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STEWARTS SCHOOL UPDATE MAY 2018

School Website: The school's new website is now up and running - www.stewartsschool.ie. Keep an eye out for news, dates, pictures and videos of classwork and pictures of the new school as it goes up in Rossecourt. We are very excited to launch this website and we are hopeful it'll be seen as a useful resource at home and at school. It is compatible with computers, tablets and phones.

St.Patrick's Day



Parade:

This year, our St. Patrick's Day Parade took place on Friday 9th March. Our students paraded proudly through Palmerstown and were supported by staff, parents, service users and people from the local community. The Garda Band kicked off the festivities and played throughout the event. It was wonderful to see the students from our local schools who did a great job of cheering us on from the sidelines. Another highlight was the fabulous floats and costumes decorated to this year's theme "Irish Myths and Legends". Thanks to all who supported and joined us on the day!!

Healthy Eating Week



Our students enjoyed taking part in 'Healthy Eating Week' during the last week of January. Classes took part in lovely activities to promote healthy eating and some students got to taste healthy foods. There was some lovely 'healthy eating' art work on display around the school during the week. Well done to all!

Special Olympics: As you may remember from last term's newsletter the "Special Olympics All-Ireland Games" are going ahead in June, commencing on the 14th and finishing on the 18th. Lee, Hannah and Olise continue to train and prepare for the event supported by their families and school staff. It is most likely that their competitive events will take place on Sat 16th June and so all are **welcome** to join us on the day in Morton Stadium, Santry.

World Book Day: World book day was a huge success throughout the school and was celebrated on Thursday the 15th of March. Classes joined together for joint reading sessions and read their favourite books together with their friends. Some classes used Big Books, story sacks with objects of reference, IWB stories, switch stories, personal stories, personal readers, books and stories connected to the class theme of the month. It was great to see all of our students listening to and reading favourite stories and celebrating their love of stories together.

Multi-cultural Day: took place last month. See the photographs on our new website.

School Graduation: Ten students are graduating from Stewarts School in June - Hannah, Danielle, Chidiadi, Dylan, Seán, Erica, Ryan, Jordan, Adam and Eoin. We will celebrate their graduation in the Clayton Hotel, Liffey Valley on Thursday June 21st.

New School Building Project/VHI Mini-Marathon: As you are aware the new school is fast becoming a reality. We are currently fundraising to raise funds for the playground equipment for our new school campus. A group of staff and parents are participating in the VHI Mini-Marathon on Sunday June 3rd. You can support the group by completing a sponsor card on their behalf, by making a donation directly to the school or by arranging for someone you know to run the Mini-Marathon on behalf of the school. Any assistance you can offer is greatly appreciated. Please check the website for easy ways to donate to our 'Playground Project'.

Donations to our 'Playground Project': We are looking for ideas and support for our fundraising drive to pay for our new playground. If you would like to register a fundraiser for our school, you can register at iFundraise.ie/StewartsSchool. Select Stewarts School as your cause and you can receive donations to your fundraiser online by card payments and share the fundraiser via your social media and Whatsapp.

New Chairperson of the School Board of Management: Lorraine Carmody, Speech and Language Therapy Manager at Stewarts has been appointed as the new chairperson of the school board of management. We look forward to working with Lorraine as we progress towards the opening of our new school building.

Parent Teacher Meetings are currently taking place. We look forward to meeting with you on the afternoon of Tuesday May 29th if you have not already been to the school.

Summer Trips: Classes are making arrangements for a variety of trips within the local and wider community. You child's class teacher will be in touch in the coming weeks.

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