



# Loreto College Junior School

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## Newsletter

## Easter 2017

Dear Parents.

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another great term in Junior School. We have been so busy, that the time has flown.

The **First Penance Ceremony** for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Class girls took place in University Church in March. Mrs Halpenny and the girls prepared a beautiful ceremony for this very important sacrament on their faith journey towards First Holy Communion. We were so proud of them as they sang, read and behaved with such reverence in the church. Their halos have been shining since. We ask parents to accompany their girls on their special journey by attending mass regularly as a family.

Our 6th class girls received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday. Their reverence and happiness on the day was a joy to behold. The symbolic artwork and beautiful singing all contributed to the occasion. Well done to all the girls, their families and teachers for the wonderful preparation for this very special day.

Congratulations also to 4th and 5th classes who provided the beautiful singing which added so much to the Liturgy. My thanks to Ms Ferry & Mr O'Reilly.

### Easter Ceremonies.

We are drawing to the end of Lent and the girls are to be complemented on 'Doing Things Better' and for 'Doing Without Things' to

challenge themselves to show love as Jesus asked us to do. The Easter Triduum is one liturgy, lasting three days, beginning with the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. Most parishes have special children's services. If at all possible please attend with your daughter and join in the celebration of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection, which has been part of the RE programme covered over Lent.

A Novena of Masses will be offered for the intentions of all members of our Loreto JS family.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh againn i gColaiste Loreto ón 1ú go dtí an 17ú de Mhárta. I rith na laethanta, bhí i bhfad níos mó Gaeilge le chloisteail agus le feiceáil timpeall na scoile. Bhí an sport againn. Is léir gur bhain gach duine chuid mhór taitneamh as an ócáid iontach seo.

### Trócaire

Trócaire believes in fairness, and the dignity and potential of every person. Trócaire works to empower people so that they can determine a better future for themselves. Their work transforms lives and it is only possible because of our support.

If you have joined Trócaire in the fight for justice, please return your donation box to the office by Monday 1st May. Thereafter you can return it to your Parish church.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

Our Junior School Sponsored Walk for Loreto P.S. Rumbek takes place tomorrow morning, Friday 7th May. The girls will be back to school in time for usual half day collection times.

- Collection will be from the green gate at the rear of the school on Leeson Lane.
- Please note it will not be possible to pass through the school as the children must all be collected from the one location for safety.
- Collectors, aftercare, minders and relations may only collect from the Leeson Lane gates.
- The pedestrian gate will be open and the children will be with their teacher.
- No child may be taken without being signed off by their class teacher. It is vital that this procedure is followed by everyone on Friday at lunchtime.
- If your daughter is being collected by someone other than yourself please send this information to the teacher by written note or email.
- I hope it will be a fitting climax to our busy term and with your cooperation regarding the collection arrangements my teachers will also enjoy the event.
- All sponsorship cards returned will go into a class raffle for special in-class prizes.

If sending a cheque for this very special charity which is so close to our hearts here in the Junior School please make it payment to 'Loreto College Junior School'.

Every pupil will receive a small treat on the day as we end our term filled with positivity!

### **Blazers.**

If any 6th class girl has not returned the blazer she borrowed for Confirmation, please do so once the holidays are finished. I would be obliged if it was dry cleaned beforehand.

### **Punctuality.**

Punctuality is part of the Life Skills we teach your children. It is important your daughter is sitting in her place by 8.55, as class begins promptly at 9 am each morning. A small, but persistent number of children are regularly late and this is recorded. Please note that Roll Call takes place shortly after 9 am and if your daughter is not present for this, she will be marked absent.

### **Easter Egg Hunt.**

The Easter bunny hopped over the back wall to visit J1 and S1. He left eggs hidden outside for the girls to find. They had fun searching for them, encouraged by some of our Past Pupils who are in the Senior School. The hunt brought back fond memories for the older girls.



Tá súil agam go mbeidh briseadh iontach agaibh go léir.

Le gach deá-ghuí

Maireád, Bean Uí Chathmhaoil  
Margaret Campbell