

# St. Gabriel's February Newsletter



## St. Gabriel's Drama Club

Celebration time for the school's drama club as 'The Strictly Talent Factor' was a huge success. The children in the club worked tirelessly to perfect the show and their co-operation and energy was rewarded by the audience's reaction on both nights. They have received great compliments, which are well deserved and they feel proud to have been involved in such a fantastic event. Thanks to all the parents and staff of St. Gabriel's for supporting the show. Well done girls - You all truly have 'The Strictly Talent Factor'.

Through the generosity of those who bought show and raffle tickets, you have raised €1200 for St. Gabriel's Drama Club. Thank You.

## Hello from Ms. Brennan's

First Class First class have been learning all about the weather and animals. We have made our own weather reports and have searched the school gardens for mini beasts. We had a close look at snails in our classroom. Look at our blog to see some pictures!

## HSCL News

### Maths Eyes

Congratulations to 3rd Class who had one of their Maths Eyes posters shortlisted in the National Maths Eyes final. The winner will be announced in March. We hope we win!

### Chatter Matters

Congratulations to our parents who have completed our 5-week Chatter Matters course. It was a great opportunity to spend time with their children in school, while learning about the importance of just chatting to their children! Check out our website for some photos!



### Maths For Fun

Maths for Fun will run in Senior Infant classes after mid-term for 4 weeks. A note will soon go home for any parents interested in getting involved. The more the merrier!

### Parents Association

If you are interested please come along to our meeting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> in the Student Kitchen at 9am.

## Courses Running

Angels - every Monday at 10am in Parents Room (€3)  
Kettle bells - every Friday at 9.15am in Dance Room (€2)  
Regards,

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class make their First Confession

We have been very busy in 2<sup>nd</sup> class. On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February we had our First Confession in the Church, Our Lady of the Assumption. We worked very hard at our play "The Good Shepherd" and we sang beautifully on the night. A big thank you to Fr. Richard and Ms Dunphy for their work and help. Also thanks to all the parents who came along. We are really looking forward to celebrating our Holy Communion which will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April!



### **I.T in the classroom**

We are having a great time using our tablets in 3<sup>rd</sup> class. Each child has been bringing their tablet in on Wednesdays. We have all downloaded some maths, English and memory apps and work on these every Wednesday morning!



### **SHOULD 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS BOYS STAY IN OUR SCHOOL**

As you may be aware we recently had some meetings with parents to ask if they would like to keep their boys in St. Gabriel's until 6<sup>th</sup> class. Following this we polled 1<sup>st</sup> class parents and had a unanimous response, we are delighted to inform you that all 25 boys are remaining with us for their primary education.



### **Swimming Lessons**

5<sup>th</sup> class are nearly finished their 6 weeks of swimming lessons, next up are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class, who will begin lessons after the mid-term break on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, The cost is €30 for 6 lessons which can be paid in full or €5 per week for 6 weeks.

### **Primary Online Database**

The Department of Education & Skills has developed a new on-line database for all children in primary schools. All pupils must be on POD in order to be counted for St. Gabriel's school's capitation payment and teacher allocation, so we ask that all forms be filled in and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible.

There is more detailed information available about the POD system on the Department of Education website

[www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)

## **REMINDERS**

### **Mid-Term**

School closed Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February.  
School reopens Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Pancake Tuesday,**  
17<sup>th</sup> February.

### **St. Patrick's Weekend**

School closed Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Confirmation**

11am Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Easter Holidays**

School closed at 12noon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
School reopens on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.