

Taney Parish Primary School

Newsletter: Easter 2017



The time is flying by - here we are at the end of another term and Spring is here, in theory! Easter is later this year so hopefully we will have a nice warm sunny Easter break. **Remember that School will close for Easter at 12.00 noon on Friday 7th April and we re-open on Monday 24th April at 8.30 a.m.**

Before Christmas, we held a collection at the Church door after both Junior and Senior Carol Services and we are delighted to say that due to the generosity of Taney parents, a total of €1,727.90 was collected and went to Focus Ireland to help with the homelessness problem.

Each year we like to organise an event that will get all the pupils involved in helping others less fortunate than themselves. With this in mind we re-introduced food boxes through the Charity called Crosscare who run the Crosscare Food Bank. Crosscare's aim is to provide food to disadvantaged families in the Dublin area who are living below the poverty line.



A box was placed in each classroom and we asked the children to bring in dry goods together with festive treats. This year Crosscare were able to make up special "Goodie" bags for the 40 families who came into them before Christmas and they also received a very full basic food parcel with plenty of extras.

Well done to all the pupils and parents who were so generous and know that this made such a difference to a lot of people's lives at Christmas.

This week, we have placed more Crosscare boxes in the classrooms so remember to bring in some dry food and perhaps some Easter treats to help others over the Easter holidays.

Church of Ireland College of Education

The school has been hosting several students from the Church of Ireland Centre at DCU Institute of Education. We thank all the students for their hard work and diligent preparation, and wish them well in the remainder of their studies and in their future teaching careers.

Staff News

We were delighted to welcome Mrs. Carpenter back to school on Wednesday 8th March – a huge thank you to Mrs. Martin who did a fantastic job as Acting Principal in Mrs. Carpenter's absence and Mrs. Christie who was Acting Deputy Principal. Mrs. Martin was also delighted to get back to 6th Class! Our thanks go to Mr. David Edgar, who taught Mrs. Martin's class while she was Acting Principal – we are very grateful to him for covering the entirety of this period.

Many congratulations to Ms. Sarah Warren (3rd Class) on her recent engagement.

P.T.A. Table Quiz

We kicked off the New Year with our annual Table Quiz which was held on Friday 10th February upstairs in the Goat Grill. It was a great success and very well attended as usual. Eoin Pearson, as always, did a great job as Quizmaster. We held a fantastic raffle

on the night with lots of great prizes which were donated by local businesses and parents in the school. A very healthy profit of just over €1,750 was made on the night and this will go directly into fundraising efforts over the year. A big thank you to everyone who supported us.

Credit Union

This continues to go from strength to strength. We currently have around 120 savers in the School, with both parents and pupils in 6th Class volunteering each week on a rota basis. If anyone would like to volunteer or become a saver please contact Lynn Hanley at lynnchanley@gmail.com and she will be in touch.

P.T.A. Information Night

Every Spring, the P.T.A. organises a Parent Information evening. This year we had lined up Ciaran Ruddock to talk to us about the benefits of good nutrition and healthy eating, incorporating healthy lunch boxes. This talk was due to take place on Monday 27th March but unfortunately, due to lack of interest, we had to cancel this event.

Active Flag

The whole school continues to work enthusiastically towards our Active Flag. The classrooms and playgrounds are buzzing with activity and the playground leaders continue to encourage everyone to be active.

At 10.00 a.m. on the 10th February, the whole school participated in the Operation Transformation 10 @ 10. Primary Schools across the country took part in a mass physical activity break for 10 minutes. Classes here in Taney Parish Primary School arranged a variety of physical activities. These activities included Wake Up Videos, Geocentric Workouts, Zumba, Yoga, Dancing, Hurdles, Shot Putt and Indoor Recess.

Next term, the whole school will be participating in a running initiative. Ms. Dolan's 6th class is currently working very hard to organise this activity.

Next term we are also looking forward to organising a Skipathon. Every class will be setting skipping targets such as: How many skips can you do in a minute and how many skips can you do without stopping? The children will aim to improve the records they set at the beginning of the term. As a reward for all their hard work and to continue to promote physical activity in the school, the money raised will go towards Active

School Week which will take place in June. We hope to provide some active and exciting surprises for the children.

The children will be busy with their artistic skills for this Skipathon, designing cards for the sponsorship card cover competition. As was done previously with the Sponsored Walk cards, the winning pictures, one from the Junior classes and one from the Senior classes, will be on the Skipathon sponsorship cards. More



information to follow next term in relation to this.

Sponsored Walk

We are very aware and mindful not to overload parents with fundraising so, with this in mind, we have decided to forego the Sponsored Walk this year to give you all a break!

Sports Update

Boys' Hockey

As Easter approaches and boys' hockey draws to a close, we have had a terrific season. The 6th class 11-a-side team had an amazing run in their secondary



The victorious 6th Class A team with their cup!

school league – reaching the semi-finals, eventually losing out to King’s Hospital 4-2. For the first time ever, all three 5th and 6th Class boys’ 8-a-side teams reached their respective primary school league finals, which took place on Monday 3rd April. The 6th Class A team won their match, while the other two teams had to settle for runner-up spots.

4th Class boys and girls enjoyed their first taste of inter-school matches with friendly matches organised against Whitechurch. We will finish the season with a tournament which will involve all 2nd to 6th Class boys and promises to be great fun. Finally, a big thank you to all the coaches who’ve developed and honed our boys’ hockey skills throughout the year.

Girls’ Hockey

It has been a successful season for the girls’ hockey, with 3 teams playing league matches and all the other girls enjoying the coaching and mini tournaments.

The A team played in a league which was very tightly contested by the top 4 teams. They won 3 of their matches, drew 2 and very narrowly lost one. As each match was played, they grew stronger as a team.

The B team played 6 league matches this season and had a mix of wins and losses. They came 3rd overall out of 7 schools taking part in their league.

We had super performances and enthusiasm from the 5th Class girls and they all got a chance to play some league hockey on the C team. There were mixed results, but a great improvement in skills and understanding of the game. The girls will be ready to go by next year!

They are looking forward to the annual Leinster school tournament which is being played at the end of the week.

Boys’ Soccer

Boys’ soccer has been in full swing since January with all four teams progressing well through the league and cup competitions. There have been some tremendous wins with great play from all the boys at all the different levels. Although there will be no more training after Easter to make way for Summer Sports, there will still be some matches to play. Thanks to all the mums and dads that have supported and helped throughout the year. We have had some fun times playing in all sorts of weather. Hopefully we will have some medals to show for it!

Senior Girls’ Soccer

Senior girls’ soccer is going from strength to strength, with 17 girls currently in the squad and more players signed up to join after Easter, when training will switch from Thursdays to Fridays. The team has had wins in both the cup and the league, and as a young team have more than held their own against older and bigger opponents.

Summer Sports

We are really looking forward to starting our summer sports after Easter. We will be running cricket for 6th Class in Marlay Park on Wednesday afternoons. There will be cricket and athletics for 4th and 5th Classes, also in Marlay Park, on Wednesday afternoons. 1st to 3rd Classes can look forward to junior soccer starting up again on Thursday afternoons in Marlay Park and girls’ senior soccer will move from Thursday afternoons in Leicester Celtic to Friday afternoons in Marlay Park.

The Morton Cup (7-a-side) (Boys and Girls)

The Morton Cup is our very popular annual school football tournament and it is split into a separate girls and boys competition. It is being held this year on Wednesday 14th June in Wayside Celtic Football club from 4.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. It is open to all 3rd to 6th Class pupils and we hope as many as possible will attend.

The Sports Committee would like to thank all the team managers who help with the organisation of the matches, not to mention the thankless task of kit washing and also the various parents who help with the transport of gear to various venues throughout the year. The Sports Committee is run by volunteer parents and we are always looking for help to organise our sports. If you are able to help, please contact Kate Collins at taneysportscommittee@gmail.com

P.T.A. Committee Vacancies 2017

We have a three-year turnover in the P.T.A. and we are looking for four parents to join our Committee in September 2017. We will be looking for four Ordinary Members. It is highly recommended to join the P.T.A. as it is a fantastic way to get to know both the teachers and parents in the school and also it is a very nice way to give something back. If you are interested in joining us on the P.T.A., please contact Viv Cox at taneypta@gmail.com who will be very happy to meet with anyone to discuss what is involved etc.

Taney Church and School Night Out

This year, to strengthen the link between the Parish and the school, the Church together with the P.T.A. will be hosting an end of term celebration. The Summer Hog-Roast BBQ will be held on Friday 16th June at 7.00 p.m. in Taney Church grounds. There will be live music and tables may be booked with your friends if you wish. This is an over 18s only event!

Upcoming Events

The Summer Term is usually a very busy one and this year is no exception. The school, P.T.A. and Sports Committee have a number of events to organise. As ever, we will be on the hunt for volunteers for some of those events!

Dates for your Diary

Day/Date/Time	Event
Fri 7th April: 12.00 noon	School closes for Easter Holidays
Mon 24th April: 8.30 a.m.	School re-opens after Easter Holidays
Mon 1st May	May Bank Holiday – no School
Wed 10th May: 9.00 – 10.00	Meeting of Parents of New Entrants to Jnr Infants Sept 2017
Wed 17th May: 10.00 – 11.30	Junior Swimming Display, Loughlinstown Pool
Wed 24th May: 19.00 – 20.00	Annual School Concert, Robert Smyth Hall (limited to participants and families)
Wed 24th May/Thurs 25th May: 13.30 – 14.00	New Junior Infants come to school to meet teacher
Fri 2nd June: 11.00 – 13.00	Annual Sports Day in Marlay Park (if bad weather the fall back date is Thurs 8th June)
Mon 5th June	June Bank Holiday – no School
Thurs 8th June: 19.00 – 21.00	Irish Dancing Display, Robert Smyth Hall (room only for dancers and their families)
Sat 10th June	Taney Parish Fete
Tues 13th June	52nd Annual General Meeting of the P.T.A.
Wed 14th June: 10.00- 11.30	Senior Swimming Display, Loughlinstown Pool
Wed 14th June: 16.30 – 19.30	Morton Cup (Soccer Tournament) Wayside Celtic Football Club
Fri 16th June	Church and PTA/School Night Out BBQ
Fri 23rd June: 12.45 – 14.15	6th Class Graduation Service in Taney Church followed by Reception in School
Fri 30th June: 12.00 noon	School closes for Summer holidays.
Wed 30th August: 8.30 a.m.	School re-opens for New School Year

Both the school and the P.T.A. would like to express their gratitude to all parents and children in the school for your continued support and attendance at all our fundraising events.

Have a wonderful and Happy Easter

