

The Classroom Chronicle

Volume 1, Issue 1

April 2014

Return of "The Chronicle"

Newsletter Returns

Welcome to the return of the "Classroom Chronicle" the Firoda School Newsletter which we hope to publish at least every term. The "Chronicle" first rolled off the press in Firoda way back in Christmas 1990. The front-page featured an article on the possibility of Jack Charlton being the guest of honour at the forthcoming Wellington Race. The newsletter was printed from our old BBC Master Compact Computer, one of the first computers to be used in an Irish Primary School. Printing was much more complicated in those days. We had just three "fonts" – sizes of text, there was no cut and paste, no column lay out, so each section of text had to be individually printed, cut out and pasted on to the master sheet – real "cut and paste". The children sold ads, on a commission basis, and then sold the newsletters, also on a commission basis, so the whole enterprise turned a profit for all involved. We hope to print hardcopies of this newsletter but it will

continued on page 2

New Website

The school in recent weeks has developed a brand new website. The old site which was constructed many years ago when websites were in their infancy is still active but has a link to the new site. The address of the new site is www.firodaschool.ie. It is a more modern site with various drop down menus and new features. The site is designed to be easy to navigate and in time will be packed with information. It will contain basic information about the school for parents and prospective parents. It will contain examples of children's work and activities and hopefully a wide range of articles of general interest. One feature will be an updated school calendar and readers will have opportunity to give feedback and contributions to the site.



Swimming!

Swimming Classes will commence for all pupils on Thursday May 1st in Graiguecullen Swimming Pool, Carlow and will continue for seven sessions until June 19th. The pupils will travel to and from the pool by bus and will take instruction from four qualified swimming instructors.



THIS ISSUE

- | | | |
|---|--|-----------------|
| 1 | Return of "The Chronicle" | |
| 1 | www.firodaschool.ie : | Swimming |
| 2 | Confirmation | Congratulations |
| 3 | School Tours Mid-Term | Credit Union |
| 4 | Children's Page | |
| 4 | Jokes | Recipe |

also be available digitally on our new website www.firodaschool.ie. The newsletter will contain the usual bits and pieces of news. If you have any contributions please send them in. We hope in particular, via the website, to get contributions from past pupils and friends abroad.

Confirmation



Congratulations



On March 1st, fourteen pupils from Firoda School made their Confirmation in the Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer. We extend our best wishes to Damien Fernandez, Cillian Cooney, Donal and Darragh Coughlan, Conor Brennan, Aoife Cahalan, Muireann Mc Sweeney, Meadhb Walsh, Molly Coogan, Nicky Connolly, Eimear Stone, Kerrie Moore, Jorgie Wilson and Emma Brannigan. Bishop Freeman celebrated the Mass and he was joined by Parish Priest Msgr. Ryan and Fr. Campion.

Ten children from our school will receive their First Holy Communion on May 11th.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Nicky Connolly** on his recent achievements in athletics. Nicky takes part in that very, very difficult discipline of "Race Walking". Back in February he did the school proud by taking the gold medal in the Leinster Championships but he didn't stop at that... a few weeks ago he made us proud once again by winning a Bronze Medal in the All-Ireland Championships held in the Athlone I.T. Indoor Arena. **Well done Nicky!**



Congratulations also to **Kyara Dunny** who recently competed in the Leinster Gymnastic Regional Finals in Naas. Kyara was competing in the under 9 age category and managed to win not one, but four medals! The events Kyara competed in were- Vault, Beam, Floor and Bars. **Well done Kyara!**





Wellington Race Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone that used a wellington race card with the Firoda School Stamp. The school got a percentage of monies collected on all those cards. The total amount raised for the school was €900. Well done!



June Mid-Term

School will be closed for first week in June. Monday 2nd is a Bank Holiday and the school will remain closed for the remainder of that week. Re-opens on Monday June 9th



School Tours

There will be three school tours next term. The senior classes (5th & 6th) will travel to Dunmore East Adventure Centre on Tuesday 17th for their tour. This centre has proven a very popular choice for the past number of years and the pupil look forward to it every year.

On the same day, the pupils from 1st,2nd,3rd & 4th classes will go to the Watershed in Kilkenny to visit Adventure World. This is an action packed day which includes some of the following: Swimming, Wrecking Ball, Wipe Out, Crazy Ladders, Ball Games, Fun Orienteering, Archery, Obstacle Course and an outdoor waterslide!

On Friday 13th June the pupils from Junior & Senior Infants will visit Kilkenny Castle & Playground. They will have an opportunity to explore inside the castle and full use of the playground. They will also visit other areas of interest in Kilkenny City.

Pupils in Firoda NS join the



Credit Union

Recently a saving scheme was introduced to the pupils in Firoda N.S. with the help of Castlecomer Credit Union. The main goal of the scheme is to encourage children to develop a savings habit by saving on a regular basis. Their savings can be used to save towards the cost of school tours, swimming etc. or their holidays. Many of the pupils opened their first account and are now regular savers. On Tuesday 1st April Mrs. Hilary O'Neill and Mrs. Nellie Callinan from Castlecomer Credit Union visited Firoda School to meet the children, view their recent "Easter Egg Art" and to distribute lots of goodies. Needless to say, the children were delighted with the visit! The art work can be viewed in the local Credit Union office. Mr. Willie Hetherington was present also and took lots of photos of the pupils with their art work.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ciara Brennan, 2nd Class who was a prize-winner in the recent "Love your Library Art Competition" held by the local library.

Well done Ciara!



Renovations to School

The last year has seen much change to our school with the additional classroom being the main feature. However, as well as adding the classroom the school has been repainted both internally and externally. The “old office” area has also been transformed and as well as being a corridor linking the new classroom to the rest of the school we have created a very useful storage area comprising of large storage presses, shelving units and worktop.

Childrens Section

Jokes

Q. Why did the M & M go to school?

A. Because it wanted to be a “Smartie”

Q. Why did the blackbird go to the Library?

A. Because it wanted to eat the “Bookworm”

Q. Why did the boy bring a ladder to school?

A. Because it was a “High School”

Q. Why did the criminal cut the legs off his bed?

A. Because he wanted to “lie low” for a while.

Q. What do penguins eat?

A. Ice Burgers!

Q. What’s a girl with one leg called?

A. I – Lean (get it? ...Eileen)

Teacher: What does a sheep give us?

Students: WOOL

Teacher: What does a pig give us?

Students: BACON

Teacher: What does a cow give us?

Students: HOMEWORK!!!!

Q. What’s hot and cold?

A. Chilly!

Recipe for S’mores

Ingredients:

Rich Tea Biscuit X 2

Marshmallow X 1 or X 2

Square of Chocolate X 1 or X 2

Step 1

Get the two rich tea biscuits and put a marshmallow on one and the square of chocolate on the other (without eating it!!!)

Step 2

Warning: hot oven coming up!

Put both rich tea biscuits on a oven grill (the one with the handle) and place it into a 180 degrees pre-heated oven for 30 seconds. (watch them until the marshmallow is browning a bit)



Step 3

Take both the rich tea biscuits out of the oven and put onto a plate. Then quickly put one on top of the other. Enjoy!

Note: 5th. & 6th. Classes are very busy at the moment completing their PowerPoint projects. We may be able to display them on the website later....watch this space!!

We hope you enjoyed reading our Newsletter!

It will be filed on www.firodaschool.ie