

Summer Newsletter



May 2016

Hello everybody, it's hard to believe we are in the last term of our school year. Please ensure that your child wears their full school uniform between now and end of year. Tracksuits should be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Also please respect the school timetable ...have your child in school on time and leave them at the reception door to walk in by themselves. Do not collect your child early unless there is an emergency.

- *Healthy Lifestyles*

The Active Youth Challenge programme came to an end recently and all the children received a certificate and a goody bag to celebrate. The children enjoyed the experience and we would like to thank all in DDLETB who delivered the programme. We are also continuing with our Gotta Dance weekly lessons and we have extended our repertoire of dance moves with our Drop Everything And Dance sessions in the classroom. Children continue to follow our Healthy Lunch policy and we enjoyed entering the "Moo Crew " competition recently. Milly the Moo Cow went home with various children and we learned a great deal about dairy produce. We created a great poster and wrote a poem about Moooooooving.

- *In conjunction with our SPHE programme on healthy eating , we invited a dentist to the school to advise re healthy lunches and drinks. The children really enjoyed the visit and their new toothbrushes.*
- ***In The Classroom***

Our Homes Maths Project was successful with every child bringing home a Maths game on a weekly basis for 6 weeks. They were encouraged to play the game each night with a grown up and they have improved their numeracy skills as a result. This is a fun way for the children to improve their numeracy skills.
- *Engineering Week was celebrated with lots of construction work. We investigated unusual buildings from around the world. We skyped another school nearby and set up a challenge to make a model of a landmark building...the leaning tower of Pisa.*
- *Celebrations for Proclamation Day began soon after our mid term break. Renditions of the National Anthem and Ireland's Call could be heard around Brookfield. On the day we invited all families from the school community. We had a Céilí Mór for parents and children with a demonstration by the Watson Dance School. Children had a "dress up in something green day" and they prepared the Scoil Aoife Proclamation , which we shared on the day. We released green , white and orange balloons from the school yard and topped off the celebration.*

- *Teachers in the school did CPD training with Ipads before the Easter holidays and now children are all upping their ICT skills. Ipads are being utilised in station teaching.*
- *Our Violin playing is almost ready for an audience but more importantly children are enjoying the instrument. We will continue with the programme next year .*
- *Our open day for parents on Mindfulness was most enjoyable and feed back was excellent. Parents picked up lots of tips on bedtime routines, de-stressing activities and resources such as apps and CD's to be used at home.*

- *New School*

Our new building in CityWest continues at a fast pace and we are all looking forward to September. The builders are only 1 week behind schedule and thus expect to be complete by the end of July. We went up to the school for a walk during Active Schools Week and the children were delighted! Many thanks to those parents who joined us on the day.

- *Enrolments for next year continue to grow. There is a lot of interest in our new premises on CityWest Drive. At present we have approximately 20 children registered for coming September. We believe this number will continue to increase. We need 35 more before we get another appointment. We are having our welcome meeting for new parents next Thursday May 26th.*

- *We continue to benefit from our relationship with CityWest developers. They did a leaflet drop in the area recently to promote the school. They were here on Proclamation Day to join in the celebrations. They erected a huge sign close to our new sight and as a result of their promotions we have enrolled children for 2017 and 2018 whose parents work on the CW campus. The school staff also did a promotion in CW shopping centre last week. We are looking for volunteers to hand out flyers next week outside Lidl's. Please let us know if you can spare an hour.*

Family News

- *We welcomed John , a new student to our Senior Infant class.*
- *Congratulations to Aleesha who has a new baby brother Maximilian.*
- *We were sorry to hear about the passing of Bobby's Great Grandad.*
- *Isabelle's parents celebrated their engagement!*
- *Sadly , Alex's Grandad passed away suddenly.*

Upcoming Events

- *May 27th meeting for new families*
- *School tour ; Trip to a farm June 17th*
- *Sports Day*
- *June 6th ; bank holiday ..school closed*

- *June 7th; school closed for Inservice Training for Staff*