**Newsletter**

**15th May 2017**

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

**News from last week**

On Tuesday, we were delighted to host an after-school activity for families with Julianne, our ‘Reader in Residence’ from Dublin City Libraries. The group of Senior Infants and their parents met together to share stories and complete activities about what they read.

On Thursday, 5th Class visited the Hugh Lane Art Gallery on Parnell Square as part of their learning in art.

The Local Education Committee launched a leaflet for families outlining all of the after-school clubs and activities for children in the area on Friday. Look out for a copy which will come home to all children this week.

**Walk to School Week**

This week is ‘Walk to School Week’. We encourage all families to walk to school as much as they can. If you already walk to school, that’s great! If you don’t, perhaps you could park a little further away and walk the rest of the journey, or maybe get off the bus one stop early! We look forward to hearing about your journey walking to school.

**Romanian Language Institute**

Thank you to the families who attended a meeting on Thursday about an after-school class to develop their child’s Romanian language skills and learn about Romanian culture and traditions. Any families interested who did not attend the meeting should contact the office to add their child’s name to the list. We hope with enough interest that we can start classes from September 2017.

**Mid-Term Reminder**

A reminder that we will be closed for four days in June – Thursday 1st June, Friday, 2nd June, Monday 5th June and Tuesday, 6th June.

**Dates for your diary**

16th May – 5th Class to Aviva Stadium

19th May – Ms. Calvey’s Class to the Ark

Sunday, 21st May – First Holy Communion for 2nd Class Catholic children at 11.45 a.m.

23rd May – Athletics team to Santry Stadium

25th May – 4th Class to ‘Squirrel Scramble’

29th May – Junior Infants to Newgrange Farm

29th May – 5th Class to SurfDock

**Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd, Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th June – School Closed for Mid-Term**

7th June – 3rd Class to Trinity Sports

9th June – 6th Class to Carlingford

13th June – 5th Class to National Gallery

27th June – Whole-School Performance

29th June – 6th Class Graduation

30th June – School closes at 12 noon for Summer Holidays

**Attendance and punctuality**

Well done to Ms. Barry’s Senior Infants and 4th Class who both had 100% attendance this week! The classes will be sharing our attendance trophy this week.

**Fidget Spinners**

You will all be familiar with the current craze ‘fidget spinners’. We would ask please that children do not bring these to school from now on. If children do have them at school, we will ask them to put them in their bag until home time.

Best wishes,

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Principal