

Bunscoil Loreto Newsletter – May 2015

<p>Parents’ Association have been very busy of late raising money to fund initiatives in our school. We would like to thank all those involved in the running of our Easter Raffle. We would particularly like to thank Bridgewater Shopping Centre for sponsoring the prizes. We are thrilled to say that €800 was raised by this event. We, as always appreciate the work of our Parents Association on behalf of the pupils in Bunscoil Loreto.</p>	<p>Our Green Schools Co-Ordinator Alan Cowman organised a very successful launch on Wednesday 6th May of our new Walk on Wednesday /Cycle on Wednesday/ Park and Stride initiative. This is known in school as WOW/COW. Pupils are now encouraged as part of our Green Flag for Travel to walk or cycle on Wednesdays. For those living too far away to do either, we encourage them to park and stride or car pool. This is all working towards a cleaner environment.</p>	<p>On April 21st spelling champions from all over County Wexford descended on Bunscoil Loreto to compete in the Eason’s Spelling Bee Competition. It was an amazing and inspiring event to see such talented academics compete under pressure and maintain composure! We are very proud of Adrianna Rutkovska who represented Bunscoil Loreto. Congratulations to Dara Tuinstra representing Gorey Educate Together who claimed the crown. See the Eason’s Spelling Bee website to read more about this event.</p>
<p>Anne Dixon came and gave a fantastic presentation on healthy eating for children referring to suitable school lunches. It was most informative and we thank Anne sincerely for giving freely of her time and expertise to the parents of our pupils.</p>	<p>On Monday next 11th May our school orchestra will travel to the National Concert Hall to compete in the Walton’s Music for Schools Competition. We would like to sincerely thank Niall Quillinan for his hard work and dedication which has brought us to this point. A recital was held for parents on Thursday 7th May and it was enjoyed by all. It is wonderful to share these moments with our school community and we thank parents as always for their support.</p>	<p>School tours are beginning during the month of May. These are a wonderful experience for our pupils, where they gain an educational experience outside of their classroom environment. Some fantastic social skills are developed also on days like these.</p>
<p>As we are all very aware, Ireland has a referendum coming up on May 22nd. The returning officer for Wexford has contacted Bunscoil Loreto to inform us that our school will be needed for voting purposes. In the interest of Child Protection we therefore must close the school on that date. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.</p>	<p>Rackard League Camogie is currently in full swing. We congratulate all the girls who made the final team and wish them every success. Thanks to Therese Kehoe and Siobhan Doyle for mentoring the team.</p>	<p>Next week County Wexford will host the GAA Feile. As we are a Rackard League school we hope to receive a visit from one of the Feile dignitaries. We look forward to welcoming them to our school.</p>
<p>Each year Loreto Primary Schools gather together to celebrate through music and song the Loreto connection. This year the gathering will be held in Loreto Junior School in Crumlin. Ann Marie Lynch’s second class will represent us at the event. We know they will have a wonderful time and will perform beautifully.</p>	<p>Gillian Bailey from the Irish Hockey Association is currently giving Cindy Doyle and Marie O Mahony’s third class a “taster” session of hockey as part of the Tricks for Sticks scheme.</p>	<p>Fourth class participated in a workshop in Raven Point, Sloblands recently. They were given the opportunity to study mini beasts in their natural habitat. They finished their trip with a picnic and walk on Curracloe beach. This was a very enjoyable experience for all.</p>
<p>Hurling 365 is going from strength to strength and we are thrilled that it has now started on Wednesday mornings for the pupils of our 1st classes. We thank Brendan Travers, Alan Cowman James Byrne, Siobhan Doyle, Therese Kehoe, Marian Keohane and Aislinn Mythen for their input.</p>	<p>First Holy Communion will take place on May 23rd for the pupils of Bunscoil Loreto. This is the first year that we will have a co-educational group and it is a very exciting change. We wish all our second class pupils a wonderful day on May 23rd.</p>	<p>At present in our school we are conducting the standardised tests. These will indicate to us how pupils are achieving in both Literacy and Numeracy. Our work on comprehension and reading is continuing in Literacy and our focus for Numeracy remains on problem solving. The National Adult Literacy Agency developed the website www.helpmykidlearn.ie. This provides some suggestions for enjoyable activities in which parents and their children can learn.</p>
<p>Our Confirmation takes place today, May 8th. We hope that the Holy Spirit will guide and protect all our 6th class pupils through their lives. Confirmation is a beautiful occasion where families can join together to celebrate. We hope all our families have a wonderful celebration. Thanks to Therese Kehoe, Susan Kavanagh and Ann Marie Whelan for all their work with the pupils. Thanks also to Kate O Keeffe, Claire Thompson and Niall Quillinan for preparing the choir for the occasion. Next year Confirmation will take place for the pupils of Bunscoil Loreto on May 12th 2016.</p>		

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We have lots of news on fundraising coming on stream for you! Our pitch project has finally got a green light and we are heavily involved in fundraising to make the dream a reality. Thanks to those parents who have volunteered to help out with this and don't worry.....there's always room for more! Upcoming events include:

COPPER TRAIL THURSDAY

This involves pupils bringing any small coin to school on Thursdays. 1c, 2c and 5c coins are welcomed. These coins are collected in the classrooms and there will be a prize for the class who collects the most. Thanks to Paula Quinn for organising this event.

FUNDRAISING FASHION SHOW

Our student council aided by Claire Thompson and Ann Marie Lynch have organised a recycling fashion show on Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm. Pupils from 3rd to 6th classes are encouraged to create an outfit from recycled/unwanted materials and they will model their outfit at the fashion show. Tickets to attend the fashion show cost €5. We look forward to viewing the work of some of Ireland's newest designers!

SCRAP METAL COLLECTION

On Friday June 12th and Saturday June 13th we will hold a scrap metal collection in Bunscoil Loreto. We would really appreciate if you can collect any unwanted metal from family and friends to donate to this collection. Also on these days we will ask for bags of clothes and mobile phones. Maybe it's time to do a big clear out! We would really appreciate any help with this collection. If you would help with collecting metal or if you know someone that could help out, we would be thrilled if you could inform us.

SCHOOL MEMORIES

Hopefully at this point you will have noticed our facebook page for fundraising. This page will be used exclusively by our fundraising committee. We are starting our own version of the "ice water bucket challenge" soon so keep your eyes peeled. Our challenge is to upload a photo of yourself from your schooldays and to donate to a specified number. Keep an eye on the fundraising page and be prepared to be nominated! All details will be posted soon.

RUN/WALK

Thanks to the parents who volunteered to help with organising a 5k walk at the beginning of the next school year. A meeting was held last night and the wheels are in motion. It will take place at 5pm on Saturday 12th September. There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

YOUR EVENT

If you would like to run an event or have good fundraising ideas that you would like to put to the committee please do not hesitate to contact our office. Our committee is led by chairperson Breda O Donoghue and our secretary is Marian Keohane. Many thanks to them and to all other committee members. We really appreciate their dedication to Bunscoil Loreto and to the improvement of the facilities for our pupils.

