

Parent's Association

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Congratulations to all students, volunteers and teachers who assisted with and participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade! Greystones Educate Together won a Greystones Town Council award for most original entry.

Coffee Mornings

The PA will be hosting coffee mornings in the coming weeks and months. Check out PA website <http://www.greystonesetpa.org/> for more information.

Bring and Buy Sale

The PA is planning a Bring and Buy Sale for the end of May, with more details to follow soon.

Race Night

We had a very successful fund raising event during March with the Race Night event. Even though the turnout was low, 2600 euro was raised. The PA will be working towards surveying parents in the coming months so that we ensure that the events planned are the kind of events that parents and teachers will look forward to participating in.

.Principals Thoughts

As we wind down from another hard working term, I would like to thank all the volunteer parents who have assisted with fundraising events, gardening, library reading, etc and now hopefully with the launch of the exciting new FOOD DUDES programme, which you will hear more about next term. Every term brings something different to the life of the school, and sometimes a repeat of a popular course e.g. Dee and the Irish Dancing for St. Patrick's Day. We have also really appreciated having the obliging and talented students from North Carolina with us this term. We wish them BON VOYAGE. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer for anything next term, so that we can begin the vetting procedure in accordance with our Child Protection Policy. Happy Easter everyone.

NEWSFLASH: Harry Fortune in 3rd Class has won an award in the Tesco Art Competition, which had 30,000 entrants.

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Easter has a Hungarian theme this year. Denes's mum, Monika, is helping us to prepare with a little Hungarian rhyme to be learned. She is also telling the classes about fun Hungarian customs.



SAFETY

The back door of the school is not to be used, except in an EMERGENCY

SCHOOL BUS

Many children have availed of the school bus this year, which is a wonderful facility to have at our disposal. For 2011/2012 school year, there will be a new charge of €50 for those living outside the 3.2km limit. All parents who use the bus should have sent in their applications by March 31. New entrants into the school may still apply.

Healthy Eating Policy

GETNS has a new Healthy Eating Policy, please do not include sugary foods in your child's lunch. Check the website for this and other policies.

Awards

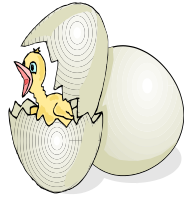
Fantastic achievements in 3 classes. Hana Swan won 1st prize in the Wicklow Handwriting Competition with Robin Keogh & Roisin Furlong receiving recommendations. Claudia Hamilton won the "Write a Book" award in 3rd class with her book "Alfie Goes Missing". All the books will be on display in the Library soon. Well done to all!!! We have entered 3rd, 4th and 5th class in Discovery Science, in the hope of achieving the award again this year.

SCHOOL TRIPS have nearly all been booked and hopefully the weather will be fine next term for everyone to enjoy them



Gross Motor Exercise Programme

Started in January and is well established at this stage. We are all working hard in the Wicklow Room every morning. Last week was our Personal Targets Session and we were proud as peacocks to reach our targets. On Fridays we bring a different friend from each class and share the activities. Happy Easter from the G.M.E.P Kids and the Resource Team.



1st Class have worked really hard this term. We entered the INTO EBS Handwriting Competition in February and had 2 winners in the class. Well done to Hana Swan and Robin Keogh, and also well done on the whole class for making such a huge effort in writing neatly! We did a project on the Big Blue Whale which we really loved! We learned about games our grandparents played when they were young and Julia's Granny came in to tell us about games she played when she was young. We learned how to play a game called Jax which was great fun. This month we are learning about India. Mirra's parents came in and told us lots of interesting facts and they even brought us some Indian treats to taste. We had great fun with the two American teachers, who taught us about the Giant's Causeway and Mendhi Art from India.



Student Council: We are delighted that the children have elected members from every class to their student council. They have held several meetings now with the Deputy Principal, Geraldine.

They have discussed some very interesting ideas and already some of these can be seen in action, for example the use of play equipment at lunch times. Well done everyone.

EAL

In March, children from Aoife's EAL groups went to Knocksink Woods & Education Center to learn about plants, animals and Spring time. We had lots of fun.



Junior infants have had a very busy term. They have been planting radishes, onions and garlic with the help of Sarah and Hannah, who have been in every week to help us with our gardening skills. Marley's Mum Emma did a complete course of yoga with the children which they absolutely adored. Mondays will not be the same without her and we thank her most sincerely for all her time and patience. The children have also been working with our American students Kerry and Calah on different Art projects which they are very excited about. I wish you all a lovely Easter and hope the weather stays nice for the Easter Egg Hunts!

Emmet's Senior Infants

We have been having a great time this term, learning a lot of rhymes like *Gross Patch* and *I Saw a Ship a Sailing*. We have been exploring our five senses, experimenting with magnets and floating boats made out of recycled materials. We have made beautiful spring pictures, clay frogs and we had lots of fun working with fabrics to dress people who do different jobs. Finally swim lessons are going well, with Wednesday the new favourite day of the week. Have an enjoyable Easter break.

Birthday Invitations:

Reminder to everyone that birthday invitations are not to be distributed in class unless there is one for everyone.

Food Dudes: Is an exciting new programme to encourage children to eat fruit. We will need some help from parents to distribute the fruit for 16 days of the next term starting May 5th. For more information or if you would like to help please phone Jessica 087646-7771.