

BAY ESTATE GAZETTE



Our School Newsletter

MATHS AND SCIENCE WEEKS

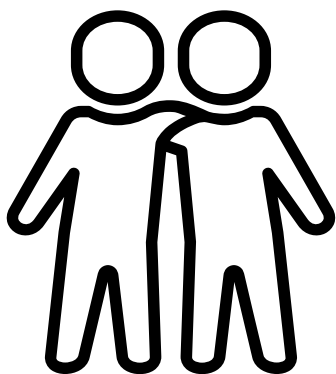
Once again we ran two very successful Maths and Science weeks this term. Maths week took place in October and Science week took place in November. During both of these weeks, the pupils participated in many interactive activities and engaged their problem-solving skills. New science experiments were explored and attempted, while some classes availed of trips to the local museum. Both the Maths and Science weeks were a great opportunity for us to demonstrate to our pupils the 'living' maths and science that surrounds us each day.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Our school celebrated Anti-bullying Week on Monday 21st-Friday 25th November, we are very proud to be a KiVa School and we continuously work together to stop bullying. Odd Socks Day was a fun and colourful way to celebrate our uniqueness which was enjoyed by our pupils and staff. Some of our classes had the opportunity to participate in the creation of a 'Kindness Statement' in collaboration with the DCU Anti-bullying Centre. All Classes attended Assembly with Ms. Jones during Anti-bullying Week. Children produced Posters, Slogans, and Poems around the theme of anti-bullying and these are on display around the school. The children enjoyed a variety of fun stories, activities, and team-building experiences in their classrooms throughout the week. Many of our pupils were awarded Friendship certificates for showing kindness to others. Well done to everyone for taking part in our very successful Anti-bullying Week.

(KiVa Anti-bullying Programme for Parents Guide is available on our school website)



PEACE PROMS



The choir's preparations for Peace Proms 2023 are well underway! The children have been busy rehearsing over lunchtime and are nearly performance ready. The pupils will attend a workshop in Dublin on the 7th of December with other choirs from around the country. We are very excited about our performance in the RDS on February 5th, 2023.

Reminder: Parents who wish to attend the concert can purchase tickets on www.peaceproms.com.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

13 amazing shows will run in the school this Christmas. A list of the shows, their dates, and start times has been emailed to the relevant classes. A copy of the schedule is also available on our website. Please refer to the Events & News section on the website for the schedule.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Our annual Christmas jumper day for pupils and staff will take place on Tuesday, the 20th of December. This year's event is being organised by our student council. The council have decided to raise funds for Alzheimer's & Crumlin Children's hospital. A donation of €2 per pupil would be gratefully appreciated, if possible.

CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

It is hoped that we can, once again, facilitate our annual Christmas food drive this year whereby our pupils and families would donate items of non-perishable food to the local Soup Kitchen charity. We would really appreciate your support with this and hopefully, your contributions, as always, will make a big difference in the lives of those less fortunate. The last day for donating food is Monday, the 19th of December.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Our student council consists of democratically elected members from our 5th and 6th classes. The students have been busy holding weekly lunchtime meetings. Our student council have started doing weekly school news videos that have proven to be a great hit with everyone. They are also organising a School Christmas Day on Tuesday, December 20th. Everyone will be encouraged to wear something "Christmassy". There will be a Christmas karaoke singalong and more fun to be had!



GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

The Green Schools Committee have been working hard in trying to create a greener Scoil Mhuire na nGael. The committee consists of students from Senior Infants to 6th Class. The students are currently examining the theme of 'Litter and Waste' and working towards the school gaining a much coveted green flag for the school.



PAYPAL VISIT

Mr. Ryan's 4th Class were fortunate enough to view the world of work recently with a site visit to the PayPal facility in Dundalk. The students had to sing for their supper, treating the employees there to some Christmas carols. The students presented PayPal with some incredible decorations for their Christmas tree as well as turning on the tree lights. It was a memorable experience for all of the students.



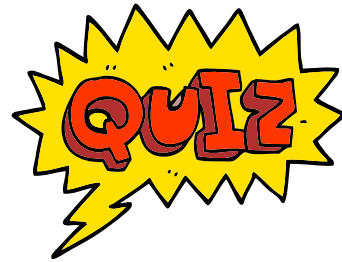


CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL FOOTBALL

Prior to the Halloween break, our talented boys' Gaelic football team qualified for the final of Corn Sheamus Ó Maoltaile. Although unsuccessful on the day, the team performed very well. We are so proud of them !

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL QUIZ

A massive congratulations to our Cumann na mBunscol quiz teams who represented the school at both local and district levels. Both teams performed very well and we are very proud of them. Thank you to the pupils, parents, and staff members who contributed to the events.



BASKETBALL BLITZ



The boys and girls from 5th and 6th class took part in a basketball blitz in St Joseph's on Wednesday, the 23rd of November. Both teams came out victorious on the day. The school also had a mixed team who also won their matches. Well done to Miss Cunningham and our basketball teams on their successful outing.

FOOD DUDES

Our children were so excited to participate in the healthy eating programme 'Food Dudes'. All the children had the opportunity to try different fresh fruit and vegetables, which were delivered to our school daily. While doing so, they earned some cool rewards! Special thanks to our student council for all of their help with the fresh produce. Just like the children were encouraged to make healthy choices by their Food Dude Heroes at school, hopefully, they all continue to ditch the 'Junk Punks' at home!

