

Le Chéile ETNS

Newsletter

12/04/2024



From the Principal's Desk,

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3. School Photos have been taken and a big thank you to all our parent volunteers who assisted and especially Sonia who organised. We are aware it conflicted with the end of Ramadan so we will ensure that doesn't happen again.

Now to the hot topic of the moment, when will the Hot School Meals start? Our electrical work is complete and ovens have been delivered. The launch date is the 19th of April, on that day lunchboxes be delivered and a speaker from the Lunchbag.ie will visit all the classes. The first day meals will be delivered is Tuesday the 23rd of April. Before that we will send you the login and app details.. You will still need to empty the lunch box and put int back in the bag every day. We look forward to this scheme and with your help it will be a success. Many thanks, Susan

Susan's Pokemon Club has now finished and 6th class basketball will be on Fridays until the local tournament.

Le Chéile's Chess Club



The school is delighted to be able to share the news with you that Le Chéile's chess team has come in first place in the Drogheda Primary Schools' Chess League for 2023/24. Huge congratulations to the team: Tara Turcin, Michal Pszkit, Logan McMonagle, Finn Kelly and Lucas Ge who achieved some outstanding victories throughout the year against some tough local opposition. Le Chéile's chess team will attend an award ceremony in the coming weeks organised by the Drogheda Chess Club. They will be presented with the cup

and they will each be presented with a plaque on the night. In addition, Tara, our first ever female captain, will be presented with an individual board prize for flawless play and achieving the highest score on an individual board throughout the competition. All the regular training and practice has paid off and thanks must go to Maurice O Connor who is a master chess player and attended many of the club's lunchtime sessions. We really appreciated him sharing his expertise with the club members. A big thank you must go to all of the children in the chess club, 12 in all, who were dedicated to the club since last October and gave up many yard breaks and represented the school so well in competition. Well done to all of you. There will no doubt be plenty of new talent to emerge for next year and hopefully we can retain the strong position the school currently holds. (No pressure 5th class!)

Monica



Keeping Childhood Smartphone Free Initiative

6th class have now surveyed pupils from Junior Infants to 3rd about the use of technology. The senior classes will complete their survey on -line and 6th class will get back to us with the results.



Le Chéile Five-Week Draw

Our immensely popular Le Chéile 5-Week-Draw is back! We call on our fabulous students to get involved in fundraising for Le Chéile. Each child receives a card to join, however, participation is of course voluntary.

Students can sell a single week's entry for €2.00, or €10.00 for a full line for five weeks. There is space for up to five names on the card. A great way to get friends and family involved!

Over 5 weeks, the weekly Star Prize is €100.00, and we will have two Bonus Draws for €50 each week. In addition, for each of the three winning tickets the student who sold them will receive €20.00.

Proceeds will go directly towards supporting the school with resources and events that will benefit the students. Draws will take place on the following dates during school hours and under supervision of members from the Fundraising Committee, the Student Council and the school's principal, Susan McCullen.

- Friday 26th April 2024
- Friday 3rd May 2024
- Friday 17th May 2024
- Friday 24th May 2024
- Friday 31st May 2024

Please kindly return completed cards and money collected to the school by **Monday, 22nd April 2024**. Children can return cards to their class teacher or alternatively parents and guardians are welcome to drop off the cards at the school office.

Should you have any questions or require additional cards, please contact us by e-mail us on lecheilefundraising16@gmail.com or through your class rep. The Le Chéile PTA & Fundraising Committee

Green Schools

Meet our Green School Committee- Freya McGill and Teagan Nowell from 6th Class, Juliette Keegan and Zack Murray from 5th Class, Stephen Latchannah and Susie Jackson from 4th Class and Sakura Haga and Maja Rogowska from 3rd Class. Our teacher representatives are Heather and Lorraine. We are passionate about making environmental awareness and action an intrinsic part of the life and ethos of our school. Green Schools is an international environmental education programme, offering a well-defined, controllable way for schools to take environmental issues from the curriculum and apply them to the day-to-day running of their school.

We are currently working towards achieving our first flag which focuses on litter and waste. This means we are examining the impact of litter and waste on the environment and exploring practical means for reducing and minimising the amount of litter and waste produced by the school.



The Green Schools programme is based on 7 Steps

- 1- Setting up a Green School School Committee
- 2- Undertaking an Environmental Review
- 3- Putting an Action Plan in Place
- 4- Monitoring and Evaluating
- 5- Curriculum Work
- 6- Informing and Involving
- 7- Green Code

We are currently undertaking our Environmental Review and have chosen a Green Code

'Don't be bitter, recycle your litter' We are looking forward to celebrating 'Earth Day' on April 22nd and 'Green School Marine Week' on April 15th- 22nd

6th Class Sinead's Big Win



Congrats to Sinead in 6th class whose team are this year's Girls Under 14 All Ireland Division 1 Club Champions.

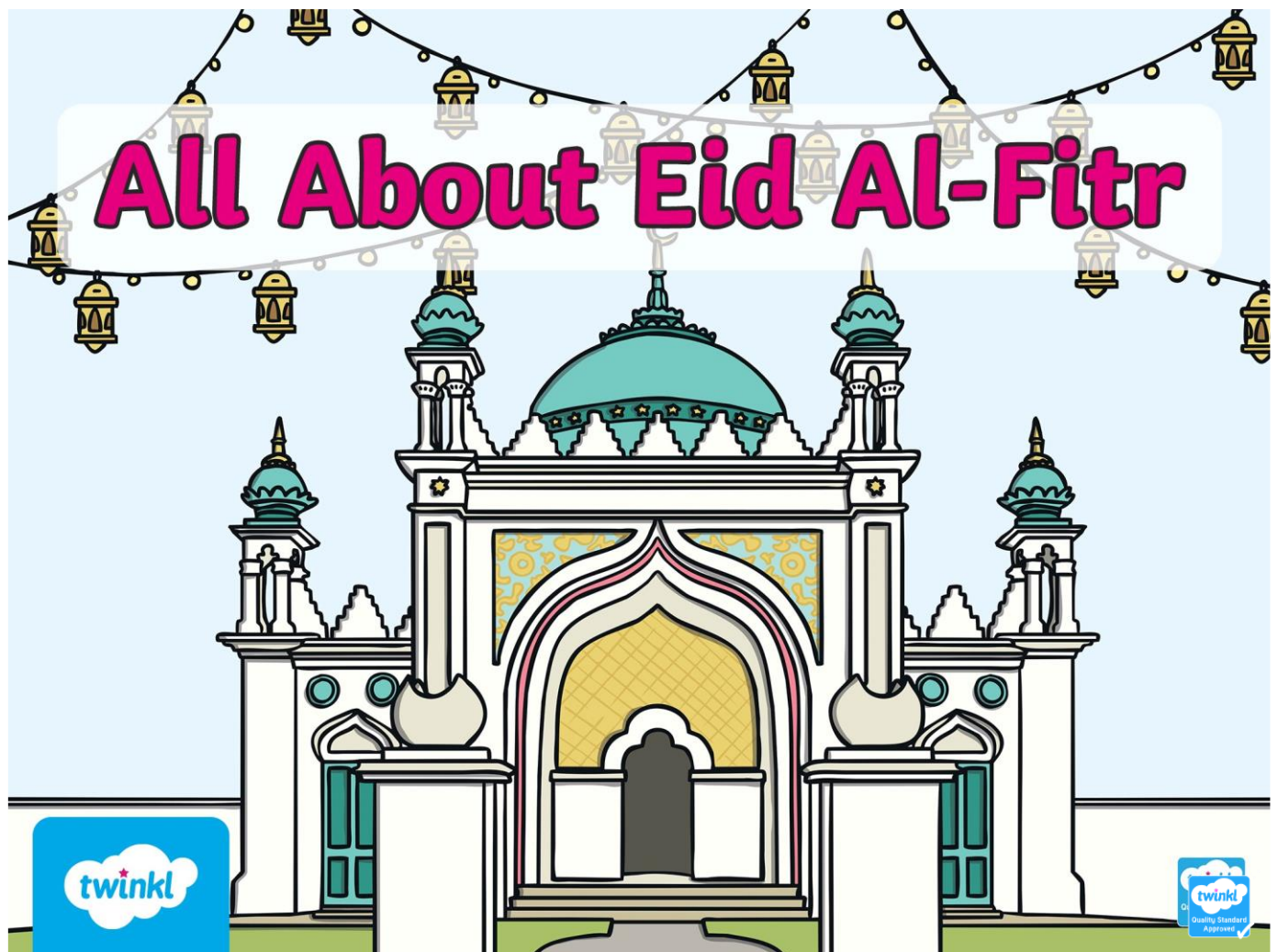
2nd Class Plant Drive

Second class are extremely proud of their yard. The child donated a huge amount of plants for our beautiful painted tyres. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed including a local lady who gave some mature plants from her garden. We now have a tiny orchard, a vegetable garden and even managed to plant a total of 39 trees around the grounds. A special thank you to Honorata Butt (Zara's Mum) for donating a huge collection of trees and to Simone, Jake and Amy Larder for helping with the planting. Thank you also to Erin and Niamh for help with planting too.

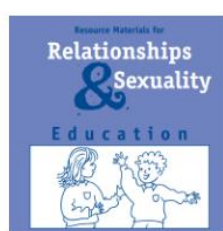
Please mind our saplings and small plants on the grounds and don't let child pull them up!

Assembly

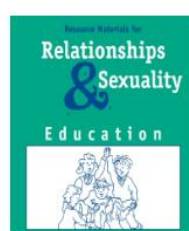
Thank you to 4th class for leading our recent assembly to mark the end of Ramadan. We hope all our children celebrating had a wonderful time.



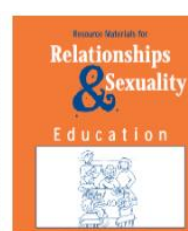
RSE REMINDER: We have taken a whole school approach for RSE instruction this year, which will continue on Thursday April 18th, 25th and May 2nd. If you have opted your child out you should drop them to school at 10:30am (not earlier please) on these dates



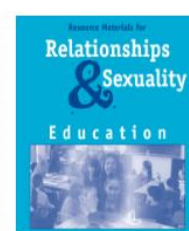
Junior & Senior Infants



1st & 2nd Classes



3rd & 4th Classes



5th & 6th Classes

School Tours

Links and information for the school tours will be sent from next week. If your child won't be attending please let the office know as the price of venues and buses is increasing and larger buses are more expensive again. Thanks for your help on this.

Passport Renewals

We are happy to help with this but please make an appointment through the office. Both parents must be present and have brought their own passport identification.

School Bus Transport

To avoid disappointment, please ensure you have applied through the on-line portal for next year's bus places. The closing date is Friday the 26th of April.

School Closure

The school will be closed on Tuesday the 21st of May to facilitate Curriculum Maths training.

Collection Reminder

If you need to collect your early please note that you should not collect between 10:55 - 11:15 and 12:30 - 1:30

Value of the Month

Congratulations to the pupils who were awarded with a certificate for espousing the value of Equality and Fairness for the month of March. The value for April is Empathy.

