

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Room 1

Room 1 has been hard at work learning about decimals and money. We had so much fun practicing our money skills by playing shop! We also wrote fantastic acrostic Valentine's Day poems and began our LEGO projects by researching different fish and undersea animals. Another highlight was starting boxing lessons with Room 10. It's been a busy and exciting time in Room 1!



## Reminders



School Closures:

Mon 10th Mar (due to new students coming in)

Mon 17th March



Boxing- On Fridays

R2 & 6	4th April, 23 May
R7 & 8	7th March, 11th Apr, 30th May
R5 & 9	14th March, 2nd May, 6th June
R1 & 10	21st March, 9th May, 13th June
R3 & 4	28th March, 16th May, 20th June

**Next Week we are celebrating World Book Day**

Monday 3rd - Guess the character around the school!

Tuesday 4th- Class story swap!

Wednesday 5th- Dress a Veggie day! (Students must supply the vegetable they need for their creation.)



Thursday 6th- Dress up day!



Friday- Bedtime story day!



Book Fair- 25th Feb - 4th Mar



Wednesday 12th March- Céilí

Friday 14th March- Hat Parade



(students will make their own hats in class)

## Room 2



Room 2 have had a great February and are looking forward to a really busy March! We went to the Library to use their fabulous Tovertafel, an interactive table that encourages social emotional development through play. It was so much fun! Luckily we squeezed in time to borrow books too. We also had a fabulous Maths week, doing a maths trail in our local surroundings, Maths Bingo and a challenging Maths quiz! We have also been doing a lot of practice using voice typing in class, which has really been paying off!

## Our Values

In February, we focused on Nurture

This March, we'll explore Appreciation and Gratitude, encouraging students to cherish life's everyday moments.

## Room 3

We finished our stories for the Write a Book competition. We visited Pearse St library to see the Tovertafel, the magic table where we played some games.



## Room 4

Room 4 have been creating art based on our studies of ancient Egypt and the world's oceans and sea life. We will be going to an exhibition on ancient Egypt this week and learn how to mummify an orange!



## Room 5

This month, room 5 really enjoyed boxing with Micheal. They learned so many new drills and skills. We are looking forward to our next boxing session with Micheal. We also got to work with Room One doing quiz and making some Bridget crosses we had great fun while helping each other



## Room 6

This month the children were busy finishing their books for the write a book competition and they did so well. We were also looking at procedural writing and the children designed their own funny face biscuits.



## Room 7

Room 7 had great fun during Maths Week, teaming up with Room 2 for an exciting quiz! They have also been busy learning fascinating facts and completing projects about life under the sea. It's been a fantastic month of discovery and teamwork!



## Room 8

Room 8 have had a lovely month. We have been learning all about Martin Luther King Jr, St Bridget and the history of St Valentines Day. We also celebrated two birthdays in the class and participated in the Maths Trail for Maths week with Room 10!



## Room 9



Room 9 were very mature when they discussed the changes that happen during puberty in class this month.

## The Hub



We're working hard in the hub working on Wilson, write a books and multiplication and division. We've got lots of new maths materials to use which are making our lessons more fun and new books to explore too!

## Room 10



Meet 10 published authors of room 10 ! Who wrote books for the writebook competition ! Very creative and amazing writers

## Our Fantastic World Book Day Celebrations

Catherine McAuley Book Fair:

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday the 25th of February until Tuesday the 4th of March. The children will have lots of opportunities to visit and choose a book to purchase if they would like to.

We also have some fabulous events planned for our World Book Week celebrations next week, such as Guess the Book Displays on classroom doors, Dress a Veggie as a favourite character and Class swap Story Time. On Thursday the 6th of March, World Book Day, the children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character!

# The Parents Association

## Volunteers needed

The Parents Association will host tea and coffee for the parents of incoming students on Monday, 10th March. If you are free to help from 8.20am until 9.20am, please email [pa@catherinemcauleyns.ie](mailto:pa@catherinemcauleyns.ie).

## Donate books to our School Book Drive

To celebrate World Book Day in March, we are organising a Book Drive from Monday 3rd March to Friday 7th March. If you have children's books at home that you are finished with, and that are in good condition, please send them in with your child to drop in the donation box at reception. We would like to focus the book drive to dyslexia friendly books/ reading scheme/ audio books etc. All books collected will be shared throughout the school so all students will benefit

## Book Share

Students with dyslexia, blindness, vision impairment or other reading barrier can sign up to Bookshare Ireland and get access to free books in audio, large font and other formats. We will share a simple guide to help you to sign up for your child shortly. If you'd like to help or suggest something that the Parents Association can do, please email [pa@catherinemcauleyns.ie](mailto:pa@catherinemcauleyns.ie).

# Bus Safety & Kindness Reminder

This month, we are focusing on Bus Safety Awareness and promoting kindness on the bus. We encourage all parents to take a moment to chat with their child about safe and respectful ways to interact with others while riding the bus. A little kindness goes a long way in making the journey to and from school a positive experience for everyone!

# Aviva Stadium Trip

