



CASTLE PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



ANNOUNCEMENT

Hockey Success!

Well done to the u10 and u12 teams who won both AIJS tournaments

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Montessori Matters



Dawn's class have spent this week basing many of their classroom activities around the theme of Shopping. Early in the week the pupils brought in lots of different boxes, bottles, cartons and packages to make up the stock in their shop. Then they made price labels for all their products and labelled each of them. The next activity was for each child to compile their own shopping list of five items that they would like to buy, they then had to check the price of each item and count up how much money they would need when they went to the shop. Finally the actual shopping took place with everyone selecting the items from their lists that they wanted, which they then purchased. At the end of the week all the packaging was put in the School's recycling bins.



Exploring Nature

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council are organising a series of biodiversity events during the period February to May 2012, a full programme is available at:

www.dlrcoco.ie/media/media,7604,en.pdf

House of the Week

ROSS



THIS WEEK

This Week: Monday 20th February 2012

Theme of the Week: Art

Composer: Debussy

Mon 20th
Tues 21st
Wed 22nd

6.30pm
All day
10.50am

Meeting of Board of Directors
Green Schools Clean Up Day
Representative from UNICEF to address pupils at Assembly
Form V & VI Rugby v St Mary's (H), pick up 3.30pm
u12 Girls Hockey v Delgany (H), pick up 4.00pm
Friends of Castle Park AGM, Front Hall of Castle, coffee and pastries served
Weekly Briefing for all Staff

Thurs 23rd

2.30pm
3.00pm
9.00am

Fri 24th

8.20am

Next Week: Monday 27th February 2012

Theme of the Week: Native Americans

Composer: Wagner

Mon 27th
Tues 28th
Wed 29th

3.30pm
3.30pm
10.50am
1.30pm

u12 Boys & Girls Basketball v Glenageary Bounce (H)
Form II Girls Hockey v Delgany (H)
Form VC/P parents warmly invited to Assembly
AIJS Boys Basketball Tournament (H), pick up 4.00pm

March

Thurs 1st

3.00pm

Form V & VI girls hockey v Loreto Dalkey (A), pick up 4.30pm

Fri 2nd
depart 1.00pm
Sat 3rd

8.20am
2.00pm
9.30am
12.30pm

Weekly Briefing for all Staff
Wesley College Music Festival, pick up 4.00pm
Willow Park Rugby Festival, Form V (A)
Wesley Music Festival- Orchestra

AIJS Photographic Competition 2012



The following pupils pictures have been selected to represent the School in this year's AIJS photographic competition, the theme is 'Community'. Their entries are on display in *The Street*.

Malou Drenth, IIC
Phoebe Cunningham, IIC
Pamela Shiel, IVC
Theo Mully, IIIP
Katie-Jane Marshall, VC/P
Josephine Sanne, VC/P
Naomi Tilles, VIC/P

Chess Update



Well done to the School's team on their recent convincing wins against Lycee Francais International and St Anne's School, Shankill in the Schools Leinster Chess League. As a result the team has successfully qualified for the quarter finals of the competition.

Phrase of the Week

Lá fliuch atá
ann
It's a rainy day
Il pleut
Está lloviendo



Sports News



U10 AIJS Hockey Tournament. It was time again for the annual AIJS U10 hockey tournament. We had won this event last year and some of the pupils were feeling the pressure to retain the title. Rathdown hosted the tournament this year and ran a great event, so thank you to them. We did a good warm up and everyone was ready to go. Our first opponents were St Andrew's who we beat in the final last year with a winning goal in the last few minutes of play. Needing goals we pushed forward and worked tirelessly in midfield. The goals started to come with David Halpenny consistently clearing up the loose ball and we won 4-0. Next up was Alexandra College. They were tough opponents, however, our players showed off their skills and scored some beautiful goals. The referee commented on our team's skills and said how impressed he was with our level of play. Our last match in the group stages was against the hosts, Rathdown, and we won this match 5-0 which saw us qualify for the final. In the final we met Mount Anville School. They had tall players and were very skilful. However we got an early goal and it stood to us as we retained the title for a second year in a row. Well done to everyone who took part you all played really well.



AIJS Girls Hockey Tournament This was a big tournament held at Mount Anville School and was run extremely well. Castle Park entered two teams and put on a brilliant display of skills. I was so impressed with all girls. Both teams in their first matches scored goals, but our B team were unlucky to lose in the end to Alexandra College. Our A team won convincingly against St Andrew's. The B team put in a massive performance to win against a strong Mount Anville team but in their third match they lost to St Gerard's. Our A team went on to beat Dundalk Grammar, Mount Anville and Alexandra College to claim first place in the tournament. Well done on your achievements. We all had a fun day out and everyone enjoyed themselves.



Visit by pupils from Beachborough School, Northampton - On Tuesday evening we were joined by pupils from Beachborough School as part of their tour to Ireland. The evening began with a very enjoyable Basketball tournament, and all the children had great fun competing against each other in mixed teams. Once the matches were over, we hosted a meal for our visitors in the Dining Room where Chef Mark Ryan had prepared a lovely dinner for all. On Wednesday the Beachborough pupils joined us for lunch after their trip to the Aviva Stadium before heading off in their bus to Kilkenny.

Music Department News

Voice of Ages

50th anniversary album from The Chieftains featuring the boys and girls from Castle Park on release February 21st



We have received the exciting news that The Chieftains' 50th anniversary album will be released on February 21st. The album features the boys and girls from Form V and the Senior Choir singing the traditional Irish song 'Beidh Aonach Amarach'. On the album the song segues into a beautiful rendition of a Ewan McColl song 'School Days Over' performed by the American band The Low Anthem and The Chieftains. We were absolutely delighted to take part in the recording last October and I am sure the pupils involved will be thrilled to hear themselves perform, and to watch the video footage that is being used to promote the album launch. Many thanks and congratulations to all who were involved in this once in a lifetime experience! Take a look at the following videos and websites to watch the boys and girls perform.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2bcudlTOqE&feature=relmfu>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_QPsxsEa0I

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/music_blog/2012/02/chieftains-low-anthem-school-days-over-video-premiere.html#comments

Boughey Trophy

Well done to all the Prep Pupils who took part in this year's Boughey Trophy competition. This House competition took place in two parts, Instrumental and Choral. In January a Junior and a Senior pupil from each House represented their House on their chosen instrument in competition against the other Houses. Representing their Houses this year were:



Quincy Tilles and Alex Boyne (Ross)

Phoebe Grennell and Joe McKeever (Pringle)

Josh Hennesey and Alex Lawrence (Toone)

Alessandra Duijn and William Dawson Howe (Edwardes)

The House with the most points at the end of this round was Ross. However all was still to play for and in early February the Houses met again, this time to compete by singing as a group one choice and one set song (You Can't Stop The Beat, from Hairspray) on the theme of Musicals. After this second round Edwardes were triumphant and went on to win the overall competition. Thanks to all the House Captains and teachers who helped with song words and choreography.

Wesley College Music Festival

This year's festival will take place on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd March. The Senior Choir and Junior Choir will take part on the Friday afternoon and the Orchestra will take part on the Saturday afternoon in Wesley College, Dundrum. Further details will be sent out to pupils involved.



Artist of the Week

Ava Costello, VC/P, Observational drawing - study of the hands