



Cois Bá - Cairdeas, Cumasú & Creideamh



March Newsletter



Green School News

Composting Programme

Ms Bailey and Ms Murray completed an online course on school composting. They sought expert advice when using the school's €250 follow up grant. We look forward to the arrival of 2 new composting units, one for each courtyard.

Raffle for Courtyard Fundraiser II continues

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, a wonderful volume of donations were generously donated for our fundraiser last term. The decision was to hold some of these donations for a second raffle fundraiser in Spring 2022.

So far, the 3rd and 4th class raffles combined have raised a fantastic €975.00.

A huge thank you to pupils and families for their generous support.

The plan is to have the 5th class raffle on 4th March & 6th class raffle on 11th March.

All who purchase tickets will have their tickets placed in the drum for the final jumbo raffle for the most desired prize of all - A Family Ticket to Tayto Park.

Remember if you're not in; you can't win!!

Again, sincere thanks to all our sponsors: Northside Bouncy Castles, Iarnróid Éireann, Howth Cliff Cruises, TK Conway Construction (Zoo), Mc Hugh's Restaurant, Leisureplex (Malahide Rd.) 360 Cycles, Deerpark (Howth) and last but by no means least Moy Materials (Tayto Park)



PABS News

Bayside Schools are running a clothing collection in conjunction with **Bag2School**. If you are doing a clear out of the winter wardrobes, please send your bags in this Friday. This is a fantastic fundraiser for the schools and is the last collection for this school year. **We can accept adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together), hats, belts, handbags, scarves & belts, soft toys and small amounts of sheets & duvet covers. NO Duvets, Pillows, Curtains, Blankets, Towels or End-Of-Life Clothing.** The clothes have to be of good quality for reuse in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. The **LauraLynn House** will receive an additional 10% from Bag2School. **The LauraLynn House is the only Children's Hospice in Ireland.** Please try to fill as many bags as you can, don't forget to ask family, friends and neighbours to have a clear out too! You can return clothes in any kind of bag.

Bag2School will be collecting on Friday 4th March 8:30am-9:30am at the front porch of the schools.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES

Bring your bag (or bags!) to us and help us have a really good collection!

NO CARS PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR BAG DROP OFF



Thanks for helping PABS in conjunction with: Bag2School, Bridge Street, Carndonagh, Donegal. Company Reg 500939. VAT Number IE9796577G www.bag2school.ie

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SPHE News

Our **Draft Healthy Eating Policy** has been with staff and PABS for them to compile their recommendations. When this has been communicated with the school we will then send it to our BOM for ratification. The revised version will be available on our website for access by the school community.

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) Programme: Our teachers will be delivering this programme this term. Please keep a look out for the **Busy Body Booklets** and **The Big Talk Booklets** in your child's bag. These are used by parents as an aid to talk to their child about relationships. Teachers will send out an explanatory email before they are sent home. We find that pupils who are given an opportunity to discuss these issues with their parents at home before it is taught in school have a better experience engaging with the material in school.

Accord Facilitators: 29/3/22 (5ths) 31/3/22 (6ths) Information about **Different Families Same Love Resources from the INTO/ An Introduction**, is available from the INTO website. Information about Growing Up LGBT (A Post Primary Resource from the PDST) is also available from the PDST website.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you so much to all the families who have paid voluntary contributions to date. Your generosity and support of the school is greatly appreciated.

Health & Safety

A gentle reminder for our parents: Please remember that our school is a **Nut Free School**. We have children attending who have a serious nut allergy and in an endeavor to keep everyone safe, please choose carefully when preparing your child's lunch each morning. It is important to read the ingredients on packaging as some foods contain nuts that you might not be aware of.

STEM News

This term our pupils will engage with **Engineers Week** (7/3/22 - 11/3/22) at the start of the month and with the **BTYS Primary Science Fair** (29/30th Mar) at the end of the month. They will also be involved in our own **Bayside SNS Climate Action Project** between the midterm and Easter. They will learn to gather data about Climate Change by engaging as scientists with anemometers, rain gauges and thermometers.

Room 7 pupils have entered the RTE/Microsoft 'Ireland's Future is Mine' competition with a wonderful presentation on envisioning a more sustainable Bayside School community using Minecraft for Education, which is available to preview on the school website. They are also participating in the **DCU 'Minecraft in Education'** research.

Bayside SNS is also very happy to welcome back past pupil Calvin Kearns as part of the **'Microsoft Hour of Code'** in schools. Calvin will run coding workshops with some of our 5th and 6th class pupils.



Dates for your Diary

- World Book Day dress-up **Thursday 3rd March:** pupils may dress up as their favourite book character.
 - We will be taking photographs of all our 6th class pupils in the hall, as we prepare for their graduation next term, so they need to wear full school uniform on **Friday 11th March.**
 - Lá Gaeilge **ar an 16ú lá de mhí Márta:** Pupils may dress up in their Irish colours on the day.
 - School closing for St. Patrick's Day bank holiday and new additional bank holiday on **Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March.**
 - Please note:** As all schools are required to do the same amount of days, the school will now also be closed on **Wednesday 8th June** in lieu of **18th March.**
- ✿Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh go léir ✿