

Parent Newsletter; Thursday March 6th

1 After School Clubs

The Spring/Summer Cycle of the After-School Programme is now up and running. It is a pleasure to note the excitement and enthusiasm of the children for their clubs. Please ensure to collect your children on time from the clubs, and remember too that the outdoor clubs are weather permitting!

2 Arts Week

From the feedback from parents, teachers, children and many other school visitors we are delighted to record the success of the 2nd Annual Arts Week. Many thanks to all the parents and to the Parent Association for their financial assistance without which the Arts Week could not have been done.

3 Upcoming events:

- Sheila's class and the older members of the Green Team will be visiting Ardgillan Castle tomorrow (Friday) for a guided walk as part of **National Tree Week**. (normal school hours)
- Each Tuesday and Thursday morning the children will have a **"Shake and Wake"** session in the school yard at 8.45am sharp for ten minutes. Parents who stay behind to watch are asked to join-in!
- 1st/2nd and 3rd Class children are now learning how to become involved in the school's first **Student Council**. The children are devising an election manifesto and are putting themselves forward for election as class representatives. This is all part of the school's commitment to Citizenship Education which is central to our Educate Together ethos.
- Next Tuesday two classes and all of the children who are learning the piano will be treated to a formal **recital by international Concert Pianist , Kristina Sandulova** (Utrecht, Holland), 10am Tuesday, Leon's Room, Parents Welcome.
- Also Next Tuesday Elaine G's class are being treated to free Golf Lessons by the Golfing Union of Ireland in Portmarnock Golf Driving Range (depart school at 10.45 , back to school at 3pm)
- On Thursdays, for the next ten weeks, the children in Junior Infants and Senior Infants will have **Stretch and Grow!** Classes
- The teachers are now planning the month of May's **Children First Month** where there will be an emphasis on social/personal and health education (SPHE), relationships and sexuality education (RSE), child protection curricula, and programmes of education aimed at enhancing self-esteem and personal development.

4 Punctuality

Parents are requested to be punctual in their dropping and collecting of children to and from school. School starts at 8.45am sharp, any child arriving later than that is late, is disrupting the class, and is missing out!