

## Scoil San Treasa

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## Nuachtlitir - May 2022

### Nuacht Scoile

- **Music/Ceol**

The school orchestra, both the musicians and coordinators, have much to be proud of and it was very uplifting to hear the orchestra perform at the First Holy Communion on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. They were also joined by a choir from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. There are currently 90 pupils in the orchestra, playing a wide range of instruments including cello, double bass, flute, glockenspiel, guitars, recorders, trumpet, ukulele, violins, and percussion.

The pupils in fifth class performed at the Helix in DCU on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> in the Peace Proms choral initiative. This large scale performance which involved several schools was greatly enjoyed by all – participants and audience alike.



- **Sport and Athletics**

The wide range of sporting activity in the school continues and there has been lots of activity over the past few weeks with more to come in the coming weeks. The best of luck to our 20 athletes from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes who will represent Scoil San Treasa in the Santry School Athletics on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Well done to all pupils for their training and especially for attending early morning training over the past few weeks.

Pupils from 6<sup>th</sup> class will compete in the Castle Schools Golf Competition on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May in the Castle Golf Club, and have also taken part in tennis leagues over the past few months.

Boys from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes have taken part in Football and Hurling blitzes over the past few weeks in Deerpark, and the girls will play in the Kilmacud Crokes Camogie Blitz on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Sports Days for all classes will take place on the following dates (weather permitting): Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class; Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May Junior & Senior Infants; Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class; Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class. Well done to all the pupils who represent our school with such enthusiasm and thank you to all who are involved in organising and supporting these activities – teachers and parents alike.



- **School Tours**

We are delighted that school tours can take place again after a two-year pause due to Covid 19. All classes will go on tours in the coming weeks and further details will issue from your child's class teacher in due course.

- **6th classes**

Both 6<sup>th</sup> classes have been very busy over the past few weeks working on their end of year plays – 'Grease' and 'Aladdin'. Their polished performances are infused with enthusiasm and confidence and ensuring a very enjoyable experience for audiences around the school.



- **Uachtar Reoite (Ice-Cream)**

We are looking forward to the arrival of Teddy's Ice Cream on Friday 10th June when there will be a special ice-cream treat for all in our school – children and adults!

- **Green Schools**

As part of the annual Bike week which took place last week, we participated in the DLRCoCo Travel Survey on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May and the results indicate that almost 75% of our pupils either walk, cycle or scoot to school. We are currently looking to extend our bicycle parking facilities and the possibility of installing bike shelters.



## Literacy

- **Write-A-Book Project**

Our pupils in third and sixth class took part in the 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 – this truly is a wonderful achievement! A special word of congratulations to the pupils who received merit awards. Maith sibh go léir!

- **Accelerated Reader**

Plans are underway to introduce an exciting new reading programme 'Accelerated Reader' in Scoil San Treasa. The aim of *Accelerated Reader* is to motivate children to read independently for pleasure and enhance the strong culture of reading which is well-established in the school. As the programme is implemented, we look forward to the children engaging with a wide-range of both digital and print reading material while further developing their love of reading. We hope that this will be up and running in September 2022. Further information at this link:

<https://www.renaissance.com/products/accelerated-reader/>





- **Primary Language Curriculum**

All teachers recently took part in CPD for the Primary Language Curriculum, the focus of which was critical literacy. Staff shared practice around a variety of multimodal texts and resources used in classrooms. The comprehension strategies that are being focused on during this term in our school are 'Questioning' (Junior Classes) and 'Questioning' & 'Clarification' (Senior Classes).



- **Primary Maths Curriculum**

Consultation on the Draft Primary Mathematics Curriculum is now open and submissions can be made at this link <https://surveyhero.com/c/cpnqaiwh>

### **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the boys and girls in second class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May. Many thanks to all those who supported them in their journey of faith and on the day – especially class teachers and school staff, family and parish. The ceremony on the day was truly special, due in no small way to fine input from the boys and girls themselves, their families, teachers and non-teaching staff, the choir, the orchestra and parish personnel. As in previous years, the Parents' Association took responsibility for planning and organising a most welcoming reception afterwards. We appreciate the good will and hard work of all who contributed to the day in various ways.



### **Junior Infants 2022/2023**

It is always a special day in Scoil San Treasa when we see the incoming Junior Infants coming to visit our school. Having suspended this event for the previous 2 years due to Covid 19, we were delighted to welcome our new pupils to visit on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

### **Summer Camp**

This year's school summer camp will run for two weeks from 4th - 15th July for children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class and those children who are enrolled in Junior Infants for September 2022 (pre-infants). Places will be limited so please register early to avoid disappointment. Registration will close on Wednesday 8th June. If you have any queries, please email [sstsummercamp@sstrea.ie](mailto:sstsummercamp@sstrea.ie)

## Vetting

Should you be interested in volunteering in some capacity in coming months (library, knitting, orchestra, tours etc.) you are encouraged to arrange to have a Vetting application submitted via the school. Processing these applications takes some time...so it is best to get your application in early. Please get in touch with the school secretary [secretary@sstreasa.ie](mailto:secretary@sstreasa.ie) The Board of Management advises parents that if a person has already been vetted by the school, the re-vetting timeframe is every three years. It is planned to get in touch with persons whose vetting falls outside this timeframe, on a rolling basis.

## Anti-Bullying Review

In line with Department of Education & Skills (DES) procedures, our anti-bullying policy and its implementation were recently reviewed by the Board of Management. As you are aware from our policy document, this is done annually. The Board of Management reminds parents of the importance of being familiar with our anti-bullying policy (available at [www.sstreasa.ie](http://www.sstreasa.ie)). It is important to remember that a school's anti-bullying policy is most effective when supported by a positive school climate which encourages respect, trust, care, consideration and support for others. Such a climate is central to the ethos of Scoil San Treasa. A culture of 'telling' is actively promoted with regard to our anti-bullying policy. Parents should alert the school to any concerns they might have in this area. Parents are also reminded of the importance of parental supervision of their child/ren's use of social media and should note that there is a legal age for children using certain social media platforms.

The Department of Education is currently reviewing the Action Plan on Bullying and the Anti-Bullying Procedures for primary and post-primary schools. As part of this work, the department is seeking your views about what should be done to prevent and tackle bullying in schools. The department is inviting you to make written submissions and to complete a short questionnaire as part of the public-consultation process. [Further information at this link.](#)

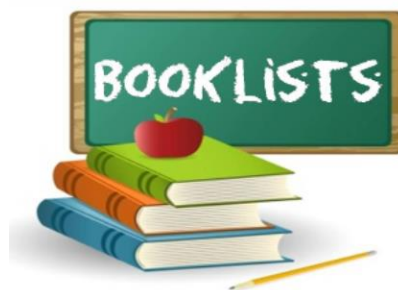
## Reports

School reports will issue in mid-June as normal.

Over the past 3 weeks, standardised tests have been carried out in all classes from 1st-6th class. It is important to note that these tests are just one snapshot of one particular subject area. These tests will guide and support us in the future. For further information, please check the [NCCA website at this link.](#)

## 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.



## 2022/2023

Should your child not be returning to Scoil San Treasa in the 2022-23 school year, please let us know in writing, without delay. This is important in terms of facilitating the smooth running of the school and in terms of addressing the needs of those for whom enrolment applications have been submitted for the various classes.

### **St Vincent de Paul**

The Mount Merrion Society of St Vincent de Paul provides many supports in the local community and these are also extended to the school to offer discreet and confidential support to families should the need arise within our own school community. Please contact the Principal directly should you require more information on these supports.

### **Important Dates**

The school will be closed for the June Bank Holiday Weekend on Friday 3rd June, Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th June. The school will close for the Summer holidays on Thursday 30th June and will reopen on Wednesday 31st August. The calendar for the 2022/2023 school year is published on our school website.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Frances Mullin

