



Our Lady's Grove Primary School

Newsletter 25th April 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have now settled back into our routine. In preparation for the week off in May there is a hectic schedule ahead of us! At the moment we have 11 student teachers with us until 4th May.

The two 2nd Classes are preparing well for First Holy Communion on Sunday 29th April.

PA will be accepting your donations at the end of this week. The Communion Choir sounds wonderful under our Conductor, Ms. Gearty. The 3rd and 4th Classes had the pleasure of participating in a 'Nature and Science Workshop' given by Mr. Paddy Madden. A huge thanks to Ms. Flanagan who organises all things scientific in our school. The children from 2nd to 6th Classes are preparing for Grove Vision on 4th May.

Santry Trials

In preparation for the Santry trials, the children from 3rd to 6th Classes will participate in two athletic training sessions with Dave Bradshaw, starting next Tuesday 24th April. These training sessions are funded by our PA. We are fortunate and very appreciative to the PA for having Dave's expertise shared with children and teachers alike. Mr. O' Flaherty and Mr. Burke will select the Santry team by Friday 4th May. The Santry dates are 21st and 28th May. Children are reminded to have their runners with them every day.

New Sound System

Our PA has also funded a fantastic new sound system in the Halla. This technology will certainly enhance all future performances in the hall. Our sincere thanks to the Parent Association and to all parents who contribute so generously to the school.

Warm Sunny Days

It is that time of year when the children take off the layers and ask to wear shorts and a polo shirt to school. The PA are hopeful that next year there will be new tracksuit shorts available to purchase. In the absence of school shorts, the children from 1st to 6th Classes should wear navy/dark blue shorts that are just above the knee. Some families have opted to cut the legs off the old tracksuit. This is acceptable so long as they are the appropriate length. Children should refrain from wearing GAA club shorts/soccer shorts/denim shorts.

If the weather is warm on any given day from now on, the children may choose to wear the blue polo top instead of the shirt/blouse and dark blue/navy shorts just above the knee. Junior and Senior Infants continue to wear their own clothes.

Pedestrian Crossing

It is brilliant to see so many parents and children using the pedestrian crossing instead of taking a shortcut through the roundabout. This allows the traffic to flow and ensures that the children are safe. If your car is parked on the opposite side please do not take your children across the road through the traffic. It takes a little longer but it is the preferred route for all. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events for Parents 2018		
Thurs 3rd May	First Holy Communion Photos 2nd Class starting at 9am	
Fri 4th May	Grove Vision 2nd – 6th Classes	
Mon 7th May – Fri 11th May	Mid-term (3) Break – School closed for 5 days	School closed
Tues 15th May	Swimming – 1st Class	
Mon 21st May	Santry – Field Events 3rd – 6th Classes Boys & Girls	
Fri 25th May	Referendum – School closed	School closed
Mon 28th May	Santry – Track Events 3rd – 6th Classes Boys & Girls	
Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June	Active Week	
Tues 29th May	Professional Development Service (PDST) Seminar for teachers – The school will remain closed	School closed
Thurs 31st May	Skipping Workshops – for all	
Fri 1st June	Skipping Workshops – for all	
Mon 4th June	Bank Holiday – School closed	School closed
Thurs 7th June	Annual School hike/walk	
Fri 29th June	Summer Holidays – School closed at 12 Midday	
Thurs 30th August	School reopens for new school year	