



Cois Bá - Cairdeas, Cumasú & Creideamh



March Newsletter



Attendance Matters

We are proud of our excellent attendance record here in Bayside SNS. For Term 1 our attendance percentages for the whole school were as follows:

September - 95%

October - 95%

November - 94%

December - 94%

January - 95%

Hopefully we will keep up these A+ marks in Term 2! Have a look at our new signs below, which show how important showing up to school is -



Primary Maths Curriculum Closure

We have received notification from the Department of Education that we are required to close for an additional day of training for staff in the new Primary Maths Curriculum. This will take place in the school on **Thursday 9th May** so there will be no school for pupils on this date.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions can now be paid via your Easypayments account (link on the school website). Thank you so much to all the families who have paid to date. Your generosity and support of the school is greatly appreciated.

PABS News

Our next fundraiser will be another clothing recycling collection **on Friday 1st March**. Bags can be dropped off at the front porch of the school **between 8.15 & 9.15am**.

PABS are also organising a non-uniform day on **Friday 22nd March**. Pupils can wear their own clothes on the day and we would appreciate a donation of €2 per pupil to support their efforts.

PABS AGM

Parents / Guardians are invited to attend the PABS (Parents Association of Bayside School) AGM **at 8 PM on Monday 4th March in the School Hall**.

Parents will have an opportunity to nominate / vote for new Committee members. The event will take approximately 20 minutes.



Green School News

Great work went on over midterm with the front courtyard now cleared and ready for renovation. This was thanks to all your generosity to date. Have a look at the before and after photos below to see the transformation!



Bayside Spelling Bee

Bayside Spelling Bee will take place this month. The winner will go on to represent the school in the North Dublin Spelling Bee Final hosted by Sutton Park School.

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SPHE News

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

Programme: Teachers will be delivering this programme over the rest of this term. Keep a look out for the *Busy Body Booklets* and *The Big Talk Booklets* in your child's bag. These are used by parents as an aid to talk to their child about relationships. Teachers will send out an explanatory email before they are sent home. We find that pupils who are given *an opportunity to discuss these issues with their parents* at home before it is taught in school *have a better experience* engaging with the material in school.

STEM News

ESB Science Blast, RDS: This exhibition of primary schools' work in Science is open to the public if any families would like to visit. We were chosen to exhibit there last year and won an award! Our pupils will engage with *Engineers Week (4/3/24 - 8/3/24)* at the start of the month and some of our 6ths will go on a field trip to TUD to celebrate it. Bayside students will also be involved in our own *Bayside SNS Climate Action Project* between the midterm and Easter. The pupils will learn to gather data about Climate Change by engaging as scientists with anemometers, rain gauges and thermometers.

Internet Safety

Our 4th, 5th & 6th classes all attended internet safety talks with Barnardos last year. This year our new pupils in 3rd classes will take part in these important sessions on **Tuesday 12th March**. Barnardos also offer free online seminars for parents, if you would like to join one of these, click below:

Free Online Parent webinars – next available dates

March 5th 7pm-8pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CpgobZ1oQBeeBsQeJOZenA

March 20th 10am -11am

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H9bj7MIKR9exdKQhbQowVA

Trócaire Boxes

Trócaire boxes were distributed to classes before midterm and should be returned to the class teacher on **Monday 8th April** when we return to school after Easter. For information about the work that Trócaire do, you can find out more on their website here: <https://www.trocaire.org/>

Sport News

3rd Class, Rooms 15 & 16, are looking forward to engaging in hurling skills with Liam, the new GPO for Naomh Barróg from **Friday, 1st March**.

4th Class, Rooms 13 & 14 are taking part in tennis lessons at Trackside with Dan. The children in Rooms 11 & 12 will take part in tennis lessons later in the school year.

5th Class, Rooms 4 & 6 are continuing to learn and develop their tag rugby skills with Aidan from Suttonians and Leinster Rugby.

Our boys' and girls' soccer teams took part in the FAI 5-a-side Fingal qualifiers **on February 27th & 29th**. Both teams did themselves proud! The boys managed to win the final and are now looking forward to the Dublin finals in April!

Fingal Athletics will take place on **21st March** in Newbridge House. Bayside SNS Athletics Team will attend. Training will be held at lunchtime in March.

Our boys' and girls' basketball teams will hopefully play St Marnock's in some friendly matches this month. We are awaiting confirmation of dates.

Hurling and Camogie Teams will start back training this month with matches scheduled to take place at the end of April.

Dates for your Diary

-To celebrate World Book Day **on March 7th** this month we are all getting involved in 'The Big book swap'. We encourage everyone to get involved and get swapping!

-School closed for referendum polling Friday 8th March.

- Lá Gaeilge **ar an 15ú lá de mhí Márta:** Pupils may dress up in their Irish colours on the day.

-School closed for **St. Patrick's Day** bank holiday on **Monday 18th March**.

-Wear your odd socks to celebrate **World Down Syndrome Day on 21st March**.

-Fingal Athletics **21st March** Newbridge Demesne

- 5th class Room 5 trip to Fighting Words **21/3/24**

- PABS Non-uniform day fundraiser **Friday 22nd March**.

-School closing at 12 o'clock on Friday 22nd March for the Easter holidays and will reopen **on Monday 8th April**.

-14th April Enrolment Ceremony for 6th class Confirmation candidates **at 11am Mass in the Church of the Resurrection, Bayside**.



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