

What's Up @ St. Michael's

April 2017

Welcome back to all our pupils, staff and families after the Easter break. On the last day of term some of the older children created a fun Easter egg hunt for the junior room in the school grounds- little gangs of bunny rabbits were hopping around in the sun keeping fit and having fun!!

A group of Senior room pupils performed a song and dance routine at the St Finbarre's Cathedral 'Come Sing' event this term and were very impressive. Junior room had a musical outing to the Cork Pops event at City Hall.

We all enjoyed dressing up and doing activities for world book day-including a whole school singing session 'All about the books'.

Junior room pupils performed a assembly in the church and taught us a new song about Zaccheus.



St Michael's has received a Gold Badge for digital learning from the All Aboard 2017 initiative!!



We have revamped our website to make it easier for pupils to upload blogs etc and to be more user friendly. Please check it out www.stmichaelscoi.com and follow us on facebook or twitter to hear the latest news.

All schools received IT funding this year. We are awaiting delivery of some i-pads and laptops for the classrooms. We are extremely appreciative to the Parents association for topping up the fund.

We are still awaiting further news on when our new classroom building will commence but have an update shortly.

Is Aoibhinn Linn Gaeilge

During the Easter term we held a very successful 'Feis Scoile' for Seachtain na Gaeilge in the Rockies hall. We had dancers from the Attridge Academy to teach us some steps for a céilí, a ball room dancing display from the junior room ,several singing groups and a few poets ! We were very impressed with the talent and the Gaeilge. We are planning on making this an annual event and next year we will be inviting the parents to come along.

The school inspector visited St Michael's this term and told us that the children were doing really well in both speaking and writing in Irish –Maith Sibh !!!

For the Summer term we will be presenting certificates to the children who make a special effort to speak Irish –'Gaelgeoirí na Seachtaine'.Beatha teanga í a labhairt !

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Active School Programme

Our hurling sessions at the Rockies will now be outdoors on the pitches (weather permitting)

St Michael's pupils were very successful at the recent schools swimming gala and even brought home several medals!

Some senior room pupils also took part in the hockey blitz held in Garryduff and enjoyed meeting the other schools at this.

Soccer training also continues with St Finnbarres. We will be beginning tennis coaching for all pupils in St Michael's club for the summer term shortly - we will keep you posted on this.

Thanks to all the parents who make these activities possible.

This week is 'Get Active' Week and we will be doing 60mins of physical activity each day!



Projects

Green Schools - The pupil's committee are working on the Litter area of this campaign. They have introduced 'wrapper free Wednesday' in an attempt to reduce the litter in our bins.

Please check out our DPSM (Discover Primary Science and Maths) submission on the projects tab of the website. We hope to achieve a top award this year as the pupils have done great work.

Important Notices

The School will be closed on Monday 01 May for a bank holiday and on Tuesday 09 May for a Staff Curriculum Day.

The Senior Room school tour will be on 22nd May to an outdoor activity centre and the Titanic Experience. The Junior Room will be going to Fota on 02 June.

Extra Curricular

Any parents interested in the after-school Art classes for their children please see Nikki at the school ☺ Classes will start Monday 08 May. Summer Camps Registrations now open.

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