**Newsletter**

**29th April 2016**

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

**National Award Winners!**

We are thrilled to announce that our 5th Class team – Andrei, Briana and Emilin, who were national finalists in the ‘Scratch’ computer programming competition have won a prize for ‘Best Technical Sophistication’ for their project. This is an outstanding achievement. 800 projects were submitted from school across Ireland. Just 34 were selected as finalists, from both primary and secondary schools. The childrens’ award for ‘Best Technical Sophistication’ was across all categories, even the secondary schools! We are enormously proud of the children and congratulated them at assembly this morning. Our congratulations and thanks also to Mr. Kerr and Pirooz, one of our volunteers, who taught and supported the children.

**Feis Átha Cliath**

Our 5th and 6th Class took part in a special Irish dance competition this week, Feis Átha Cliath. The children have been practising hard and performed four-hand and eight-hand dances for the judges. There were lots of schools from across Dublin and we were delighted that four of our teams in 6th Class won medals! Congratulations! Our thanks to our Irish dance teacher, Aedín Uí Mhaoileidigh who prepared the children so well and to Ms. Graham, Dolores, Mr. Kerr, Amy and Ms. King who supported the children on the day.

**Summer Works Scheme**

The Department of Education announced €30 million of funding for upgrading schools this summer. We are delighted to let you know that we are on the list of schools to have a full upgrade of our electrical systems, including re-wiring and new fire alarm system to make our building safer and more modern.

**SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday, 1st June**

On Wednesday, 1st June, the school will close at 12 noon for staff training on the new language curriculum.

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done all families for overall attendance for the month of April of 95%. Best attendance was in 2nd Class with 96.8%, well done!

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| **REMINDER:**  **Mid-Term Break – School is closed next week – Monday 2nd to Friday 6th May. We re-open on Monday, 9th May from 8.40 a.m. for Breakfast Club.** |

**Dates for your diary**

10th May – Ceremony of Light (Confirmation)

12th May – Confirmation at 11.00am

29th May – First Communion at 11.45am

**1st June – School closes at 12 noon** for staff training in new language curriculum

6th June – Bank Holiday – school closed

10th June – International Day

30th June – School finishes at 12 noon

The **Active Schools** team have attached a Fact Sheet on encouraging your child to be active on the back of the newsletter. Do have a read and get out and about with your child if you can over the holiday. Have a lovely time!

Éadaoin Kelly - Principal