

## REMINDERS

### Parking

Parents please be mindful when parking around the school and show respect for residents. DO NOT block their driveways while dropping and collecting. The disabled parking spot should only be used by drivers who have a disabled parking sticker.



### School Gate

Please be mindful of classes still going on when you are collecting children at 1.30p.m. and waiting around for the 2.30p.m. collection. We would be grateful if childminders and parents did not use the school garden by the gate as a waiting area.

### Email

Please include your daughters name and CLASS TEACHER in the subject line when emailing the school. Please make sure you add our email address to your contact list to avoid any emails we send going to your SPAM folder.

### Headlice

A "Spring Clean" notice was sent via email to all parents. We are appealing to parents to follow through on this over the Easter holidays. In order for this initiative to be successful everyone must co-operate. We thank you in advance.

### Holy Week Services

Please visit the St. Pius X Church website [www.stpiusx.ie](http://www.stpiusx.ie) or consult the parish newsletter (available at the back of the church) for details of Holy Week services.

The Children's Stations of the Cross takes place on Good Friday, 30th March at 12pm in the St Pius X Church.

### Sports Day 2018

We hope to have our Sports Day on **Friday 8th June** weather permitting. Times are listed on the homepage of our school website.

### Colour Day 23rd March

We had an amazing response to our Colour Day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. We raised €1198. Thank you so much for you generosity.

Happy Easter from all the Staff of St.Pius X GNS



# St.Pius X GNS NEWS



## Easter Holidays

The school will close at 12 noon on Friday 23rd March  
& re-open at 8.45 a.m. on Monday 9th April

# April 2018

Dear Parent(s),

How time is whizzing by...Term 2 is now successfully done and dusted. After Easter the girls will begin their third and final school term on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2018. It was a very short term but it was certainly action packed with lots of learning experiences and activities, plus an additional holiday when The Beast from the East and Storm Emma gave the girls those extra few days off.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> class girls celebrated The Service of Light, and our 2<sup>nd</sup> classes make their First Penance in March, The Camogie season has started up again and this year we are very hopeful with two strong teams to represent the school.

We had Seachtain na Gaeilge in the week leading up to St Patrick's Day and it was great to hear the children saying the "cúpla focail" throughout the school during that week.

As always, none of the learning, sports, activities, sacraments etc. would happen if it weren't for the goodwill and enthusiasm of the staff in the school and I thank them most sincerely for their endless commitment and energy.

This will be the last few months for our 6<sup>th</sup> class girls in their primary school so it will be a time to treasure and remember for them.

Once again a huge thank you to the PA for all the fundraising, after school classes and activities they organise. This extra money provides for those little extras for the children. To you, the Parents for the support you give your children. Parenting is difficult at the best of times, and you do a tremendous job. We have the loveliest children in Dublin to work with.

Have a happy Easter and a great rest.

Le gach dea ghuí,

*Miriam Marron*



### PA Donation

The generous fund raising donation from the PA has been used in many ways since September.

We had a wonderful Music Programme visit each class for 6 weeks called The Mobile Music School. The pupils really enjoyed these interactive workshops. Declan Holmes came to the school to deliver workshops during Science Week. We had a Lego Workshop visit called Bricks4Kidz during Engineers week and our 6<sup>th</sup> class girls went on a retreat to The Dominican Centre for a day.

We are having Blackout Blinds installed in the school hall over the holidays.

The benches out in the front school garden were replaced and our reception area is getting a long overdue face lift soon!

All of these projects and workshops are funded from the donation the Parents Association gave to the school last year. We cannot thank them enough for their ongoing support and dedication.



### Camogie

Camogie season has kicked off again. Unfortunately due to the weather we haven't had much action. All matches will be rescheduled after Easter so here's to a great season ahead.

### Music and choirs at St Pius X GNS

The big buzz this year for the choir is the production of the musical "Alice in Wonderland", and we are putting the finishing touches on the show as we prepare for our performances on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in our PE hall.

Tickets are on sale for the cast until Easter and they will be available to the remainder of the school after Easter. We will present two evening shows and should there be a demand for more, we will add a matinee performance on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 4pm.

The choir are also learning the hymns for the First Communion mass which will be celebrated on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am. They have a lot of work to do this term so they will be very busy singing.

It's not just the choir though who are benefitting from all this singing and music. The school have engaged a company who are providing a six-week music course for all the classes. This musical experience is provided by a company called mobilemusicschool.ie and it is funded from monies raised by the PA.

Currently the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes are attending the workshops and the feedback from all the children and teachers has been very positive.

Happy Easter from the "music team".



### Active Week

Active Week will take place from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. It will kick off with Wake Up Shake in the middle Yard up at 8.30 every morning. It promises to be a very energetic week with lots of activities planned and of course the highlight of the week—the staff versus the students obstacle course! Children can wear their school tracksuit and trainers to school during Active Week.

### Golf

Our Golf lessons in the Spawell Golf Range are in full swing! Children from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> enjoy lessons on a Thursday after school. It is a great way to develop new skills. Due to the weather the course has been unplayable the past few weeks but we will make up any missed lessons after the Easter Break.

### Science

Engineering has been our main STEM focus throughout this term. The various types of engineering were explored in some classes through lego challenges. Bricks4kidz gave a fantastic engineering workshop to the three 4<sup>th</sup> classes. Thanks to engineers Martha Flynn and Colm Reynor from Jacobs Engineering Ireland who talked with the girls about their journeys into engineering and their day to day work. Distributing a variety of materials, they created complex engineering tasks for the girls to complete. A huge thanks also to Eamonn McDonagh (mechanical and process engineer), who visited 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes and gave generously of his time, advising and encouraging the girls as they investigated specific engineering concepts and completed mini engineering projects. A number of girls had the opportunity to watch the movie "Dream Big: Engineering our World" which explores the human ingenuity behind engineering marvels - big and small - and reveals the heart that drives engineers to create better lives for people around the world.

