

## Scoil San Treasa

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## Nuachtlitir - June 2022

### Nuacht Scoile

As the school year draws to a close, it is important to recognise the fine input of the school community throughout the year. Foremost in our minds are the boys and girls who continue to infuse the school with energy, enthusiasm and goodness. We pay tribute to parents, families, parish and the broad school community for the many ways in which the work of the school is supported. *Your good will and your kind words of support and encouragement throughout the year really do matter.* A warm word of thanks to the Parents' Association for all their fine work and positivity – this is all much valued. Parent volunteers who give freely of their time and expertise in various capacities are to be commended. We acknowledge with sincere thanks the work of the Board of Management and their generosity of time. The great work and commitment of the teaching staff, support staff and ancillary staff is greatly valued. We pay special tribute to teachers who are most generous with their time and energy in organising and facilitating extra-curricular and co-curricular activities on a voluntary basis. Maith sibh go léir!

The summer term is an extremely busy one...and your attention is drawn to a small selection of recent activities below:

- **SFI - Badge of Excellence**

We are delighted to announce that our school's application for the SFI (Science Foundation Ireland) Discover Science & Maths STEM Badge of Excellence has been successful. Feedback from SFI included the following: *'Congratulations to all the teachers, pupils and parents of Scoil San Treasa. You are very deserving of your Badge of Excellence for STEM Awareness Award. You have done a great year's work. The pre-badge aims were very well laid out. They were realistic and achievable. The feedback from all groups is so positive and the videos are excellent testament - well done! We love your outdoor classroom as a resource for raising awareness of the environment. Once again, well done to all involved and keep up the good work'*



- **Schools Quiz**

The inaugural Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown Libraries School Quiz took place this June, with teams from over 40 schools across South Dublin competing in the competition. Two teams from 6th class participated in the quiz, with one team coming first in the grand final in the Lexicon Library in Dun Laoghaire. Congratulations to all those involved!



- **Ice Cream**

On Friday 10th June, we had our ice cream day – one of the highlights of our summer term, when all pupils and staff in our school were treated to a Teddy's ice cream. There were smiles all round as we all enjoyed a well-deserved break in the sunshine with our '99s'.



- **Tours & Sports Days**

All of the classes have now been on their school tours, and what great enjoyment they had! From adventure trips to art and craft centres, the pupils enjoyed their time immensely. Junior and Senior Infants went on their tour today to Pine Forest centre and there was great excitement. Our recent sports days for all classes were a great success and everyone got to enjoy plenty of outdoor fun in the lovely sunshine.



- **Sports**

On Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of May, pupils from 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> class travelled to Morton Stadium in Santry to compete in the Cumann na mBunscol Athletics Competition. They ran in the sprints, 400m relay, long distance race and the Champions race. Scoil San Treasa won four medals overall on the day, with gold in the U-14 Boys 600m race, gold in the Champions Race, silver in the U-12 boys 400m relay and bronze in the U-14 girls 80m sprint. A huge well done to the group of girls and boys from the senior classes who participated in the recent Hurling/Camogie and Football blitzes in Kilmacud Crokes and Deerpark.





## 6th Class – Graduation

This week, at graduation time, we will say a fond farewell to our excellent 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils. We think of our pupils in sixth class in a special way and wish them every blessing in the days, months and years ahead. Thank you to the PA for their support of this milestone event, which will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. It will be a welcome return to our traditional Graduation ceremony and will be a very special occasion for families and staff to come together to celebrate all of the children's time in Scoil San Treasa



## Charities

Here in Scoil San Treasa the school community recognises the excellent work done by many charities. Thank you for your very generous support of our 6<sup>th</sup> Class Novelty Day and end of term non-uniform days. The 6<sup>th</sup> classes with their teachers have decided that Novelty Day funds raised (€6000) will be donated equally to 3 charities this year – The Irish Red Cross, Barnardos and Make a Wish. Details of recipients of such charity fundraisers are published on our school website at this link <https://sstreasa.ie/our-school/charity-work>

## Play and Recreation Survey – DLRCoCo

DLRCoCo are looking for input from children and young people regarding recreation and play spaces. An online survey is open until 30th June and can [be accessed here](#)



## Summer Reading

'Summer Stars' is the national annual reading incentive programme run in all public libraries across Ireland, from the middle of June until the end of August. It encourages children to keep reading during the school holidays and is available free of charge. More details at the following link: <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars/more-about-summer-stars>

## Book Lists & Book Rental

Our book rental arrangements are in train for the coming year. This scheme is operated for the benefit of all and we welcome your ongoing support, assistance and encouragement in sustaining and developing this valuable element of what we offer. Booklists/lists of requisites for all classes for the coming school year 2022/2023 are now published on the school website. As always, we have endeavoured to keep costs at a reasonable level.





## Slán agus buíochas

We express our sincere thanks to Ms Mary O'Mahony who will retire at the end of the month. I know that pupils, parents and colleagues alike, will join with me in wishing Ms O'Mahony a long and happy retirement. We also bid farewell to Mr Steven Dumbleton and Mr Ken Moloney who have taught PE in our school for the past number of years. Slán libh agus míle buíochas!



## Laethanta Saoire

The school will close on Thursday 30th June for the summer holidays and will reopen again on Wednesday 31st August for all pupils. On Thursday the following collection times will apply:

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

All collection points remain the same as usual. As is customary on the last day of the summer term, pupils are welcome to wear clothes other than their school uniform - if they so wish. Please leave all accessories at home, making sure to wear something that is 'school appropriate' and also warm, safe and manageable for playtime in the yard. Pupils are invited to bring a euro or two to school for charity on that day.

As we begin to count down towards the summer holidays, renewed thanks to all in the school community for your ongoing support and for playing your part in helping to keep everyone in our school community safe and healthy, and for helping to keep our school a safe place to work and learn.

Finally, we wish our school community an enjoyable summer break. We encourage all to be mindful of safety - in all its guises, including Internet Safety, Road Safety and Water Safety – throughout the summer. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. We hope that you will all have a lovely summer and that you will keep safe, healthy and well.

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
Frances Mullin

