

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

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BACK TO SCHOOL!

How strange it is to be saying 'Welcome Back to School' at this stage in the year! We normally reserve expressions like this for September, but it's now just another sign of the year we have had! Since the end of February we have been working through the phases of the return to school plan. Our school is now fully reopen for all our pupils and we are delighted to have them back in the classrooms! The place just wasn't the same without them and it puts a smile on everyone's face to hear the chat and the laughter coming from the classrooms as our pupils re-engage with face to face learning!



Fáilte ar ais ar scoil!

Congratulations to all the staff at school for working extra hard to keep our school operating in exceptionally difficult circumstances: to our teachers for embracing online learning platforms, to our SNAs for helping support children with additional needs and to our ancillary staff for keeping everything ticking over on site while we were away.

Through the collective efforts of everyone involved we have survived one of the most difficult times in our lifetimes. Now that we have returned to school, our main aim is to remain in school. We must continue to work together in order to achieve this aim.

COVID 19 RESPONSE PLAN

We have circulated an updated copy of our Covid-19 Response Plan to all our staff and families. We will continue to communicate updates and changes to this plan as necessary, and your feedback is always welcome.

We are working every day to review and monitor our Covid 19 Response Plan. Please help us by avoiding all congregating/gathering outside of the school.

Thank you to everyone who supports and co-operates with this plan everyday.

Please note: even if your child has a negative Covid test, they must remain out of school until they are symptom free for 48 hours. This is a key part of our plan. It is essential that children who are sick remain at home so that we can avoid any spread of this virus.



BETHLEHEM

"We have lots of new work going on display around the school...it is great to see signs of life in the building again!"



Tá Coinín na Cásca
ag teacht!

Our classes in Bethlehem have been back in school for almost four weeks and have been working really hard. It's great to see the displays finally change from winter to spring!

Junior Infants have been learning all about baby animals and the farm. Senior Infants have been keeping an eye on some tadpoles and have been feeding them spinach! First Class have been busy! Ms. Duffy's Class have been learning about the sea and exploring clay modelling. Ms. Egan's Class are learning how to tell the time.

In 2nd Class they have been practicing their subtraction skills, as well as doing some lovely spring art. Learning about magnetism has also been on the agenda!

Ms. Rice's Class are working on their reading and sight words: they are doing a terrific job!

Ms. Kearns' Class are busy making tunnels for their cars and trucks. They are also enjoying playing with play dough...they've even made some edible mud!

Bethlehem has been a very busy spot and everyone is ready for a well-deserved break!

SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION

During the last cycle of School Self-Evaluation (SSE) we have been focusing on literacy and targeting development of writing genres in particular.

As with almost every aspect of life in general, Covid-19 has impacted on this work as we have spent large blocks of time working remotely and

learning from home. For the periods of time that we have been in school over the last 12 months, we have been using the 6 step SSE process to monitor, review and evaluate our response to the Covid-19 pandemic. A huge amount of time has gone into this process and we have worked very hard to

implement all guidelines and work towards keeping our school community safe.

Now that we are back in school, our plan is to review and evaluate the last round of SSE and literacy. We will use this review to help us plan forward for a new round of SSE starting in September 2021.

LE CHÉILE DAY

Since 2019 the Le Chéile Schools Trust has acted as the trustees for our school. Friday 26th March marks Le Chéile Day and we will honour the support that Le Chéile give us at our virtual assembly.

Le Chéile means 'together' and Fr. Donal will join us and pray

that we continue to stay united and together, even though we have to stay apart at times.

Le Chéile are inviting everyone to **'Drop Everything and Pray' tomorrow at 10am**. We will be watching the pre-recorded prayer service with over 35,000 students from 75 Le Chéile

schools. Well done to our students who are representing our school in this service: Megan and Olivia (4th) provided the voiceover for the Dominican story while Patrice (5th) and Erin (6th) took part in the virtual choir! Tomorrow we will send you the link to this prayer service so that you can hear the stories and the beautiful rendition of the Le Chéile Song at the end!

LE CHÉILE SCHOOLS TRUST

Inclusivity
Le Chéile Schools Trust is committed to equality of opportunity and inclusion for all. We believe that diversity is enriching, and that our school community is strengthened by the variety of backgrounds, cultures and experiences of our students.

Truth
We believe that truth is important and that it is essential for our students to learn the truth about themselves and the world around them. We believe that truth is the foundation of all knowledge and that it is important for our students to learn the truth about themselves and the world around them.

Forgiveness
The importance of self-forgiveness is central to our belief in the importance of personal growth and development. We believe that self-forgiveness is essential for personal growth and development, and that it is important for our students to learn the importance of self-forgiveness and to practice it in their daily lives.

Service
We believe that service is an important part of our school community and that it is important for our students to learn the importance of giving back to their community and to the world.

Concern
We believe that concern for others is important and that it is essential for our school community to be concerned for the welfare of all members of the school community.

Spirituality
We believe that spirituality is important and that it is essential for our school community to be spiritual. We believe that spirituality is the foundation of all knowledge and that it is important for our students to learn the importance of spirituality and to practice it in their daily lives.

Teaching and Learning
We believe that teaching and learning are essential for personal growth and development. We believe that teaching and learning are the foundation of all knowledge and that it is important for our students to learn the importance of teaching and learning and to practice it in their daily lives.

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Our senior classes have only been back in the building for a matter of days at this stage. It is great to see everyone back with a bang and working hard!

Our 3rd Classes are busy learning their multiplication tables. Ms. Doyle's Class are also learning about space and rockets while Ms. Fenton's Class are working on their explanatory writing.

Ms. Tyrrell's Class have just mastered long multiplication. They've also been enjoying time outside for PE and love games like Sticky Octopus! Ms. Murray's Class are focusing on length in maths and they've also been writing reports and learning about daffodils.

Our 5th class are exercising their green fingers by planting their own vegetables. Ms. Phillips' Class are also learning Amhrán na gCupán while Ms. Reynolds' Class are making a 'Ciséan Cásca'...just in time for Easter!

Our 6th Classes have also been busy. They recently had an online Enrolment Service for Confirmation and are completing the preparation for this. Ms. Byrne's Class have been using clay to create eggcups and they've also designed butterflies in motion. Ms. Leonard's Class are learning about World War 1. They're also working on Tóg Mo Lámh for Seachtain na nGaeilge. Meanwhile Ms. O'Hara's Class have been busy with procedural writing using their favourite recipes.

There's no doubt that HR is a busy spot, jam packed with teaching and learning!



*Is maith liom
uibheacha Cásca!*

NURTURE ROOM

We are currently working on creating a nurture room in our school. This will be a fabulous resource for all our pupils when it is completed. The old kitchen area in HR is a great spot, but it has been neglected over time.

With thanks to the Dominican Ministry Fund, the Parents' Association and the Board of Management, we now have the funds to develop this space into our nurture room. We've included some 'Before' pictures in this newsletter. We will keep you updated regularly on our Facebook

page on the progress of this project. You will be able to track the development of this space as it unfolds.

We are looking forward to being able to use this nurture room initially in term 3 and in the years to come!

EASTER HOLIDAYS

It's hard to believe we have reached the end of term two! Easter holidays start tomorrow, Friday 26th March. School will close early and staggered dispersal times have been sent to classes.

Please collect children and move on from school as quickly as possible, avoiding any congregating at the gates.

School will be closed for two weeks.

We will reopen on Monday 12th April.



HR KITCHEN:

BEFORE...



**AFTER...:
COMING SOON!!**

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Le Chéile Song

Every heart, every voice, everyone come sing together

As we welcome the dawn of this day.

Here our lives find new beginnings, as we gather giving praise

To the risen Christ who guides us on our way.



An open mind, a listening ear, Caring and sharing you'll find here!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Parents' Association has had a very quiet time since our last update before Christmas. We are hoping to continue our No Uniform Days after the Easter break and we are very grateful for the support shown before the school closed.

We are also hoping to have one more fundraiser before the end of the school year and will share details of that nearer the time.

In the meantime have a very happy Easter and we will be in touch with you soon. As always you can contact the committee through your class parent or directly on our email address:

parentsassociation@holyroscopyschool.ie.



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