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St. Conleth's National School Newsletter

POBLAcht NA h EIREANN. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN - In the name of God and of the dead generations from which the recesses of our old traditions of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summon her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisations, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfractured control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty; six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms in the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences, carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland, and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that so one who serves that cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on Behalf of the Provisional Government,
THOMAS J. CLARKE,
BEAN Mair DEARBHADA THOMAS MacDONAGH,
P. H. PEARSE, EARONN CEANNÓ,
JAMES CONNOLLY, JOSEPH PLUNKETT.

The Easter Proclamation, 1916

1916 Commemoration

On Tuesday 13th October Corporal Gillian Davis and Lieutenant Will Hurley visited our school to present to us the Irish Flag and a copy of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. The children from our 6th classes had prepared a shared presentation and they proudly read the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. They displayed pictures of the seven signatories of the Proclamation so that even the youngest children would be able to understand some of the proceedings.

Their background music was selected with great sympathy and cultural understanding. The audience were treated to a moving rendition of Grace which tells the story of Joseph Mary Plunkett and his fiancé, Grace Clifford. Joseph Plunkett was the youngest signatory of Forógra Poblacht na h-Éireann and was sentenced to death for his part in the rising of Easter 1916. Plunkett was to be executed on May 4th 1916. On the evening of the 3rd of May the night before his execution a priest and Grace visited Plunkett in Kilmainham Gaol and Joseph Plunkett and Grace Clifford were married in a jail cell. The flag was presented to the school and in March 2016 a huge nationwide celebration will take place. Every school in the country will raise the national flag simultaneously and sing the National Anthem. The Proclamation will be displayed in the school foyer alongside the new Proclamation of St. Conleth's National School. This will be composed during the year and we look forward to hearing the children's hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future which our Proclamation will reveal.

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Three P's of a Great Parent-Teacher Conference:
Personal
Positive
Productive

Parent Teacher Meetings

Our Parent-Teacher meetings will take place during the second week of November. School resumes on Monday, November 2nd and the meetings will be scheduled for the week beginning Monday, November 9th. Your meeting provides an opportunity to see how your child is getting on in school, where strengths and weaknesses lie, how they socialise with other children in

the classroom, playground, extra curricular activities etc. You will have an opportunity to voice any concerns you might have. It is also a chance for your teacher to learn more about your child in order that you can work together for your child's success. As our school motto says:- "Ar Aghaidh le Chéile."

Bring and Buy

Our two 6th classes along with their teachers, Mrs. Colleary and Mr. Hughes are currently organising the annual Bring and Buy Sale. This event has always been popular and we are always overwhelmed at your generosity and cooperation. The children have already started gathering and storing saleable items and the price wars will be starting soon. Please donate what you can. The Bring and Buy will be held in school on Friday 23rd October.

There are some competitions which have commenced already, namely 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar.' and 'Guess the doll's name.' The children pay per guess and the prizes for the competitions are the sweet jar and the doll respectively. Pupils from 6th class visit other rooms to give children the opportunity to take part.

The Bring and Buy Project is an entrepreneurship venture for the children in 6th class. The funds raised through their business endeavours will be used to fund trips later in the year.

We thank you for your support and generosity. It is truly appreciated.



Clothing Collection

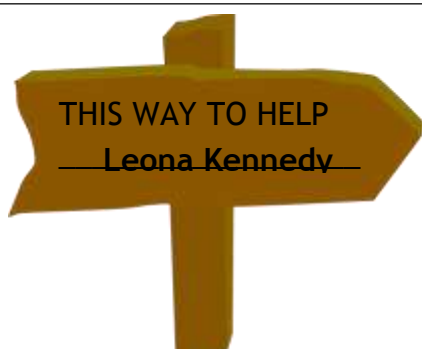
As part of our Green Schools Programme, we ask you to recycle your old clothes. We need to make room for the woolly jumpers. So why not donate your old clothes to the school. Clothes will be collected on November 11th. We are very grateful for your kindness and all money raised funds our Green School Activities.



LauraLynn Charity

At St. Conleth's National School, we are very much aware of those in need and we always try to help others. As part of our Green Schools we are aware of the need to recycle. We have decided to recycle in order to support the LauraLynn Charity. WEEE Ireland have been supporting LauraLynn through their battery recycling campaign for the last number of years, encouraging the public to recycle their waste batteries in blue battery boxes across the country. Every battery recycled goes towards a donation to LauraLynn. To date WEEE Ireland have raised a whopping €185,000 for Ireland's only Children's Hospice, LauraLynn.

We have started to fill our battery boxes at school and we hope to amaze WEEE and LauraLynn with our collection. You have been very kind and the children are really proud when they add more batteries to the boxes. Please continue to donate as this project will run all year. Thank you.



Special Fund Raiser

On Tuesday 20th October the children from 6th Class will host a **Mini-Sports Fun Day** for all the children in the school. All funds will go to the Leona Kennedy Treatment Fund. Leona is a past-pupil of whom we are very proud. We encourage donations of €2 on Tuesday, but all donations are appreciated. Thanks for your support.

Mini-sports

Fun Day

Tuesday

20th October

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Do not leave material lying around that may be taken for a bonfire.
Do not facilitate illegal bonfires or firework displays on or near your home or property.
Contact the Fire Brigade or Local Authority if you see a bonfire being built or lit close to buildings, trees, overhead cables, underground services or car parking areas.
Stay a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks –wind can carry sparks long distances which may cause permanent injuries and scars.
Keep dangerous substances such as oil, petrol, diesel and spray cans away from fires or fireworks
Hazardous Materials like aerosols, foam filled furniture, batteries and tyres will behave erratically and cause toxic fumes.
Parents, businesses and households – Do not provide any materials for bonfires
Do not buy, use or supply fireworks
Respect the Emergency Services, Council Staff and the Gardaí in doing their jobs
Keep pets indoors around Halloween night –they are sensitive to noise
Above All – Be Safe and enjoy Halloween.



SLOW DOWN AROUND SCHOOLS!



Please drive slowly when driving near the school grounds.
When pulling into the parking spaces, please have regard for pedestrians, especially our shorter pedestrians.
Park within visible lines or alongside the other cars to ensure maximum use of available space.
When reversing out please bear in mind that children are difficult to see in rear-view mirrors.
Please do not walk between cars or between parked cars and the wall as children may follow your example.
Please walk on the concrete footpath opposite the school and use the pedestrian crossing.
Enter via the pedestrian gate near the hen-house or the pedestrian swing gates at the main entrance.
There is no pedestrian access via the staff car park near the pre-fabs.
Please obey the volunteer wardens.
Children are not allowed to cycle or use scooters or skates inside the school grounds.
Children using bikes or similar modes of transport should have helmets and all relevant safety gear.
Your cooperation is vital to ensure the safety of the children. Thank you.

A few reminders.....

To avoid injury, children may not play with footballs before 9.20am or after 3pm.

When the bell rings, we must make nice straight lines immediately.

Our hallways are narrow. To avoid congestion access is limited.

We always remind children to WALK through the school corridors. Slippery floors lead to falls.

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Tips for P - T Meetings

Talk to your children. Let them know about the meeting and ask them if there is anything they would like you to raise with their Teacher(s)

If you have any previous reports, check them for progress, trends, repeated behaviour and recommendations.

Come with prepared questions. Jot them down and anything else you want to raise in order to keep focused.

The teacher will usually start with an outline of your child's progress and will probably have examples of their work, test marks etc. So try and keep your questions specific and ask the important ones first

Sample Questions

Obviously emphasis and questions change as your child makes his or her way up through the school, but here is a range of example questions you may find useful.

Is h/she behaving well and trying his/her best?

What area is s/he best at?

Is s/he working to the best of his /her ability?

Does s/he comprehend what s/he reads?

Are there any areas s/he finds difficult? If so what are these specific areas?

Do you have any suggestions as to what I might do at home to help?

Does s/he participate in class?

How does s/he relate to others in the class?

Does s/he hand up homework /assignments on time, completed and at an acceptable level?

Does s/he have difficulty paying attention/following instructions/organising work or notes?

Is there anything about his/her performance or behaviour that you are concerned about?

Is s/he coping with the work?

If your child has learning difficulties clarify what help is available and other courses of action that need to be addressed.

Follow-up

If you need to review anything or arrange a further meeting, phone the secretary at 9553490 to set up an appointment that suits both you and the teacher. Time is limited on the day.

Finally....

Let your children know how the meeting went. They are usually curious to know what their teacher(s) think about them! Give them a fitting reward!

