

St. Gabriel's Christmas Newsletter

New Board of Management Members

Congratulations to Fiona Leyden & Richard Murray our new Board parent nominees. Thanks to Neal Harrison & Sinead O'Connor for participating and for their support.

Parents Plus

We will be running our next Parents Plus course after Christmas. This is a lovely 8 week course where parents get lots of practical tips to deal with common problems such as tantrums and bedtime routines. If you would be interested, call/ text Anne-Marie on 085-8120807

Health Promoting Schools

Thanks to all the parents who have completed the online questionnaire about how to improve the health and well-being of our school. It can still be completed on <http://goo.gl/forms/85QtZSrcJ> We are also getting the views of the children and everyone who works in the school. We will let you know the results soon. If you would like to get involved, please text Anne-Marie on 085-8120807

2nd class!!

Where do we start!!! It's been a very exciting start to the school year as children begin preparations for their First Holy Communion.

The children made their First Confession in October and it was a beautiful service. They are well on their way to the big day! I would like to thank all the families for attending this important occasion.

Our first class outing was to Domino's Pizza in Lucan where we all enjoyed practicing our dough making skills, making pizzas and most of all sampling our brilliant creations! The staff loved their pizzas too!



"Getting to know our local community" theme has been great fun as we visited the parish centre, Ballyfermot College and the Ballyfermot Garda station. The Gardaí were extremely enthusiastic in showing us the station, the equipment they use and the service they offer our local area.



We are loving the many stimulating activities we have in our classroom such as Homeworkopoly, Golden Time, Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine, handwriter of the week and many others. The children are working hard as a class to continue learning and enjoying these activities.



Please visit our class website to get more of an insight into our class!



Ms McGroarty & 2nd Class

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St. Gabriel's Preschool

November 2015, Our Aistear theme was **identity & belonging**, we made **connections with people in our community**. Mrs. **Byrne** the lollipop lady and **Derek** the postman came in for greeting time. They told us about their really important jobs in our community.



The Student Council

The Student Council wants to thank everyone who contributed to the recent Vincent de Paul Collection. We received some fantastic donations from adults and children alike. Thank you for your consideration. **We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!**



Maths for Fun and Literacy for Fun

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and aunts who came along over the last month to play Maths and English games in our Senior Infants and 1st Classes. The children really enjoyed it and the teachers have noticed improvements in their counting and reading!

Supervision & School Times

St. Gabriel's opens at 8:50am and closes at 2:30pm. St. Gabriel's does not take responsibility for supervision of pupils before 8:40am or after 2:40pm. To this end we advise pupils to assemble in the school grounds between 8:40 to 8:50. The school would greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

Just a reminder that...

-The School will close tomorrow, Tuesday 22nd Dec at 12 noon and will re-open on Wednesday 6th of January 2016.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas & New Year from Ms. Dunphy & all the Staff in St. Gabriel's.