



## General News

### Special Class

We are excited to be opening a special class for six students with an Autism Spectrum diagnosis as part of our mainstream school. We have held a meeting for parents with our Special Educational Needs Organiser (SENO) and are pleased to report that there is strong support for this development. A teacher and two Special Needs Assistants will be appointed to this class. In the summer term we will be organising a vote for pupils to name this class.

### New Classroom

Our new classroom build is almost finished so it will definitely be complete before Summer break.

### School Yard

A very generous group of parents spent a full Saturday upgrading our 'shelters' and garden spaces. We are so delighted with the colourful results. We have also had a number of useful items donated to the school. Thanks so much to all involved.

**Visiting Teachers:** This term we welcomed Steffi and Liza who are teachers from Germany to our school as part of their Erasmus programme. They were a wonderful addition to our school and taught us a lot about Germany. The French teacher of the class the 5th and 6th class pupils did their etwinning projects with last year visited us for a week. Marie Emmanuel brought news, cards and gifts from her pupils in Nantes.



School will finish on Friday at 11.30am..

We thank all our families for the support this term and wish you all a pleasant Easter break.

## S.T.E.M

3rd and 4th class are taking part in a project with the Lifetime Lab called 'Marine Explorers' and have visited the lab for a workshop this term.

Junior pupils have been doing some very exciting experiments about plant

## Active Schools

All classes have been taking part in Gaelic football training every Thursday with coaches from St Michael's GAA. First to sixth class have hurling with the Rockies on Mondays. Junior and senior infants have begun 'fundamental movement skills' on Mondays at Blackrock hurling club also. After Easter we will be taking part in 'The Daily Mile' programme ensuring our pupils are walking/running for at least 15 minutes every day.

Five senior boys took part in the Cork Sports Partnership rowing blitz in Neptune Stadium last week and represented us really well!!

In the summer term we are also looking forward to having tennis lessons in St Michael's Club across the road.

## Outings

First to 6th class attended the annual musical at Ashton School. This year it was 'Alice in Wonderland'.

Junior Room pupils were spotted 'down the line' in Blackrock on a mysterious bear hunt as part of their literacy unit based on the book 'We are going on a Bear Hunt'



## Events

The following evening events have been organised:

A National Parent's Council RSE (Relationships and Sexuality) talk will be delivered by Mary O Mahony on 30th April at 7 pm at the school. The talk will be about 2 hours long and Mary stresses it will be unsuitable for children :)

We will hold a Sponsored Walk in connection with 'Active School's Week' each class will be doing a fitness walk on the 10th May. The Parent's Association will be preparing cards and funds will go towards the running costs of events.



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Past pupil of St Michael's !!! Well done Okwu 🥳🥳



**Ashton School @ashton\_school**

Congratulations to first year student Okwu Backari who came first place in both 60m hurdles and long jump and finished second place in 60m sprints in the All Ireland Indoors Athletics Championships.



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## Music

Ms Binions continues to visit the Junior Room each Thursday for song singing and music lessons. Senior pupils have the opportunity to attend choir with Ms Chow on Thursday afternoons. Some of the choir members will be performing at the Cork Choral festival in May.

## Gaeilge

Bhí an-spórt ar fad againn an seachtain sin! Bhí banna ceol againn i rang 4 agus 5 agus rinne siad fiseán ceoil le cheile. Bhí feis aginn le amhráin, dánta agus dramaíocht. Freisin scríobh roinnt daltaí a chuid leabhair féin don comórtas 'Scríobh leabhar' eagraithe ag Conradh na Gaeilge..