

# What's Up @ St Michael's

Spring Term – March 2018

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We are extremely grateful to the Parents association for funding the purchase of a new Interactive Whiteboard for the senior room. Please feel free to come and have a look at it! Thanks also to John Kennedy for sourcing us a few free laptops and to Jody Sinnott for doing some computer repairs for us.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are currently exploring the Easter story through the Follow Me programme. We have also been learning the 'Ár nAthair' as Gaeilge. We enjoy our assembly at St Michael's church every Friday morning. This term our Mother's Day assembly was beautifully presented by the middle room.

## DRAMA/MUSIC

During the summer term we will be preparing our musical performance 'Alice in Wonderland'. As always we are focused on building skills and confidence and enjoyment for the pupils.

## STAY SAFE/CHILD PROTECTION

The staff and board have prepared a new risk assessment and Child Safeguarding statement in line with recent DES and TUSLA procedures. These will be available to view after Easter.

## AISTEAR/OUTDOOR PLAY

We are planning on developing our yard and outdoor play space into an inspiring space for creative play by making a large chalk board, picnic/games area and hopefully a sandbox among other activities. We are looking for donations of larger outdoor toys that may be no longer be in use - play houses, scooters, slides, toy kitchens etc. We don't have the budget for these things! We also need large tyres. We will require help to construct the area and/or IDEAS. This will be fantastic if we can get it up and running:) Aistear themes we have been exploring are playschool, airport and castles and construction.

## BOOK WEEK

Due to snow we rescheduled Book Week and character dress up until this week. We have loads of engaging book themed activities planned -keep an eye on the website for reports and blogs.

## DATES

23 April	Senior Room Bio Energy W/Shop
23 - 27 April	Active Schools Week
01 June	Visit by Deirdre Clune, Mep to talk about the work of the EU
7 June	Inter-School Sports
15 June	School Sports Day
21 June	Alice in Wonderland Play
29 June	End of Year - Half Day - Service, not yet confirmed

## Active School Programme

Ms O'Brien and Ms Mythen completed a course in 'Fundamental Movement Skills' and brought back lots of ideas for PE. The senior room pupils are on week 4 of the Tri Hero's Triathlon programme with Cork Sports Partnership. Break time hockey training for pupils from 1st class up takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Ms O'Donovan. We look forward to beginning tennis for all classes after the Easter break. We will soon begin preparations for the Inter-schools sports competitions. To cover the cost of the events this year there will be a fee of 8 euro per pupil per sport event they take part in. Our school sports day is planned for June 15<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting)

## Projects

### DPSM (Discovery Primary Science and Maths)

Engineers Week was the STEAM highlight of this term with a range of activities planned for all classes. We constructed bridges, explored engineering elements in story, had visits from engineers, attended workshops and for International Women's Day we learned about some amazing female engineers.

### DIGITAL SCHOOLS

Senior room pupils also achieved their individual Google CS First 'Story telling' coding certificates! They have now moved on to the more challenging 'Creating Art' module. We can hardly keep up!!

### FOOD DUDES

The school is currently taking part in the Food Dudes Programme and the children are enjoying trying various fruits and veggies each day.

## Gaeilge

Táimid ag baint an taitneamh as an Gaeilge faoi lathair. Bhí na hardranganna pairteach sa scéim 'Scríobh Leabhair' and fiú fuair cuid acu gradaim!!! Bhí gach rang an ghnóthach le linn seachtain na Gaeilge. Bhí ealaín agus Corpoideachas trí Gaeilge againn, rinne, amhránaíocht, scannán, tráth na gceist agus Feis scoile againn

We are thankful for all the support and interest you have shown in school activities this term. We wish all our amazing pupils and families an enjoyable Easter break

## Extra Curricular

Krafti Kidz Art classes with Nikki continue on Mondays after school from Monday 09 April.

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