



# St. Colmcille's J.N.S. News

## February 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We have had a very busy number of weeks here in the school as we approach our February mid-term break. We look forward to a really positive 2020 as we strive to achieve our goals.

### Recent Events

- Tracey Corcoran, our aerobics teacher, has completed her 4 week programme with our 1<sup>st</sup> classes.
- As part of our Mindfulness routine, we will continue to give children no written homework for the first week back after the Easter break.
- We hope that the children will keep up the DEAGO (drop everything and go outside) initiative, weather permitting of course!
- Re-use/Recycle  
Please continue to support our school initiative for recycling “what we bring in, we take home”  
Thank you for helping to improve our environment by minimising our waste.
- As part of our “Heritage in Schools Programme” Patrick Hunt has been visiting our 2<sup>nd</sup> classes informing them about the different species of birds in the Knocklyon area and what bulbs and plants we should sow in the springtime.

### Assembly Groups

We have all set out our goals and targets for 2020 and we look forward to trying to achieve them.

### 100th Day of School

We celebrated our 100th day of school on Thursday 6th February. We had great celebrations in the school and the children created some fantastic artwork in recognition of reaching this milestone. We held assemblies with our 1st and 2nd classes where we did 10 sets of 10 different types of exercises! It was a great team effort by all. We asked our Junior and Senior infant classes to list over 100 things they have learned since September. I would like to thank Ms. Mulqueen and the maths team for helping to organise the events surrounding our 100th day in school. Ms. Harrison's class dressed up for the occasion!



### **First Confessions**

Well done to those boys and girls in our 2nd classes who made their First Confessions this week. The boys and girls represented St. Colmcille's Junior School so well and we had a lovely occasion on both evenings.

On Tuesday 11th February we had Ms. Waters, Ms. Bentham, Ms. Ní Bhroin and Ms. Harrison's classes. On Wednesday 12th February we had Ms. Johnston, Ms. Morrissey and Ms. Moore's classes.

Thank you to the Carmelites, teachers and SNAs for making it such a special night for all.

### **Traffic Management**

Thank you to all our parents who continue to support us in our traffic management within the school grounds.

We request that parents would refrain from using the staff car park at the front of the schools between 8.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

In the interests of everyone's safety we would also remind you to use the set down area for set down purposes only.

### **Bikes & Scooters**

We continue to encourage cycling, Scooting and walking to school. However, there have been a number of serious incidents involving cyclists/scooters, raising concerns about safety within the vicinity of the school and on the school grounds. We would ask you to please supervise your children, particularly from the church down to the school, if they are scooting or cycling.

### **Dates for the Diary.**

**Mid-Term Break:** School closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 p.m.  
Reopens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8.50 a.m.

**St. Patrick's Day:** School closes on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00 p.m. \*  
Reopens on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 8.50 a.m.

\*The school will close at 12:00 p.m. on Friday 13th March to facilitate the PLC webinar training for teachers

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful mid-term break and thank you as always for your continued help and support.

Le Gach dea ghúí,

David Curtin, Príomhoide.