

# The CSCNS Times

March 2024



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

This term has a theme of Belonging. We are delighted that we could once again get involved in the Language Connect Programme. It is so important for children to learn about the different ways of communicating and the languages spoken at home and all around them. Thank you to the parents and staff who helped with various translations and for always being so willing to help.

This term we also began a new attendance and punctuality drive. We are delighted with the results so far and we have seen a significant improvement in the numbers of children getting to school on time and thank you to the parents for thinking consciously about when children may not be able to be at school. The new school calendar for next year is available on our website. We urge families for whom attendance and punctuality can be difficult to reach to see how we can support you in making the necessary changes.

As always, it has been a busy term. We are now looking forward to planning lots of events for the final term of the year. We will be looking forward to our Intercultural celebrations, school tours, 6<sup>th</sup> class graduation, sports week among lots of other things.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing break.

Mike Byrne

### Dates to Remember:

22nd March – Half day (12 noon)

25<sup>th</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April – school closed for Spring break and Easter period

8<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens

### Internet safety day – by Matyllda (4<sup>th</sup> Class)

CSCNS held internet safety day on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

*What is safer internet day?*

1. A day to create awareness of a better internet all users
2. The theme for Safer Internet Day is “Together for a better internet”.
3. Safer internet day began as an EU wide initiative and is now celebrated in 180 countries worldwide.

*On safer internet day let's take time to...*

1. Reflect on the role of technology in our lives.
2. Understand the key features of these technologies.
3. Learn how to make the most of our time online.

These days we have a lot of device's like a TV, computer, phone, tablet /iPad, watch and much more.

*Do you ever find it hard to switch of from a game/app/website?*

Technology companies design apps, games, social media using a technique called “persuasive design”. This means they design social media, apps and games in a way to persuade you to stay using it for longer.

*Example of persuasive design:*

- Auto play: Most streaming services such as Netflix and Disney+ have an auto play feature that automatically plays the next episode without you having to press play.
- Streaks: A reward for doing something for multiple days in a row.

*On safer internet day we have learned:*

1. The role of technology plays in your daily life.
2. Some examples of these features.
3. Tips to make the most of our time online.

Think about how much time you spend on the internet daily!

## Languages

by Laura & Hari (5<sup>th</sup> Class)

This term 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class are learning different languages in school. We are very lucky to have this opportunity.

3<sup>rd</sup> class are learning Portuguese. Ms Kelly, a teacher in our school, is teaching them. 3<sup>rd</sup> class are really enjoying learning it.

4<sup>th</sup> class are learning to speak Japanese with Ms Oka from the Languages Connect programme. Ms Oka is from Japan and it's her second year working with our school.

5<sup>th</sup> class have been doing Spanish with Ms Garvey, from our school. They like learning common phrases in Spanish.

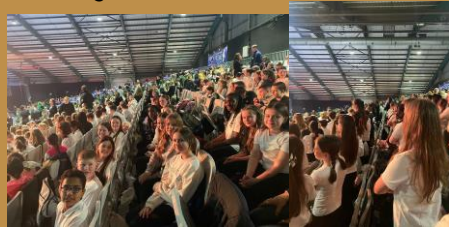
6<sup>th</sup> class are enjoying German lessons with Ms Howell and Ms Dwyer from UCD. This will be a head start for secondary school.

Hopefully we will be able to continue this programme throughout the years.

## Peace Proms by Sofia (6<sup>th</sup> Class)

This year some of the fifth and sixth class went to Peace Proms on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February and they got on great. On that special day, they went on a bus to the RDS in Ballsbridge and when they got there they did their rehearsals, and had their lunch.

A short while after, the audience arrived and in no time, the place was full. When the show began, they sang the songs they have been practicing and then they sang Revolting children, which was in Matilda the musical and then, Alisha Weir came on stage! Alisha is known for playing Matilda in Matilda the musical. Then unfortunately the show came to an end and it was time to go. Over all they had a great time.



Breaking News: CSCNS are now on Instagram!

Follow us to see regular updates about all of the learning and fun happening in CSCNS!



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## Swimming in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class

By Jamie & Emily (4<sup>th</sup> Class)

In 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class some really fun things have been happening for the past few weeks. They have been doing swimming in Clonsilla Leisure Centre for 5 weeks as part of their PE lessons. Everybody is trying their best to swim and have fun. There are 3 levels: the first level is shallow, the second level is medium and the third level is difficult.

Third class have been going on Monday and fourth class have been going on Tuesday.

Swimming is a great way to exercise and keep fit, so we hope they will keep it up after the lessons have finished.

## Roots of Empathy – by Georgy

3<sup>rd</sup> Class are currently taking part in the Roots of Empathy programme, where they are visited in their classroom by a real baby and their parent, along with Mr Byrne who is trained in the programme. Roots of Empathy is a programme for helping children to navigate relationships, form connections and be inclusive of others. The programme is important because if children have empathy they can change the world.

Roots of Empathy's purpose is to build peaceful and civil societies. Children learn to empathise with the baby quickly, and we can use this empathy to be kinder to one another in school.

We believe that by bringing roots of empathy to the school we can shape a better future because an empathetic child grows up to be a kind and caring adult.



## Ukulele lessons in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class By Jamie & Emily (4<sup>th</sup> Class)

In third and fourth class, the children have been doing Ukulele with instructor Amy as part of their Music lessons this term.

So far, they have learned lots of chords and are really enjoying it!

The ukulele, also called a uke, is a member of the lute family of instruments of Portuguese origin and used a lot in Hawaii. It has four nylon strings and can play lots of different popular songs. We are learning how to play the songs 'In the Jungle' from the Lion King and 'Thunder' by Imagine Dragons, as well as lots of other songs.

## Staff Profile - Meet Ms. O' Donovan

*Where is your favourite place you have been on holidays?*

I went to Mexico a few years ago, it was beautiful.

*What is your favourite food?*

Pizza – even though I'm lactose intolerant I eat it anyway!

*What is your favourite colour?*

Pink!

*What is your favourite year group to teach?*

I love teaching Junior and Senior Infants

*What are your hobbies?*

Singing, dancing and walking my dog Scamp!

I am part of the Naas Musical Society and we have a show coming up called '9 to 5'.

*Who is your favourite author?*

JK Rowling – I'm a big Harry Potter fan!