



St. Philip's Parish Childrens' Choir

At Mass, Sr. Mary reminded our school that the Church Childrens' Choir welcomes new members. The Childrens' Choir sing at the 10:30 a.m. Childrens' Mass every Sunday and practise every Monday evening at 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Please contact Mrs. O'Connell or Sr. Mary if you would like your child to take part- it is a wonderful choir to be part of!



Bambinelli Sunday (the blessing of the baby Jesus figurines)

A date for your diary from St. Philip's Church Parish Office: The blessing of the baby Jesus figurines takes place on December 15th in St Philip the Apostle Church, Mountview during the 10.30am Mass. If you have a Christmas Crib at home, please bring along your baby Jesus figure.



The Sam Maguire Trophy at St. Philip the Apostle JNS

It was a brilliant honour for our school to receive James Doran from the Senior Dublin Panel, and U21 Captain, along with the Sam Maguire Trophy at our School on Thursday 7th of November. Each of our year groups assembled together and James and Amanda Scallon brought the trophy to each corridor. Well done to all our children who engaged so enthusiastically respectfully with songs (Come on you Boys in Blue) and a range of insightful questions: 'How many points have you scored? What position do you play? Who have been your toughest opponents so far this year? What do you eat to stay healthy?' Well done to all the children. A big thank you too to our teachers for all their preparations including an impressive Dublin Football montage, the Sunday Game theme tune!



Frása na Seachtaine (Phrase of the Week)

Our Irish phrase for this week is:

An maith leat ceapairí? Do you like sandwiches? Is maith liom ceapairí/ Ní maith liom ceapairí We like sandwiches/ we don't like sandwiches

With every good wish,

Jane O'Connell (Principal) Eimear Igoe (Deputy Principal)

St. Philip the Apostle Junior School



November 2019 Newsletter II

Dear Children and Parents,

As you know we have a very exciting week coming next week! **Friendship Week AND Attendance Drive Week** are nearly here!!



Friendship Week &

Attendance Drive!!

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd of November



As you know we really value friendship and positive & supportive relationships at St. Philip the Apostle Junior. Next week we will give a special focus to friendship in our school, and how we can all be a good friend to others and include others in all we say and do in class and in yard.

We also encourage our children to be in school every day as 'Every School Day Counts'. Every day we spend in school is of great value to our learning and social skills. We encourage all children to be in school every day next week in order to fully enjoy from the many friendship activities that we have planned!!



Friendship Week & Attendance Drive continued....

Below is just a sample of some of the activities planned:

Monday: Friendship Week Launch!

Tuesday: WHOLE SCHOOL CINEMA TRIP!

Wednesday: Toy Wednesday: Bring a non-tech toy from home and play with your friend.

Thursday: Art Display

Friday: Prizegiving for classes with best attendance

More Friendship Week Ideas: Friendship Bus Stop during yard time, Circle Time, Acts of Kindness, Friendship stories, Stories of inclusion, Friendship fish!... and many more! 😊



Parents' Association Update

Sincere thanks to all the parents that attended the October Parents' Association Meetings. We greatly appreciate your time. It was very constructive to receive parent feedback on the school's Safety Statement and our Critical Incident Policy. On a lighter note, we appreciate all the ideas put forth by parents for our upcoming Friendship Week which have been woven into the plan for the week. Go raibh mile maith agaibh. We look forward to seeing you at **either** the morning or evening meeting. The proposed dates and times are:

Next Parents' Association Meetings:

December 2019 (i) Thursday 5th of December at 9:15 a.m.

(ii) Thursday 5th of December at 7:00 p.m.



All Welcome!



Gaelbhrtach (Irish Language Flag) Initiative

Well done to our **Gaelbhrtach Committee** who had their first meeting last week! Our Committee Members include pupils from 2nd Class and our staff, and we look forward to welcoming parents to the committee soon.

Coiste Gaelbhrtach (The Irish Flag Committee)

Leon Mullen

Ariadna Dobasu

Lily Weng

Jazib Mahmood

Emily Chen

Patrick Bond

Sophia Khan

Bianca Dumitru

Armani Barbu

Mr. Kelly

Lorraine Boyne SNA

Mrs. O'Connell

Together the committee reviewed some of the Irish language activities in the school to date. The committee looked through the list of recommendations from the *Gaelbhrtach* documents and agreed that together we had some work to do on organising more Irish language signs and labels in the school, as well as thinking about language awareness. It was a very productive start to the Committee's work. Watch this space- more to follow! **Ar aghaigh linn!**



Second Class Pupils at Community Mass

Well done to our Second Class children preparing for First Holy Communion who participated in the 9:15 morning mass earlier this week at St. Philip's Church. The parishioners were most impressed by the lovely songs, prayers of the faithful, and prayers before and after Holy Communion. The children received a blessing from Fr. John. Well done to the children and thank you to the teachers involved- Mr. Conneely, Ms. O'Hare, Ms. Watson, Ms. O'Hora & Ms. Maye.



Dogs Not Allowed on School Grounds

A gentle reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. This is for health & safety reasons as we know that children's contact with dog excrement

poses a health risk and can seriously damage a child's eyesight. We really appreciate your cooperation on this.