire for the Laudate performance in the Church of St. Thérèse on 30th January 2019 at 7pm. The **Laudate Festival** is a project of the Archdiocese that builds a common repertoire of hymns in both school and parish so that children may feel more connected at parish liturgical events and weekly celebrations. A number of schools from other parishes will also be taking part on the night. We expect that it will prove to be an enjoyable and worthwhile event for those taking part and for those who attend.
- Pupils in fifth class are putting great work into learning the challenging repertoire for the **National Children's Choir** event. Further practices are scheduled in tandem with local schools, with the date for the performance in the National Basketball Arena yet to be finalised.
- We hope that pupils in first class will enjoy the **drumming workshops** that are planned for them later in the month.
- Pupils from the school **orchestra** and those representing the school in our **choir** performed to a high standard for the Friendship Group at a Christmas gathering in December. Well done to the participants, organisers and those who assisted with the event in various ways.

Uniform

We remind all parents of the importance of each child having sufficient items of uniform to ensure that the correct school uniform is worn by each child every day right throughout the school year. When planning uniform supplies, remember to allow for 'extras' so that there will be no problems re uniform items being 'in the wash' etc. It is important to check that each item of uniform is clearly labelled and that the label has not worn off/fallen off/become illegible. Unlabelled uniform items have a much slimmer chance of being reunited with their owner when lost!

Belated good wishes to all in the school community for good health and happiness in 2019!

Le buíochas agus le gach dea-ghuí, Anne English (Príomhoide)