

# HOWTH PRIMARY SCHOOL MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

**REMINDER—NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY  
2ND JUNE, MONDAY 5TH & TUESDAY  
6TH. SCHOOL REOPENS ON WEDNESDAY  
7TH**

NEWSLETTER DATE 31/05/17



## ACCOMMODATION/ADMISSIONS

Following a long sequence of communication with Department of Education and Skills we are still waiting a response to our updated submission regarding provision of funds for a four classroom extension. The proposed site works include costings which have been challenged by the Department but which the project design team view as essential. Project costs suggested by DES assume a green field, stand alone construction without a need of structural change to existing buildings. In addition DES figures do not include service provision and necessary demolition work.

While these areas are being negotiated I have asked DES to make immediate provision to accommodate our extra intake class for the start of the 2017/2018 school year. An extension of current rental arrangement re' two temporary classrooms/WC's is required, as is a separate rental contract for an extra (third) temporary classroom/WC's to cater for this extra class.

Since we received initial approval from DES in 2015 this has been a lengthy and complicated process. I would like to put on record my thanks to the members of the Working Party on Accommodation 2015/2020 who have worked alongside me on the project, Mr. Joe Kirwin, Mr. Berchmans Gannon, Rev. Fr. Gerry Tanham, Ms. Michele Sweeney, Ms. Clare Reilly, Mr. Eamon Cassidy, Mr. James Burke

Much has been achieved but there is yet more to do.

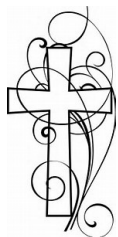
## RETIREMENT

On behalf of all our school community I wish Ms. Moloney all the very best in her upcoming retirement. She has done this school some service over many years and has made an outstanding contribution to Howth Primary School. The place will not be the same without her.

Interviews to appoint her successor will take place next month

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## LUA CLARKE R.I.P

The death of Lua Clarke earlier this month has left the community of Howth shocked and saddened. Over the years she was at the heart of countless local causes and charities. Lua was Brown Owl for

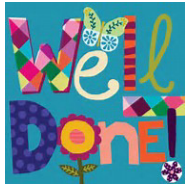
generations of Howth Brownies and ran the annual Summer Project (based in this school) every July with her great friend Bríd Dowd plus loyal helpers. On behalf of everyone in Scoil Mhuire I would like to extend deepest sympathy

to Michael and to all the Clarke family.

Ni bheidh a leithéid ann arís



## GREEN SCHOOL 5TH FLAG



Howth Primary School is among the elite number of primary schools who have been granted a 5th Green Flag (on the theme of diversity). This award by An Taisce is the culmination of a year's whole school planning co-ordinated by our dedicated Green School Team Ms. Sile Moloney, Ms. Roisin Slattery, Ms. Siobhan Bree, Ms. Niamh Keogh and parents Ms. Ann Campbell plus our hardworking pupil's Green Team

## STRAWBERRY FAIR



The Annual Strawberry Fair takes place on Sunday June 18th 12-4pm in the school grounds. Join us for some family fun, with Live Entertainment, Food stalls, Plant stalls, Fair Games and much, much more.

Dads don't forget to sign up for the 5-A Side by sending us an email at [parentsassociation.scoilmhui@gmail.com](mailto:parentsassociation.scoilmhui@gmail.com)

We need the following items: good condition/workable—toys, games, books, handbags, tin cans (eg beans, clean please).

Look out for letters that will be going

in the bags over the next few weeks with full details, and requests for help.

Parents' Association

**N.B. Help is urgently needed if we are to make this day a success,**

**Please sign up to do a stint on one of the stalls, or to help with setting up or the tidying up afterwards.**

### Important Notice re Access road beside Scoil Mhuire National School

In response to the concerns raised by as a result of cars driving up and place between representatives of Scoil Mhuire, Fairyhill Playschool, St. Peter's Terrace Residents, Fingal County Council and the Garda Síochána

many parents/guardians about the safety of the schoolchildren down the access road beside the school, discussions have taken

**Following these discussions, it has been agreed that from May 8<sup>th</sup>, the access road will be closed to cars at school opening and closing times, as below:**

**8.30am - 9.00am      1.25pm - 1.45pm      2.25pm - 2.45pm**

**Parents/guardians are asked to co-operate with this action, which, while it may cause minor inconvenience, is being taken in the interest of the safety of the children.**

Parents/guardians are reminded that there is safe access, via a small pedestrian walkway, to the school/ playschool from Grace O'Malley Drive.

### NEW PARENTS MEETING WELCOME BABY CIARAN

Our meeting for new parents took place earlier this month. It was a pleasure to meet with all the new mothers & fathers of the pupils who will be joining our school community (Junior Infants and

other classes) next year. I would like to thank teachers Ms. Heerey & Ms. Slattery, Parents' Association Chairperson Ms. Durkan and Music Makes Magic coordinator Ms. McGregor.



Congratulations to Ms. Karen Fox on the recent arrival of baby Ciaran.



### SUMMER PROJECT

**ENROLMENT FOR HOWTH SUMMER PROJECT TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY 18TH JUNE IN COLUMBANUS HALL FROM 9.00 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M.**

## CEREMONIES

It has been a hectic time over the past few weeks with sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation in quick succession. Thanks to the class levels involved—(Ms. Nugent, Ms. Clarke & Mr. Burke) our choral directors (Ms. Fox /Ms. Mannix/Ms. Breen), Parish Secretary Ms. Farrell, School Secretary Ms. Lyons, Organist Ms. M. Geheran the wonderful parents who organised receptions in St. Columbanus Hall, Rev. Fr. Gerry Tanham P.P. and Rev. Ray Molony.

### Children for First Holy Communion:

**Ms. Clarke’s Class:** *Annie Caulfield, Emily Cronan, Hazel Edwards, Sophia Fitzpatrick, Andrea Houlihan, Isobel Hughes, Abigail Johnson, Megan Keegan, Ciara Kennedy, Freya Lonergan, Niamh Murphy, Haley Walsh, Susannah Wolfe, Pablo Barbosa Mooney, Oscar Buckowski, Seamus Buckowski, Marcus Espino, Cian Fenlon Richardson, Zachary Francisco, Graham Garbutt, Evan Gibney, Christian Gray, Conor Heerey, Tim Howard, Louis Sanfey*

**Ms. Nugent’s Class:** *Mia Armstrong, Clodagh Brosnan, Olivia Caulfield, Julia Clifford, Hazel Dunleavy, Bridget Hickey Montoro, Katie Hogan, Eva Mae Hyland, Charlotte Maguire, Lianna Murphy, Saoirse Saunders, Isabelle Taylor Fallon, David Adolfo, Kit Brancato, Dylan Breen, Cian Drury, Liam Hiney, Louis Schelbaum, Nicholas Sheridan, Kai Sheridan, Harry Whelan, Sean Wilson, Conor Wilson, Blessing—Jack Ruxton and Victoria Vivat*

**Confirmation Class, Mr. Burke:** *Mathilda de Búrca, Scott Chambers, Grace Doyle, Ryan Chequer, Rachel Fearon, Jack Clancy, Alicia Griffin, Jean Delmouly, Jane Howard, Keith Egan, Emily Keating, Harry Finnerty, Isobel Markey, Ben Hogan, Molly McGurrin, Joe Kelly, Zaak Kelly, Cáit Phelan, Kate Skillington, Daniel Nicholson, Samuel O’Shea, Daniel Sheridan, Daniel Weston, Mia Woodlock*



## CALENDAR JUNE 2017

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Tues 6th(inc)	School Holiday/Public Holiday	School Closed
Friday 16th	Golf Classic & Social Night	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Strawberry Fair	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Sports Day	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Summer Holidays	at 12.00 noon



## TEE-ING OFF FOR TECHNOLOGY—GOLF CLASSIC 16TH JUNE 2017

In order to raise money to provide our pupils with access to the latest technology, Howth Primary School are Tee'ing off for Technology on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at Howth Golf Club, Carrickbrack Road, Howth. We hope to have 20 teams of 4 playing with a tee off time starting at 1.30 p.m. Teams will play throughout the afternoon and after their game, they can enjoy a sumptuous 3 course meal in the clubhouse. Evening entertainment will kick off at 8.00 p.m. with Champagne, canapés and Cash – 'Johnny Cash'. There will be a raffle held on the night with some fantastic prizes up for grabs. Raffle tickets will be on sale before the event Tee off times starting at 1.30 p.m. and will continue throughout the afternoon

Team of 4 players €400

Teebox sponsorship €100

Evening entertainment tickets €25 each

Further information can be received by emailing: [golfclassic.howthprimaryschool@gmail.com](mailto:golfclassic.howthprimaryschool@gmail.com) or ring-ing/texting

Jenny Hutton on 0876879587

It is tee-ing up to be a day and night to remember!



## OUR INCREDIBLE ATHLETICS TEAM!!!

The school athletics team travelled to Santry last week to compete in the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Santry Sports Track and Field Events.

On Monday we competed in the field events and came home with nine medals:

### Gold medal winners:

Rocco Wright won gold in the U11 600m

Grace Doyle won gold in the U12 hurdles

Cait Phelan won gold in the U12 600m

Kate Skillington won gold in the U12 long jump

### Silver medal winners:

Harry Sanfey won silver in the U12 hurdles

Oscar Seymour won silver in the shot putt

### Bronze medal winners:

Molly McGurrin won bronze in the U14 hurdles

Jennifer Gleeson won bronze in the U14 600m

Mabel Jennings won bronze in the U11 hurdles

On Thursday we competed in the track events and came home with even more medals:

The U10's girls (Eva Dillon, Kate Campbell, Abigail Edwards, Melissa Gleeson, Savannah O'Reardan) and U10's boys (Saul McDonald, Ben Lonergan, Séan Rowe, Mark Hogan, Conor Wilson) relay teams both won **gold and a trophy each**. Both trophies are on display in the trophy cabinet. Kate Campbell won **gold in the U10 sprints**.

A special mention to the following teams who all made it to their respective relay finals, following their heats: U11 boys and U11 girls. It was a highly competitive day, with all teams performing brilliantly and they did a great job representing the school.

The team returned to school greeted by huge applause and a guard of honour, thanks to all the pupils and staff who lined the yard to greet the team.

A huge thank you to the PA who organised a bus and ice creams for the athletes and to all those who travelled to Santry to support the team.

We would also like to thank the Parents' Association who provided funding for Colette Quinn (Raheny Shamrocks) who trained the team on Tuesday mornings.

Well done to all the team who attended Tuesday morning and Friday lunchtime training.



## SCHOOL EVENTS—RECENT/CURRENT / ONGOING:

2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Assemblies – thanks to Ms. Mannix and to Ms. Anderson for co-ordinating these enjoyable Events

Cyber Safety workshops and Drug Awareness seminars were given to our senior classes over the past few weeks

5<sup>th</sup> No Uniform Day plus Easter Bunny Raffle raised €1,300 for SLV Children's Charity

We have had a number of student teachers in the school over the past month. I would like to thank the classroom teaches involved who offered these placements

8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Standardised Testing Week

9<sup>th</sup> Principal met all PA Class Representatives

10<sup>th</sup> School Photographer took studio shots of First Holy Communion children in the hall

11<sup>th</sup> In-school Management Team meeting

16<sup>th</sup> New Parents Meeting—it was a pleasure to meet our New Parents and to welcome them into our school community

18<sup>th</sup> Fingal League Finals in Parnell Park. Congratulations to our Girls and Boys teams who have qualified for these finals. Well done to Mr. Burke, Ms. Heerey, Ms. Nugent, Mr. Sunderland, Mr. Cassidy and all involved

19<sup>th</sup> GAA 7's tournament in Ben Éadair CLG

22<sup>nd</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> Santry Field/Track Events. Thanks to Mr. Flynn and Ms. Slattery for all the work over the past few months

22<sup>nd</sup> RSE (Accord) will talk with 5<sup>th</sup> class

22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Management meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> Ms. Slattery and Ms. Heerey welcomed our Junior Infants 2017/18 for an Induction Afternoon

24<sup>th</sup> Our 5<sup>th</sup> Green Flag (Diversity) Award in The Helix

29<sup>th</sup>—June 1<sup>st</sup>—Pupils sponsored walk (weather permitting). Different parts for the various age groups—Children for I.T.!!!

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Peninsula Cup (FAI) at Celtic Park (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class). Best of luck to our school teams.

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## OUTLINE CALENDAR FOR 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR



### August/September

**School Reopens on** Wednesday 30/08/17

### October/November

**Mid Term Break** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (inc)

### December/January

**Christmas Holidays** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January (inc)

### February

**Mid Term Break** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> (inc)

### March / April

**Public Holiday** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March (for St.Patrick's Day)

**Easter Holidays** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April (inc)

### May

**Public Holiday/School Holiday** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

### June

**Public Holiday/School Holiday** Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> (inc)

**Summer Holidays** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

We would like to thank those parents who have sent in their voluntary contribution. As a Voluntary Non fee-paying Primary School we are highly dependent financially on the monies raised through the Voluntary Contribution. We are most grateful for the generous response from parents to date, however the sums so far received are inadequate to meet the shortfall in day to day operating expenses and Capital Expenditure out-goings. We have a wonderful and vibrant school community. Howth Primary School has superb facilities— heated sports hall, , Green Room, SEN wing, etc.). Your financial support is essential in order that this learning environment can be maintained and developed.

We would be very grateful for a generous response.

Your child is worth it!