



# Howth Primary School June 2017 Newsletter

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## Thanks to all our volunteers

An occasion like our recent Strawberry Fair is not an ordinary event. Months of planning and preparation, countless hours of work by teams of volunteers are essential to making this annual fundraiser a success. Walking around the school grounds that Sunday I was so impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the various stall holders and by those organizing the huge number of events that made the day so special. On behalf of all our school community but especially on behalf of our pupils I would like to thank the organizing PA team

which coordinated this year's amazing Fair and to all who supported or sponsored in any way. The money raised €10,000 exceeded expectations and will be used to improve your child's learning environment at Howth Primary School.

The previous Friday, 16th June, saw our wonderful Golf Classic (to raise funds for Information Technology in the school) taking place in the beautiful surroundings of Howth Golf Club with 17 teams showcasing their golfing skills and enjoying a well deserved meal in the Club

House afterwards. Later on a superb social night of music and dancing to Johnny Cash tribute band Walk the Line was enjoyed by the huge crowd.

I worked with the organizing committee (Jenny Hutton, Marina Fagan, Sandra O'Rourke, Eamon Cassidy, Ashley Sheridan and Rupert Haines) over the three months in advance of this major event and would like to take this occasion to thank them for their hard work, unflagging enthusiasm and support as we planned for this very special day.

*Ar aghaidh le chéile!*

## End of year 2016/17

On behalf of our school community I would like to thank the many people who gave their time and energy to various school projects throughout the past year, whether on an individual basis or through involvement in groups such as Board of Management, Parents' Association, School Violin Project etc.

Your support, enthusiasm and commitment is very much appreciated.

Enjoy the summer break. I look forward to welcoming all pupils (current and new), parents, teachers and staff to 2017/18 school year which starts Wednesday 30th August 2017.



## Accommodation

The Department of Education and Skills has made a grant offer of €708,000 for construction of a 4 classroom extension to the school. this figure represents a significant advance on the initial €230,000 which was proposed in 2015. Following consultation with the school architect and our design team and a review of the conditions attached to this new offer we will prepare a

formal response (the required next stage of the process). It has been a tortuously long road to get to this point and as we stand on the threshold of an exciting new chapter in the history of Howth Primary School, I would like to thank pupils, parents, teachers, school staff and Board of Management for their unstinting support and encouragement over the past five years. I would

particularly like to thank the members of our working party (headed by school architect Ms. Michele Sweeney) Mr. Joe Kirwin, Mr. Berchmans Gannon, Rev. Fr. Gerry Tanham, Ms. Clare Reilly, Mr. Eamon Cassidy, Mr. James Burke .



## Strawberry Fair

Congratulations to everyone who organised and participated in this year's PSG Strawberry Fair which was an outstanding success. Our superb MC Nicky McLoughlin ensured the afternoon was one of non stop enjoyment with talent show, barbeque area, auction, novelties, book stalls, face painting etc. etc Well done to all!, especially Ms. Dee Durkin director of the day's events.



## Award Ceremony 2017

This year we held an award ceremony during the final week of term. Awards include Sport, Music, Irish language and Art.

See Award Winners on our website!!!

## Summer Project

The Annual Howth Summer Project takes place here in the school during the summer holidays. It started on Monday 3rd July and continued for two weeks ending on Friday 14th. As always it was filled to the brim with activities to keep children from 4 years of age up to fifteen happy and busy. It is really great to see this continuing—it is a marvellous tribute to Lua who had everything organised and ready to go before her untimely death last month.

May she rest in peace.



## Summer Camp

Mr. Burke's Summer Camp will take place from Monday 24th August running until Friday 28th. Just like his Easter Camp it too will keep children (up to twelve years of age) engaged and happy. Each day camp starts at ten o'clock and con-

tinues until two o'clock. Something for everyone—enjoy!



## Highlights of a very busy school year

- Tea/Tissues reception for new parents
- Walk on Wednesdays
- Blessing ceremony for new classrooms
- Howth Celtic Fun Day
- To Hell and Back
- GAA 7's
- After School Club
- Music Makes Magic—every one of our 395 pupils play violin/viola/cello
- Junior Infants photographs
- Tag Rugby Blitz
- School choir sing at launch of new RNLI lifeboat Sister Anne
- Parents' Association AGM
- Mass to celebrate start of new academic year
- School Cross Country events
- Maths Week (Oct 17th—20th )
- Sportscon
- Tag Rugby
- Chess
- French lessons
- Coder Dojo
- Fencing
- School Orchestra
- Athletics
- Irish Dancing
- Singing (Sharon Lyons)
- Speech & Drama
- HSE Vaccinations MMR, Hearing and Vision Testing
- Cumann na mBunscoil finals in Croke Park. Congratulations again to our Girls Senior GAA team (coached by Mr. J. Burke). Well done to Mr. Sunderland whose Boys team were League Champions
- Science Week (November). Thanks to Mr. Jeremy Skillington (parent) for coordinating lectures/presentations by



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Prof. M. Cope / Ms. M. McGregor to mark Science Week 2016

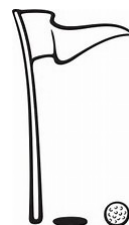
Book Fair

- Book Fair
- Music Makes Magic Open Days
- Parent / Teacher meetings
- Book Fair 2016
- Visit of Sam Maguire plus members of Dublin Senior Football team
- Three Tenors performance with our school choir
- School's Squash league
- Taste of Christmas / Variety Show
- PA Bake Sale and Raffle
- Santa's visit
- Children's Nativity pageant
- Fire Drills
- Catholic Schools Week
- Hip Hop
- Trowel on Thursday
- Sacramental preparation (2nd/6th classes)
- Dogs Trust presentations for Sen. Infants & First Classes
- Standardized Testing Week
- Information sessions/workshops n drugs 5th / 6th classes
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Daffodil Day coffee morning (our 14th ) for Irish Cancer Society
- Tin Whistle classes (4th classes)
- Cyber Safety workshops for pupils and for parents
- New Parents' meeting and Induction afternoon for Junior Infants 2017/18
- Santry Track & Field events
- Green Flag (our fifth Green Flag) award in The Helix
- Sponsored school walks
- Annual school Soccer Tournament
- Soccer—Peninsula Cup 2017
- Fingal League Finals— congratulations to our girls and boys teams



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- Hockey Blitz
- School Tours
- Golf Classic (Tee Off for Technology)
- Strawberry Fair 2017
- School's Tennis Tournament
- School Sports
- End of Year Awards ceremony
- Graduation Mass / Ceremony



## Class Allocation 2017/18

Class	Teacher	Room Number
Junior Infants	A. Heerey	6
	R. Slattery	7
Senior Infants	I. Sunderland	8
	L. Anderson	9
1 <sup>st</sup> Class	D. Duane	5
	N. O'Hanlon	4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	C. Fagan Barrett	2
	E. Maher	1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	C. Reilly	10
	A. Nugent	3
4 <sup>th</sup> Class	E. Cassidy	13
	M. O'Donnell	14
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	S. Breen	Multi Purpose Room Prefab
	D. Flynn	
6 <sup>th</sup> Class	J. Burke	Prefab

# Outline Calendar for 2017/2018

## August/September

School Reopens on Wednesday 30/08/17

Sen. Infs—6th class will finish at 12.15p.m.

Planning Afternoon for Teaching Staff

## TIMETABLE FOR JUNIOR INFANTS:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 9 00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sep. to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September: 8.50 a.m. – 12 noon

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> onwards - Normal Timetable 8.50 a.m.— 1.30 p.m.

## 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