



## In Short...

### END OF TERM

School will close at 12 noon on Friday 26th March and opens once more on Monday 12th April at 8.30 am.

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### STAFF MEETING

School will close at 12 midday for all classes for a Staff Meeting on Wed 14th April.

### WEBSITE

Have a look at our fab new website: [www.metns.ie](http://www.metns.ie). Some of our school policies can be found here, others are still to come.

If you are wondering about the date of a school event, or need a copy of the school calendar, you'll find it on our website, too. Have a look for the new pictures in our gallery.

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### CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved house or your contact details have changed at all, please inform the office as soon as possible.

Either call into the office or email: [office@metns.ie](mailto:office@metns.ie)

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### LOST PROPERTY

After the end of term, unclaimed items will be donated to Liberties Recycling Trust. During the term, lost property is kept in Room 5 (at the end of the corridor across from the Principal's office).

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### NO DOGS ALLOWED

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE SCHOOL AT ANY TIME, EVEN ON LEADS!

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### METNS CLOTHING

Please order your hoodies, zippies & t-shirts before Friday April 16th. Forms were sent home last week, or available from the school office.

## RAZZAMATAZZ...

Our school show entitled "Razzamatazz" is well under way and will take place from 26th – 29th April. Children are practising hard and the excitement is already building up.

If you have not filled out a form and would like to help in any way with production eg. supervision of children, front of house etc. please let a class teacher or the office know. We would be delighted with all offers of help.

### SCHEDULE:

Monday 26th April	Tuesday 27th April	Wednesday 28th April	Thursday 29th April
Show A	Show B	Show A	Show B
3rd /4th Class	5th/6th Class	3rd /4th Class	5th/6th Class
2nd Class	1st class	2nd Class	1st class
Sen Infants (L Goodwin)	Sen Infants (C Cantrell)	Sen Infants (L Goodwin)	Sen Infants (C Cantrell)
Jun Infants (AM Kenrick)	Jun Infants (M Kane)	Jun Infants (AM Kenrick)	Jun Infants (M Kane)

## FROM THE PTA...

Thanks to all those who came to our Pub Quiz last month. A great night was had by all and was hugely enlivened by Chrissie's (Stokes) belly dancing - some of the Dads will never be the same again. A big thank you to all of our sponsors - we nearly had too many prizes!! Just on a point of order - it was decided that Carol's (Lanigan) team will require a handicap next year to give the rest of us a chance!!

Easter is nearly upon us and with that in mind the PTA will be organising an Easter Egg raffle for the week of March 22nd with the draw on Friday March 26th.

After Easter we all our looking forward to the school show Razzamatazz and then May will be upon us and the METNS Parents Social evening. The date is Friday May 21st, the venue is the Purty Kitchen, Dun Laoghaire and the evening will include dinner and drinks, a dj and some wine tasting . More details to follow - so keep the date free!

## SURVEY ON ACTIVITIES...

The results of our recent survey on activities can be found on the school website: [www.metns.ie](http://www.metns.ie). Thank you to everyone who gave their feedback.

## TIMEWATCH...

Congratulations to all children (and their parents!) who have been making a special effort to be on time for school. We have noticed a real difference. Keep it up!!

**PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!**  
**SPEED LIMIT ON IADT CAMPUS AND AROUND THE SCHOOL IS 10kph**

## IN THE GARDEN...

Our garden volunteers have come to Saturday School to improve shovelling skills, wheelbarrow skills, mixing cement and swinging lump hammers. Our patio area has been levelled and is being finished up as we speak. An absolutely amazing job has been done by volunteers, Conor Moloney, Bob Allen, Auf Chorbachi, Richard O'Toole, Micheal Murphy, Karen Shaw, Gerry Killeen, Aaron Wooton, Frank Reed, Joe Gallagher and a special word of thanks to expert builder Brian Kirby, who has delayed his personal weekend project to work for the school. His energy and skill has moved the project close to completion. A huge thank you to all who have given up their Saturdays to help out. We will have a lovely space to grow this summer.



Members of our dedicated garden team at work

### Looking for anyone in the school community with carpentry skills.

It would be great if anyone would be able to help us put some trellising and a few rose arches in the garden. If you can help out, please contact Ann Marie. (We already have the arches and trellising...no need to provide).

And while I'm asking for help, I wonder if anyone has the equipment to move the logs that the children play on, from one side of the playground to the other. They simply are too heavy for human hauling. Thanks in advance!

## WHAT THE CLASSES ARE UP TO...

### Junior Infants (Ann Marie Kenrick)

We are speeding through seasonal activities at quite a pace. We have only finished one theme when another is upon us! This pace matches the pace at which Jun Infants have learnt to 'read and write'. Writing messages on cards is second nature to us and reading books, a complete doddle. Kindness and happiness is still our number one goal and hopefully everyone gets a sense of that when they join us. Happy Easter from the Junies.



Junior Infants showing off their super St Patrick's Day outfits



### Junior Infants (Marie Kane)

We have been busy this half term in Junior Infants. We have been having fun practising our Songs and Poems for our school show "Razzamatazz". We have been learning about Bia agus Eadaí as Gaeilge. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as an Díolachán Caca agus go raibh míle maith agaibh don tacaíocht. (A huge thanks to all of the parents for supporting our recent Cake Sale during Seachtain na Gaeilge!!)

### Senior Infants (Liz Goodwin)

Senior Infants have had a really great second term! There was great excitement in the classroom



Niall de Burca visiting Liz Goodwin's Senior Infants class

when we heard we were going to make a new friend. We are thrilled that Hadar has joined our class. She is a wonderful new addition to our classroom! We also celebrated with Maja when we heard the great news that her Mum had a baby boy this month! Congratulations to the Kransiewicz family!

We've been working really hard too. Term two was a busy one we took part in lots of great activities like World Book Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Chinese New Year Celebrations, visits from our friends in DSP, preparations for our school play – Phew! One of the highlights of our term was the visit from Niall de Burca. We loved his great stories and how much they made us laugh. He even popped into our classroom to say "Dia Duit" afterwards. We're really looking forward to our holidays and all the fun activities planned for term three. Don't forget to check out our webpage on the school website. We're updating it all the time! Slán x

### 2nd Class (Molly Boydell & Nell Regan)

Second Class have had another busy and exciting month! Among the things we did in February was a trip to 'Fighting Words' in town where we worked with an illustrator and made our own book called The Wolf's Adventure! Bhí díolachán cáca againn do Seachtain na Gaeilge agus tháinig an scéaltóir Niall de Burca go dtí an scoil; - bhí na paistí agus na daoine aosta go leir ag gáire go dian! Book Club continues to go really well 4 mornings a week and The Crazy Book Readers, Books on Fire, Book-a Doodle-Do, as well as the Reading Racoons would like to thank Jill, Eilish, Karen and Emer Fox for helping us to make reading so much fun!

Swimming started last week and we come back to school on a Monday afternoon tired and happy. We then have soccer on a Wednesday afternoon which is great fun too— thanks to all the coaches and instructors. And of course we are rehearsing hard for 'Jack and The Beanstalk' as well as doing all our normal classwork! Finally, we are heading into our last term in 2nd class so we are going to really practise our

listening skills and are looking forward to bringing home 'Monday Listening Prizes!'

### 4th Class (Helen Melvin)

4th Class have been working on group projects about Dun Laoghaire Harbour with our Froebel College student, Mr. O'Donovan. We have been finding out about the history of the harbour, the work of the R.N.L.I., some rudiments of navigation and about our coastal birds and wildlife. Mr O'Donovan also worked on mono printing and block printing with us and we were all delighted with our results.

We enjoyed a visit from writer Lucinda Jacobs ahead of our visit to the Pavilion Theatre in Dun Laoghaire on the last day of term. As part of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Poetry Festival, we are going to hear the English poet Philip Gross, winner of the 2009 T.S.Eliot poetry prize.

Best wishes to everybody for a lovely Easter holiday!

### 3rd Class (Deidre O'Shea)

We have had a very busy second term in 3rd class. We have been investigating the lives of the Vikings in our history lessons and we have delved back into the life of Viking children. We have explored exciting artefacts from Viking settlements in Dublin and we are also in the process of putting the finishing touches to our Viking longships, which we constructed using card and papier maché. Call in to 3rd class for a peek over the next few weeks... they're very impressive!

We have been busy becoming experts at singing our 3, 6 and 9 times tables and this week we have been busy measuring tables, chairs, pencil cases, fridges and even moms and dads to practice measuring lengths! In SPHE we have been focusing on healthy eating and we have been having lots of fun sampling different fruits each week on 'Fruity Fridays!' Last week we made delicious smoothies using raspberries, strawberries, bananas, orange and yoghurt. We have decided that fruit is much yummiier than sweets!!! Practice for our school musical 'The Wizard of Oz' is progressing nicely and we are even singing the songs from the show in our sleep!!! Over the next few weeks we will

be creating colourful costumes and props....it's all very exciting! We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the show. Keep an eye on the corridors this week for the winning posters from our 'Wizard of Oz' poster competition. An seachtain seo chaite, bhaineamar a lán taitneamh as Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhí díolachán cácaí againn...yum yum! Chomh maith leis sin, bhí seó álainn againn sa halla le cheoil agus ríncí iontacha. We are all looking forward to a very busy, fun summer term. Slán go fóill!

### 6th Class (Chrissie Stokes)

Adam Whyte's

Eye on the Important

On the 11th of March, the school was visited by a seanchaí or storyteller called Niall De Burca who enchanted the whole school with his many hilarious tales. ( The stories, not the body part). His first story was about the origin of languages and how diverse English is. His second story was a scary, but still funny, story called 'The Buachaill'. His third and final story



We love Seachtain na Gaeilge

was about a boy who decided to get a huge egg, with hilarious consequences. He proved that you don't need TV for a good story.

Díolachán Cáca

by Anna Bielenberg

Last week it was Seachtain na Gaeilge in our school. Our week was jammed packed with fun stuff to do with the Irish Language and culture. Last Friday, fifth and sixth class had a cake sale. When we bought and sold the cakes we could only speak Irish. At first it was difficult but I got the hang of it eventually. We wouldn't be let off with English! 5th class and 6th class raised over a hundred euro from their cakes and biscuits. Each class in the school had a cake sale at some time in the week and we all had fun eating the tasty cakes.

D.S.P Tráth na gCeist

by Ellie Boyce

For Seachtain na Gaeilge we went on a trip to the DSP for a tráth na gceist (Table Quiz). We were split into pairs. A pair from

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each school went together. There were 7 rounds of 10 questions. Our old resource teacher Ms Hurley was calling out the questions in Irish. There were a few different presentations of the questions. There was normal reading questions, pictures of famous people which we had to name, and then for the last round, there were pieces of music. The winners got bright yellow hats! It was great fun!

### Pancakes! by Aoife Cullen

For Pancake Tuesday we made some delicious pancakes! We had to bring in ingredients, make the mix and cook the pancakes (even



*Cillian & Asat— the pancake experts!*

though our cooking skills aren't great!) It was brilliant and the pancakes turned out really nice. We topped our pancakes with a range of toppings. It was messy work but it was well worth it. I give the pancakes three Michelin stars!!!

### Céilí with The D.S.P by Hugo Donnellan

We had a céilí with our buddies for Seachtain na Gaeilge. We had loads of fun and made lots of friends. The Céilí was especially fun because no one knew how to dance!! I even saw Ms Kealy and Ms Hurley dancing together! After we all paired up with a girl or boy and did one last dance, we then

went out and had a HUGE football match.

### Dalkey Castle by Cillian O'Brien

On the 3rd of March we went to Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. Our guides showed us how they made coins in the middle ages and the history of Dalkey. A group of actors showed us what life in the castle would have been like in the Middle Ages, what they ate, how they defended the castle and even where their toilet was!

We learned why and how Dún Laoghaire harbour was built and all the names Dalkey has had over the years. We had a tour of the restored castle and of Saint Begnet's Church beside the castle.

Everyone enjoyed it and we received lots of information for the project we're doing about medieval times.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES...

### **Soccer**

What's the news on the pitch at Friday soccer? Well first off we are unfortunately losing one of our coaches; Gary Murphy is no longer able to make it on Friday afternoons!

Thank you Gary for all your good work and sessions with the group, we wish you the best of luck. As Gary leaves the pitch, Craig Plunkett

comes in to fill the position. So let's hear a really big welcome for Craig. Craig plays with Shamrock Rovers Youth Team and he'll be sharing his skills and energy with our young aspiring players. By the way, don't forget to wish our senior coach, Franco, well playing with the Bray Wanderers in the new Airtricity League.

Friday soccer has a busy term ahead with the FAI school leagues and cup getting underway. Our first fixture which is in the Pegasus Cup is scheduled to be played against Taney Primary School on the METNS pitch on Wednesday 24th March at 3pm. All support is welcome. Be sure to give the team a cheer. We also have three teams to play in the SFAI league one of which, against Scoil Mhuire Ballyboden, should also be on before the Easter break! Keep

your eyes open for fixture details & team progress on the notice board. After Easter we should see the girl's 5-a-side team in action.

Be wise, don't be hospitalised! Be sure to have, and wear your

standard for speed in the Beat the Ball Challenge; and Oisín Connolly, 4th Class, stormed through from the very back in our 100m Sprint Handicap - David Gillick look out!!!

*Donal Norton*



*Goalkeeper Joe in Action*

personal safety gear at soccer on Friday - gum shields and shin guards in particular help prevent injuries which can easily occur even in the training and fun matches.

### **Athletics**

Our athletes continue to enjoy the good weather which seems to fall regularly on Mondays this school year (.....well so far at least). Fitness levels are rising, speed is improving, and we are seeing some really good stuff happening. Felix Perrin, 4th Class, is developing some very smooth movement; Ferdia O'Neill, 3rd Class, delivered some massive jumps in our Jump Relay; Antoine Carnec, 5th Class, set the high

### **Junior Book Club**

Junior Book Club has just started a really exciting project! We read the book "Flat Stanley" by Jeff Brown. It tells the story about a boy who gets flattened after a notice board falls on top of him. But being flat has its advantages and he even manages to travel to California by post! We



*Flat Stanley in Italy!*

loved the story so much that we decided to make our own Flat Stanleys. Each of the members of Junior Book Club has posted a Flat Stanley to someone they know in different areas of the world. They are going to send us back a photo or message from Stanley telling us about his trip. We can't wait to see how our Stanleys got on!

*Liz Goodwin*

## In Short...

### **GRANDSTAND**

Just a reminder to all if buying sports wear or equipment - consider Grandstand Sports in Georges Mall in the Dun Laoghaire Shopping centre - they credit METNS with 10% of the value spent by parents and children who mention the school name while purchasing goods.

Credit built up can then be used by the school to purchase sports goods. Over the past year, the school has been able to purchase balls, bibs and whistles to use in school sports activities.

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### **YOGA WITH FRANK**

Unify Mind, Body and Spirit ... and help raise funds for the school!

Join Frank Brooks on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm for an uplifting Anusara style yoga class in Richmond Cheshire House, Monkstown.

€12 to drop in, €10 per class for 4 or more.

Half of the money goes to METNS (the rest supports Richmond Cheshire Home, a home for disabled people).

Phone: 087 415 8989

Email: fbrooks@gmail.com

Web: www.innerbodybright.ie

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### **NO NUTS!**

Please note that nuts are banned from the school at all times. Please remember this for school bakes, fairs, etc.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

- Maja Kransiewicz (SI) on the birth of her baby brother Jacob.
- Congratulations to Caia Murdock (1st) on the birth of her baby brother Ebon.
- Congratulations to Astrid Ryan-O'Toole on the birth of her baby sister Martha.

### **CONDOLENCES TO...**

- Sam (SI) and Oliver (2nd) McGannon whose grandmother died.
- Ben Lammers Tully (1st) whose great grandfather died.
- Oisín Mongey (1st) whose great grandmother died.

# WE OUR BUDDIES

The two Junior Infants classes and 5th class come together every week to form a triangle of buddies....one big with two littlies. It is genuinely the highlight of the week and the children enjoy each other's company enormously. The activities range from outdoor games to indoor arts, crafts and puzzles.

Happiness and hugs all round!!

