

# Taney Parish Primary School

## Newsletter: Easter 2016



The time is flying by and here we are at the end of another term! Spring is here and the sun is doing its best to shine through all those rain clouds so hopefully we will have a nice warm sunny Easter break.

**Remember that School will close for Easter at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March and we re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 €1,716 was collected and a cheque has been sent to Cancer Clinical Research Trust for that amount.

The School has been hosting several students from the Church of Ireland College of Education and Hibernia College this year. 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

Welcome back to Mrs. Fitzroy who has returned after Maternity Leave and thank you to Ms. Smyth who filled in for her. Congratulations to Ms. Young who is getting married this weekend and will become Mrs. Power! A sad farewell to Mrs. Kelly who has moved to Belfast after 12 years working as an S.N.A. in the School.

### P.T.A. Table Quiz

We kicked off the New Year with our annual Table Quiz which was held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February upstairs in the Goat Grill. It was a great success and very well attended with 27 tables in all. Eoin Pearson, as always, did a great job as Quizmaster and in the end it came down to a tie breaker between the same two teams as last year! 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 €1,500 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.



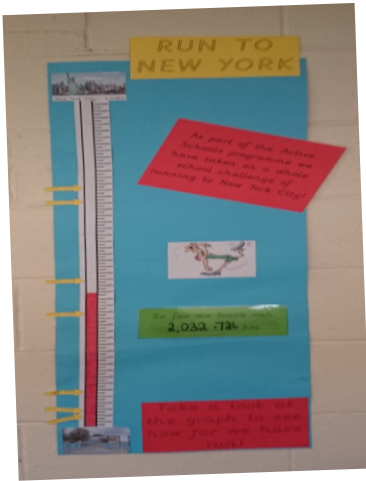
### Credit Union

This continues to go from strength to strength. We currently have over 120 savers in the School, with both parents and pupils in Sixth 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](mailto:lynnchanley@gmail.com) and she will be in touch.

### P.T.A. Information Night

Every Spring the P.T.A. organise a Parent Information evening and this year it was held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We were delighted to welcome John Lonergan to Taney Parish Primary School and he spoke about "Parenting - the challenges and the rewards". Mr. Lonergan is the former Governor of Mountjoy Prison and Author of "The Governor" and "Parenting - raising your child in Ireland today". The talk was very interesting and Mr. Lonergan is a fantastic public speaker.

## Active Flag



We are working towards our Active School Flag and in conjunction with this our School Self Evaluation subject is P.E. To target “activity for all” we are well underway to achieving our “Run to New York” goal having already passed Galway, Cork, London and Berlin!

We are encouraging “activity breaks” during morning supervision period, 8.30 a.m. to 8.40 a.m. as well as during other breaks throughout the day, using ideas from The Irish Heart Foundation. We know through participation in after school activities that parents are extremely supportive of the benefits of the children being active.



*Mr. Thompson's 1<sup>st</sup> Class on their “Run to New York”.*

## Sports Update

To say this term has been busy for sport is an understatement! With Easter being early, those managing teams have been under pressure to get matches played by deadlines.

## Boys' Soccer

Boys' Soccer leagues and Cup started in January. All teams are doing well, especially the A team and the D team who are both undefeated so far. The A team are into the second round of the cup. Taney B team and Taney C team were drawn against each other in the Cup!

Depending on results, the boys' matches can continue well into next term.

We would like to congratulate Taney past pupil, Graham Kelly, who is now captaining the Sheffield United U21s. It is only 6 years ago that Graham was playing on the Taney A team!

## Girls' Soccer

The girls' Soccer team have played a couple of friendly matches and are now starting into the cup. We are hoping to have enough numbers to make a second team next term.

Junior Soccer is resuming next term.

## Boys' Hockey

The Boys' A team have successfully qualified for 2 finals out of the 3 competitions they were participating in. In the U13 Cup, they pushed their 1<sup>st</sup> year opposition to penalty strokes. They won their U13C league section, therefore, qualifying for a final. At U12 level, they had a nailbiting playoff to successfully reach the final, which will be in Wesley on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

The Boys' Group 2 hockey team have done very well and have reached the final against St. Andrews. The Group 3 team played very well all season, but were unfortunately outclassed by bigger 6<sup>th</sup> class boys on opposing teams. Good experience for next year!

## Girls' Hockey

The Girls' A team reached Finals' day for the Division 1 league which was a great achievement. Unfortunately, they were beaten by Holly Park in the final.

The Girls' B team have played very well this season. Heather has noticed a real improvement in the girls learning to play their positions, resulting in fabulous passing! They had mixed fortunes in the league, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 2.

Taney hockey is extremely thankful to Jenny, Heather, Avril and Kerri for organising matches and managing our teams again this year. None of these matches would happen without you!

All children will finish the season with a fun, mixed age tournament on the first week back after Easter. Boys will play on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April and girls will play on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April and this is one of the highlights in our hockey calendar!

## Summer Sports

Next term we welcome back Chris Steele to run our Summer Sports programme which hopefully everyone will enjoy as much as last year. All going well, our 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils will get a couple of cricket matches in too.

The Sports Committee would like to thank all of the team managers who help with the organization of the matches, not to mention the thankless task of kit washing!

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

The Morton Cup marks the culmination of the soccer season. It is, without a doubt, one of the highlights of the school year, so please volunteer your time (particularly Dads who may not be available during the year) to help out on the day in order to continue its huge success. If interested, please contact the Sports Committee at [taneysportscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:taneysportscommittee@gmail.com).

This year, the event will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Marlay Park. Girls and boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class are all encouraged to take part in this fun tournament.

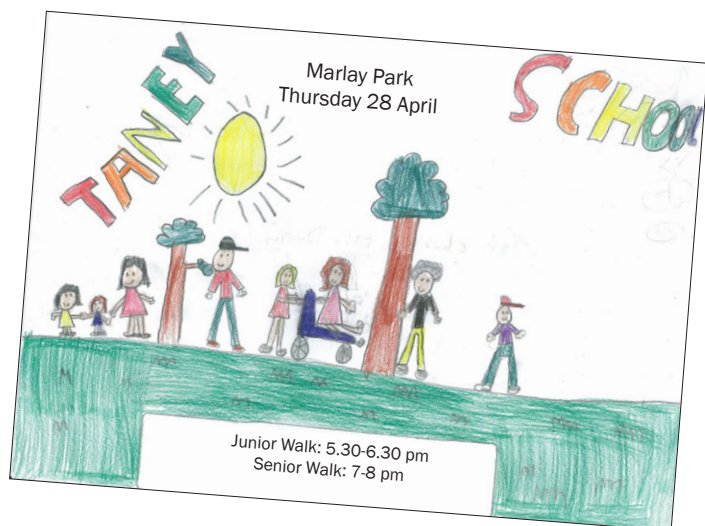
## Sports Committee Vacancies 2016

We are actively looking for a parent to fill the Treasurer role of the Sports Committee for September 2016, and two people are required to oversee girls' hockey and girls' soccer. No previous experience is necessary and on-the-job training gladly given! This is a perfect opportunity to give something back, especially if your child/children are enjoying sports in Taney. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact Johanna Flynn at [taneysportscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:taneysportscommittee@gmail.com).

## Sponsored Walk



After Easter we have a Sponsored Walk organised in Marlay Park which will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (Juniors) will be walking between 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class to 6<sup>th</sup> Class (Seniors) will be walking between 7.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. This has always been a great success and such fun.



Every year, you all descend upon Marlay Park en masse, much to the surprise of the regular walkers, and the laughter can be heard all the way around the Park which really does the heart good! The Sponsorship cards will be sent home in the school bags shortly and as always we ask that all you Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles etc. support the children in this fundraising event. The money raised from this walk will go into providing



new sports equipment and contributing towards school tours for all classes.

We are delighted to announce that the winner of the Junior poster competition is Lucy from Mrs Duffy's 1<sup>st</sup> Class, and the winners of the Senior poster competition are Eva and Sophie from Ms. Dolan's 6<sup>th</sup> Class. Well done to all of you! Other posters that deserved merit have been strategically hung in different parts of the School for viewing by everyone.

This is a walk, not a cycle and definitely not a run! We ask that all children have an adult responsible for them there on the night. Well-behaved and leashed dogs are welcome to join the fun. Prizes will be awarded for best class spirit, most money raised by a class and the most class participation.

## P.T.A. Committee Vacancies 2016

We have a three-year turnover in the P.T.A. and we are looking for three parents to join our Committee in September 2016. We will be looking for a Treasurer and two Ordinary Members.

If you are interested in joining us on the PTA please contact Viv Cox at [taneyppta@gmail.com](mailto:taneyppta@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

The Summer Term is usually a very busy one and this year is no exception. The School, P.T.A. and the 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
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> April Infants to Second Class: 17.30 – 18.30 Third to Sixth Class: 19:00 – 20.00	Sponsored Walk, Marlay Park (start beside playground)
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Midterm Break – no School
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00 – 11.30	Junior Swimming Display, Loughlinstown Pool
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00 – 10.00	Meeting of Parents of New Entrants to Jnr Infants Sept 2016
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> May 19.00 – 20.00	Annual School Concert, Robert Smyth Hall (limited to participants and families)
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> May 16.30 – 19.30	Morton Cup (Soccer Tournament), Marlay Park
25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> May 13.30 – 14.00	New Jnr Infants come to School to meet Teacher
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> June 19.00 – 21.00	Irish Dancing Display, Robert Smyth Hall (limited to participants and families)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 11.00 – 13.00 Alternate date is Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> June	School Sports Day, Marlay Park (beside playground)
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Taney Parish Fête
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00- 11.30	Senior Swimming Display, Loughlinstown Pool
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June 20.00 – 21.00	51 <sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the P.T.A.
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June 12.45 – 14.15	6 <sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Service in Taney Church followed by Reception in School
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> June 12.00 noon	School closes for Summer holidays.

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  
from Taney P.T.A.

