



Parents Connect

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Proclamation Day

In March, Aideen invited us to a part take in a school event that was a tribute and celebration in honour of the heroes of 1916. It was narrated by Ms O'Shea and Ms Maguire with excellent clarity & passion. The tribute included the children who sadly lost their lives during the struggle for independence. This dedication was quite fitting for a country's celebration and renewed my pride for the people involved and to be an Irish citizen also. They will never be forgotten. We also had some wonderful singing and then we all moved outside for the reading of the Proclamation followed by the raising of the Irish Flag.

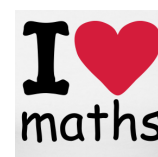


Thank you to all involved.

Anne Lynden

Maths

Ms. Nangle organised for a group of us from the parent's group to begin doing Maths classes with the wonderful Ms. Doyle last October. This included sitting in with our daughters at Maths lessons. I have enjoyed getting back to Maths and to the classroom and it was great doing homework with my daughter. Doing Maths again has given me a lot more confidence.



Martina Mc Kenna & Cathy Hislop

Movie Makers!!!

The parents group made a short film to remember the children who died in the Easter Rising of 1916. Our film told 7 stories, lasted 7 minutes, celebrated 7 signatories and remembered 7 towers. It was shown to the full school, parents and the Board of Management on the 22nd April. It went down very well and we had lots of fun making it. It took a lot of work and many film takes, but it was well worth it—a lovely piece of film in the end.

Well done to all involved.

Madeleine Geoghean

Happy St Patrick's Day!



St Patrick's Day and local History

We had a great day celebrating St Patrick's Day with all the students and teachers. There was a market and then some amazing entertainment followed by a Ceilí for the whole school—students, staff and parents. A big thanks also to Ms O'Connor who came in to give the parents group a talk on some of the history of Whitehall and the surrounding area. It was very interesting. We love having Ms O'Connor in to the group with her great stories and a bit of banter.

Fiona Crowley and Annita Doyle

Gardening

WE started the gardening group in January and we cleaned and planted areas in the patio. It is very rewarding to see how well the patio now looks. I would advise any parent to get involved next year. A big thanks to the mams and dads that helped over the year. See you all in September.



Sue McLoughlin

First Aid



CPR

The parents group did a CPR class with Ms Clonan. She showed us how to clear the air way and put the patient into the recovery position. We also learned how to do CPR on a child.

FAST

Ms Clonan explained how **FAST** is vital in recognising somebody that may have symptoms of a stroke - Face , Arm , Speech , Time.

Get an ambulance.

Anne Flood and Pam Rice

Cookery

The parents group always look forward to our lessons with Emily. This year we learned how to make Lemon Drizzle cake, scones and jam. Remember homemade food is much tastier, costs less than bought food and is much healthier. I wonder what we will make next year ???

Emma Tunncliffe

Book Circle

This year we got involved in a book circle. Each week we discussed different types of books—some made us laugh, others made us cry. This involvement in reading will help the school achieve the 'Well Read' award.

Susan Gahan



The Casino in Marino—Our summer trip

The Casino is a Bijou and unique 18th-century country house offering tours of its 16 opulent, neo-classical rooms. It's an amazing place, really a treasure. Our guide had great stories about the architectural tricks of the building, the hidden drainage and the bubble windows that disguises the inside from the outside, the tunnels ... It's really worth a visit and it's so close to town, such a stunning view over Dublin Bay ... How the other half lived!

Roma Garrett

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Keep the family busy by reading over the summer!!!

Lynda Bellew

