March 15th 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you are all keeping well. We have lots of exciting news to share with you this month, including a roundup of our recent celebrations, upcoming events and important dates for your diary.

Firstly, we would like to congratulate all of our pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm in celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge. We were thrilled to see so many children embracing the Irish language and culture, and we hope that this has helped to foster a love and appreciation of our national heritage.

As part of our ongoing efforts to promote positive mental health and wellbeing, we were delighted to welcome some special visitors to our school last week in the form of therapy dogs. The children had a wonderful time interacting with these furry friends, and we hope that this experience has helped children understand the important roles the dogs take on..

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Association for their continued efforts in fundraising for the school. Your support is invaluable, and we are grateful for everything you do to help make our school a better place. We would like to remind you that our next fundraising event will be a bake sale on Thursday 23rd March, so please mark this date in your calendars and support us if you can. All children will have the chance to buy some cakes and will be entered into a free raffle also.

Looking ahead, we are excited that Autism Acceptance Week will be starting on Monday 27th March. To mark this occasion, we will be having an awareness day on Tuesday 28th March, where children can wear all the colours of the rainbow to represent the diversity in our school. We would like to encourage all children to participate and show their support - donations can be made on Aladdin or in cash on the day. All money raised will be used to purchase essential resources for our Lighthouse classes.

Finally, we would like to wish our children who are marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade the best of luck. We know that they will do a fantastic job representing our school and community, and we can't wait to see them in their costumes from the Wizard of Oz!

Just a quick reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 28th April for staff training in the new curriculum.

Suzanne Olwill
Principal

Annmarie Lannery
Deputy Principal

Upcoming Events	Date
Bake sale	Thursday 23rd March
St Marys Autism Awareness Day	Tuesday 28th March
Easter Raffle	Friday 31st March
Confirmation	Thursday 20th April
Clothes Collection Drop Off	Mon 24th to Wednesday 26th April
Communion	Saturday 20th May
End of Year Junior Disco	Wednesday 21st June
End of Year Senior Disco	Thursday 22nd June
Parents Association AGM	Wednesday 14th June
Graduation Reception	Wednesday 28th June

School Sports Activities

	During school	After-School
Monday 13/3	Soccer coaching - Jnr Inf and school team	Cricket – 2.30-3.30
Tuesday 14/3		Soccer Game- leaving school at 2pm
Wednesday 15/3		
Thursday 16/3	Tag Rugby- 6th class	
Friday 17/3	No school	
Monday 20/3	Soccer Coaching- Jnr Inf and school team (TBC)	Cricket – 2.30-3.30 Soccer Game- 3pm in Rathcoole Boys FC
Tuesday 21/3		
Wednesday 22/3		Soccer Game- 2pm in Rathcoole Boys FC
Thursday 23/3	Tag Rugby- 6th class	
Friday 24/3	Soccer Coaching- Ms. Maughan (4th), Ms. Byrne (4th), Ms. Kane (3rd), Mr. Barrett (3rd) (TBC) GAA- Snr Inf- 2nd class	

In Person Workshop

All welcome to facilitate the generation of ideas!

Tuesday 21st March 7pm-9pm,
St Mary's GAA Club Saggart

Further information:
https://www.sdcc.ie/en/have-your-say/tallaght-south-saggart/