



# EASTER NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians and Families,

On behalf of all the staff at St Vincent de Paul Girls' School, we wish everyone a joyful, safe and happy Easter break.

*Alison Clinton*

## Sacraments

Congratulations to our 6<sup>th</sup> class girls on the celebration of their Confirmation on March 1<sup>st</sup>. A special thank you to Fr. Tom, Fr. Christian and Anne Dooley. Thanks also to class teachers, Mr. McElwain, Ms. Kearns & Ms. Rogers & SNA, Regina. Well done to the magnificent choir (4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> class), led by Ms. Fletcher. A special mention of thanks to the parents who volunteered to come out and clear the unexpected snow on the day!

## Spelling Bee

Eight girls from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes took part in our school Spelling Bee. The standard was so high! Emma and Cara got down to the final two and, after a really close battle, Emma won through. Emma will go on to represent the school in the Dublin Spelling Bee finals next month - best of luck to Emma 😊



## School Sporting News

The girls all enjoyed Gymnastics Workshops with Laura from School Fitness Ireland. GAA sessions with our GPO, Nicole are ongoing, the girls are doing great work on football & teamwork skills.



## Sport - Soccer

The soccer season is well underway, with twenty girls representing the school in the League Cup and 5-a-side competitions. Our first Cup match against Srulleen NS was a very close affair and we were very unlucky to go down 4-3. The girls also had a really close 2-2 draw against St. Brigid's GNS in the League. Thanks to Mr. Mc Elwain and Mr. Goldrick.



## Green Schools

The Green Schools Committee have been busy promoting the battery drive we are holding as part of a competition for WEEE Ireland. WEEE Ireland works with the Laura Lynn Foundation and every battery we recycle goes towards a donation fund to support their vital work. Our school could be in with a chance to win €2,000 worth of sports equipment if we collect the most batteries. Closing date is April 10<sup>th</sup> so if you have any used batteries at home, please send them in to school.

After the Easter break, we are going to run the Big Travel Challenge, where we hope to encourage people to travel to and from school in sustainable ways like cycling, walking, scooting and carpooling.

Thanks to Ms. Butler, Ms. McElwee and Ms. Kearns for coordinating.



## World Book Day

On World Book Day we welcomed to school an array of wonderful characters straight out of the girls' favourite books, well done girls on the creative representations of characters from your favourite books! The girls also had fun with many engaging reading activities at home and at school. R20 enjoyed a storytelling workshop with Dublin City Council's storyteller in Residence, Simone Schummelfeder from Germany. She told a wonderful story about a wolf & introduced the girls to "story stones" as a way to help our memory skills. Thanks to Ms Edwards, Ms Rogers and Ms Leddy for organising the events.



## Buddy Time

6<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class girls enjoyed making St Brigid Crosses for St Brigid's Day on February 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí craic, ceol agus spraoi ag gach duine ar fud na scoile i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. The girls enjoyed many activities 'as Gaeilge' such as quizzes, concerts, tongue twisters and continue to make a great effort gach lá – maith sibh cailíní ☺

GRMA Ms. Woods, Ms. Edwards and Ms. Murrin



## Grandparents' Day

Well done to 6<sup>th</sup> Class on sharing their Grandparents' Projects with their families and the whole school. Thank you to all the grandparents and parents who visited on the day. A wonderful afternoon had by all on January 26<sup>th</sup> ☺



Well done to 3<sup>rd</sup> class on their recent performance playing the recorder with the Artane School of Music on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The girls really enjoyed this evening and loved learning how to play the recorder over 6 weeks. Room 18 put on a show for second class in school also!



## Student Council:

Well done to the Student Council on organising a very successful fundraising event for Pieta House, raising a total of €595

## And Finally....

On behalf of all girls at SVdP Girls' School Cáisc Shona Daoiuh.



### Dates for your diary

School will reopen on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Communion:** May 18<sup>th</sup> (photographs May 20<sup>th</sup>)

### School Closures Term 3:

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Parent Association – Table Quiz – April 13<sup>th</sup>  
(Clontarf Gold Club)

Thank you to a Parents' Association for all the support and help ☺