



Bush Post Primary School HSCL Newsletter



April 2018

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. The new term is action packed and I hope everybody is well rested and ready to get into action. If you have been overindulging on Easter eggs, feel welcome to join me every Wednesday morning from 9:30 -10:30 on the running track for a brisk walk. Hopefully the weather will be better this term.

PARENTS CLASSES FOR THE SPRING TERM

Classes in refresher maths, yoga and conversational Irish are continuing this term. Due to popular demand we will be offering a second First Aid class. Thank you to all those who have contacted me to secure their place. Limited spaces are still available. If you have any queries or wish to enrol please contact me at 042 9376953 or email fgillan.bpp@lmetb.ie



Help your Child Beat the Bully

A Parent Forum will be held on Wednesday 25th of April in the Lisdoonahilly and all parents are invited to attend. The theme is Help your Child Beat the Bully. The event is being hosted by The Genesis Programme North Dundalk Area Coordination Team (ACT) in collaboration with the Dundalk Education Committee. The event is being held in the Lisdoonahilly on the Newry Road. Refreshments will be available on arrival and lunch provided at 12 noon when things wrap up. There will be talks from a number of experts working in this area on a range of topics including a focus on keeping your child safe online, how bullying can harm a child and how to build resilience.

If you are interested in attending free transportation is provided from Bush PPS. Please contact me ASAP to secure a place on the bus.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Our very active and dedicated Parents Association committee is badly in need of support for our annual **Church Gate** collection on April 28/29th and our **Flag Day** on May 18th. If you are willing to lend a hand, please contact either myself or our Chairperson, Ms. Olive McGuinness. All fundraising benefits our school community, so any help is greatly appreciated.



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Good attendance means being in school at least 96% of the time. This means missing no more than 7 days. Attendance is the greatest indicator of exam success. A student who misses class time often struggles to catch up and this may have an impact on academic progress. If your son or daughter misses 20 days at school we must notify the Education Welfare Officer. While we appreciate some absences are unavoidable students should only be taken out of school when absolutely necessary. Research has shown that poor attendance leads to poor exam results, early school leaving and poorer opportunities in life. It would be appreciated if parents could provide their child with a note from their doctor if there is an ongoing or prolonged health issue.



The school year has 196 days.

100% = no days missed

96% = 7 days missed

90% = 17 days missed

85% = 26 days missed

80% = 33 days missed

75% = 42 days missed

Bush Post Primary Citizenship Morning

On Wednesday April 18th we will hold our annual Citizenship morning. The first year students will have opportunities to meet various community groups and charitable organisations that demonstrate good citizenship on a local, national and international level. In small groups they get an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the work of these inspiring groups.

This year we included several groups who demonstrate good citizenship within our school as well as many outside agencies. In all 18 groups are attending.

Concern, the Red Cross, Dundalk Simon Community, SVP, Carlingford Heritage Centre, Tidy Towns, Outcomers, Dundalk Dog Rescue, the Samaritans, Glenmore AC, Green Schools, the Student Council, SOSAD, Marie Goretti Foundation, Scouting Ireland, the Student Council, Sub Aqua Search and Rescue and Turas

Perhaps sometime in the future some of our students may be inspired to work for one of these fine organisations or they may find themselves in need of the supports offered by them. It is great to see how many parents and students from our school volunteer for these groups. Many thanks to all those who are willing to give up their time to join us in making this a great event. We really appreciate it!

Greenway Walk in support of the Samaritans

On Friday 20th of April our first year students will be fundraising on behalf of the Samaritans. They will be walking from Omeath to Carlingford to raise funds and to promote the wonderful work done by the Samaritans. Samaritans provide a free 24 hour confidential listening service for people when they are at their most vulnerable. Thank you to all who have supported the fundraising efforts of the young people.

Freephone the Samaritans at 116123