

Castlehackett NS

Our School Newsletter

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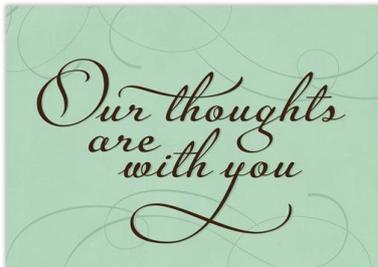
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Tá fáilte mhór romhaibh arís. Tá an tEarrach buailte linn faoi dheireadh agus nach álainn an rud é na huain a fhéiceál ag léim sna páirceanna arís! I gceann tamaillín bhig eile feicimid lus an chromchinn! Chuirfeadh sé gliondar i do chroí istigh. The newborn lambs have arrived and with this comes the spring. It's a fabulous time of year to be in school and boy have we been busy since our last issue.

Note of Sympathy

Firstly on behalf of the whole school community I'd like to express our sympathy to the Burke, Fitzpatrick & Qualter families on the death of Michael Joe Burke. He is in our thoughts and prayers.

At dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasail.



Catholic Schools Week 2015

We celebrated catholic schools week during the month. Many thanks to Mrs Breda McHugh for organising the altar for the children



Open/Enrolment morning

Our Open/Enrolment morning proved to be very successfully. Extra chairs were needed in the room to cater for the large attendance! We are already looking forward to welcoming all our new infants for a half day before the summer holidays. Many thanks to the whole school team who ensured an enjoyable experience was had by all those present.



Spring is in the air!

Our art classes always prove to be a big hit with all the pupils. How about this Spring scene in the junior room!



We aim to please!

The management team in the school attended a seminar on school self evaluation on Thursday 26 February. The staff is always eager to participate in professional development to further improve the teaching and learning in our school.

Mrs Mary Heron's Retirement Function

Mrs Mary Heron was overwhelmed by the large turnout and the generosity shown towards her at her recent retirement function in the school. She is hugely indebted to everybody for the effort they all made. It certainly was a night to remember.



Mary pictured above with her colleagues, the class of 2014, Board of Management, one of her first pupils at Castlehackett NS and with her own family. To the left she is pictured with Martin Fitzpatrick, who welcomed her to Castlehackett NS on her first day, 30 September 1982.

Castlehackett Birdwatchers!

Mr Tom Cuffe and Ms Caithriona Cunningham led a field trip to Belclare Turlough recently. We identified over 20 types of birds there. Who said you had to go to the zoo? We even made the headlines in all the local newspapers!



Happy Retirement

We all wish Ms Therese Burke a long, happy and healthy retirement and we thank her for her many years service and true diligence.



Such a drama!

We thank the Parents Association for purchasing a dress-up station and costumes for the junior room. Drama class will really come to life in the coming weeks!



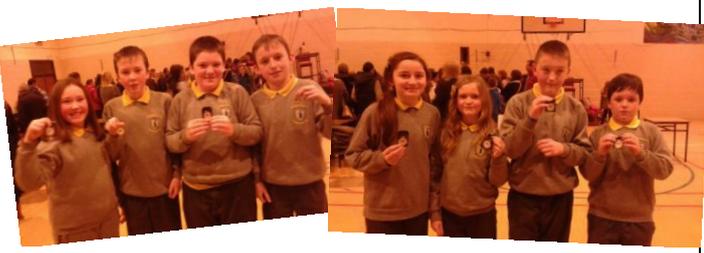
More sporting success

We are very proud of all our sporting achievements in Castlehackett NS. Here is another cup some senior pupils won in a local football competition recently.



Quiz maestros

Congratulations to all the pupils who participated in local table quiz competitions in recent times and well done to our senior team who won first prize at one of these.



NUIG Youth Academy Students

Our talented youth academy students have blazed a trail in N.U.I.G. in recent weeks. We are very proud of their achievements.



The Youth Academy works with high ability fourth, fifth and sixth class primary school children to support their learning and academic development, in partnership with their primary schools. Subjects covered include foreign languages, philosophical discovery, psychology, engineering, English literature, history, film studies, eco-explorers, map adventures and the world in 3D, and information technology.

Can't rain on our parade

We concluded a recent PE session in the shelter when a rain shower arrived! Nothing hold us back!

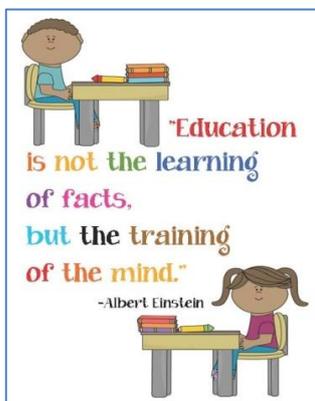


Sacrament of Confirmation

We congratulate our 6th Class on making their confirmation on Friday 27 February in St Brendan's Church, Corrandulla. What excellent role models we have in this class. Well done to them.



Thought for the month



Pancakes for everyone

Pancakes Tuesday brought delight to many pupils' faces on Shrove Tuesday! Well done to Mrs Noelle Gannon and Mrs Breda McHugh for making the pancakes with the children.



Note from the Principal

We recently upgraded our school security and installed a new alarm system. We thank the Board of Management for their financial assistance in this regard. We also eagerly await the arrival of our new iPads next week! We will purchase more iPads when additional funding becomes available. We are very grateful to the Bligh, Clancy & Anderson families who have made this IT development happen for all the pupils of the school.

Go dtí an chéad eagrán eile, slán agus beannacht,

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Fergal Ó Neachtain