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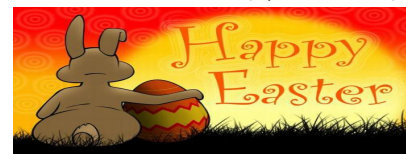
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe that once again we are almost at the end of another great term in Good Shepherd N.S.

23rd March 2015.



EASTER RAFFLE THURSDAY, 26th March, 11.15am - 12.30pm

- We look forward to seeing you all for the 5th Class Play, Choir Recital, Bumper Easter Raffle and a Cuppa with Hot Cross Buns this Thursday, 26th March 2015. *There will also be a special raffle for those attending on the day.*
- If you have any unwanted gifts (Christmas, Birthday or Valentines!!) or hamper baskets - big or small - that you do not need, please leave them into the school before Wednesday. Please observe Health & Safety when sending in any glass items. Thanks to those of you who have already sent in gifts and baskets. Each family has been given 2 books of tickets - extra tickets available on request. Please try and have all remaining raffle tickets in by Wednesday, 25th March. **Please note that unsold tickets must also be returned.**

WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrated **World Book Day** on March 5th. Various activities were organised throughout the school:

- ⌈ All pupils received a book token which can be redeemed in most bookshops.
***Don't forget - the last day for using your book tokens is next Sunday, 29th March.**
- ⌈ Senior classes designed a book cover and fantastic prizes of books were awarded.
- ⌈ A Character Parade took place at a special assembly on Friday March 6th. Many children (& some teachers!) dressed up & brought characters from their favourite books to life. You will be able to view these imaginative costumes on the school website. More great books were awarded in each class as prizes for the best costumes.
- ⌈ Paired Reading - Junior & Senior Infants read with 5th & 6th classes.
- ⌈ Classes viewed World Book Day TV which showed 'The Biggest Book Show on Earth'. We engaged with writing workshops and listened to stories narrated online by many famous faces.
- ⌈ A book quiz took place in 5th & 6th class.
- ⌈ 2nd class wrote stories in their 'Free' writing copies. Subsequently, Adam and Jessica from 2nd class read their fantastic compositions over the intercom.

TIME TO READ PROGRAMME - 2nd CLASS LIBRARY VISIT

Here are a few quotes from our 2nd class pupils who enjoyed a visit to Dundrum Library last Wednesday, 18th March, with their parents and readers from Smurfit Kappa.

"I enjoyed when the storyteller was telling the stories. My favourite was 'Smidge'". Abigail

"My favourite was when the man was reading 'It's A Book!'. I also liked sitting with Cameron and Andreas reading 'Where's Wally?'"
Adam

"I liked taking out books and then reading them" Jessica

"I liked getting the wristbands and the bookmarks". Sebastian

"I enjoyed when I got to read two Titchy Witchy books with my reader from Smurfits". Peter

"I liked when I took out some books and read them with one of the people from Time to Read". Dee

"My favourite part was reading with my mam. I read 'Spy Dogs' and we took out the first four books". Kara

5TH CLASS NEWS

5TH Class have been extremely busy this term with many extra projects and activities. These included Seashore/Marine Explorer Project, representing our school in the Terenure College Spring Drama Competition Final & engaging in the BizWorld Junior Entrepreneur experience. A more detailed summary of these will be described in our next newsletter - we will reserve at least half a page for this class!!

"SEACHTAIN" NA GAELIGE 1st - 17th MARCH

We all really enjoyed the extra activities organised in the school for Seachtain na Gaeilge.

To finish off the event we had a **Tionól Mór** (Whole School Assembly) on Friday last and each class went on stage to perform a song or poem 'as Gaeilge' - An Mhaith!

Our **Céili Mór** will be on Wednesday next (see below).

CEILÍ MÓR

As you know from the text sent to everybody last Thursday we are having a **Céili Mór** (Irish Dancing all day!) on Wednesday next, March 25th. The slot reserved for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles is 9 - 9.30am. The more the merrier - free fun and fitness guaranteed!! Please come along - Andrea & Therese, who teach Irish Dancing here in the school on Thursday evenings, will be delighted to see you.

IRISH DANCING AT GOOD SHEPHERD N.S

Andrea and Therese from the Redmond Academy of Irish Dance continue their dancing classes at the school on Thursday evenings. The class currently runs from 6-7pm. Please note that this will change to 5-6pm after Easter. If you are interested please contact Andrea on 086 8770087 or email andrea_redmond@hotmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our 5th and 6th class pupils will present the Stations of the Cross after 10am Mass this Friday, 27th March in the Good Shepherd Church. All are welcome to join us at 10.30 am.

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY, SUNDAY APRIL 5TH

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council are once again hosting their annual Mad Hatters Tea Party on Sunday, April 5th, at Deerpark, Mount Merrion from 1 pm - 5 pm. This very popular event is back for the ninth year in a row - the Easter Bunnies are in training right now at a secret location, learning how to set up the Easter Trail!! All the tea party's favourite ingredients will be there including the tea cup ride, giant chess, croquet and the 'Hatwalk' fashion show for your maddest hats! The "Easter Make and Do" team will be there to help the public make their own Mad Hat. Follow the clues on the Easter trail and win an Easter treat for your own tea party on the picnic benches in the park. It is going to be a great FREE day out for all the family. Please check www.dlrevents.ie for more information.

SUMMER CAMP WEDNESDAY, 1ST JULY - TUESDAY 7TH JULY

If there is enough interest Ms. Rafferty and Ms. Toolis will run a Summer Camp in the school during the first five days of the Summer holidays. It will be for children from Junior Infants - 3rd class. If you wish your children to take part there will be a form available for you to complete tomorrow.

TROCAIRE BOXES Please return your Trócaire boxes to the school immediately after the Easter holidays.

Beannachtáir na Cásca oráilbh go leir.



Wishing you all a lovely Easter Holiday.

Sheila FitzGerald, Principal

DIARY DATES

THURS, March 26th	Easter Celebration (school)	11.15 - 12.30pm
FRI March 27th	Easter Holidays	12.15pm
MON April 13th	School re-opens after Holidays	8.50am

FORWARD PLANNING! - SAVE THE DATES

- [Book Fair: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, April 21st, 22nd and 23rd.
- [Fill the Van: Thursday, April 30th. Start collecting unwanted clothing, sheets, curtains, shoes, and handbags for this great charity. Anything good enough will be sold in the NCBI shops for the blind and the rest will be recycled.
- [Referendum Vote: Friday, May 22nd, - the school will be closed as it is always used as a Polling Station.
- [Summer Concert to mark the end of our 25th Anniversary Celebrations: Thursday June 18th, during school hours - more information nearer the time.
- [**SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS ON MONDAY, 31ST AUGUST 2015.**