



Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd March:

School closes at 12 noon for Easter holidays

Monday 9th April:

School re-opens after Easter holidays

Monday May 7th – 11th May:

School closed Midterm Break

Saturday 26th May: First Holy Communion

Monday 4th June: School closed June bank holiday

Friday 29th June:

School closes at 12 noon for Summer holidays

Tour dates & Sportsday to be arranged

It is hoped that the July Education Programme for the children from our Cabhair Centre, will be held from **Monday 2nd July** until **Friday 27th July**.

This is subject to DES approval and availability of sufficient staff to run the programme.

Further information about this will be given after Easter.

A Word from the Chairperson...

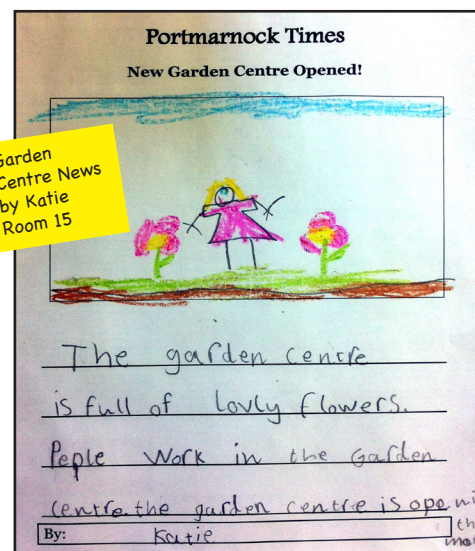
As always there has been lots of exciting things happening in the school and it is always worth noting that none of these events can happen without the support of all the staff in the school.

There is more building work! While all such works cause disruption, there is a massive amount of work in the background before the diggers come in. It is great that the school continues to improve the facilities available to the children. The prefab is almost complete and it is going to house the new library. When it is finished there will be a wonderful collection of books. The children are really looking to have a library again. The prefab will also house two Special Education Needs rooms for the SEN team which will greatly improve the facilities available to the children.

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a very successful week with lots of different activities. There were Irish dancing displays, live music from members of our local Ceoltas group and Tráth na gCeist (table quiz for 2nd classes). The Irish Dráma was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils and this is the one of the activities funded by the Board of Management.

Book Week was a huge success, as always, and a huge thanks to Ms Lavin for organising this special week. There was some magical story reading for Senior infants and for the whole school at Assembly by "our new librarian" - strange though, he seemed very familiar and the children in Room 15 seemed to know him especially well....

Again, a thank you to our Principal, Miriam Dowdall and all the staff.



CATCH UP

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER, ST HELEN'S JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL, PORTMARNOCK. March 2018.

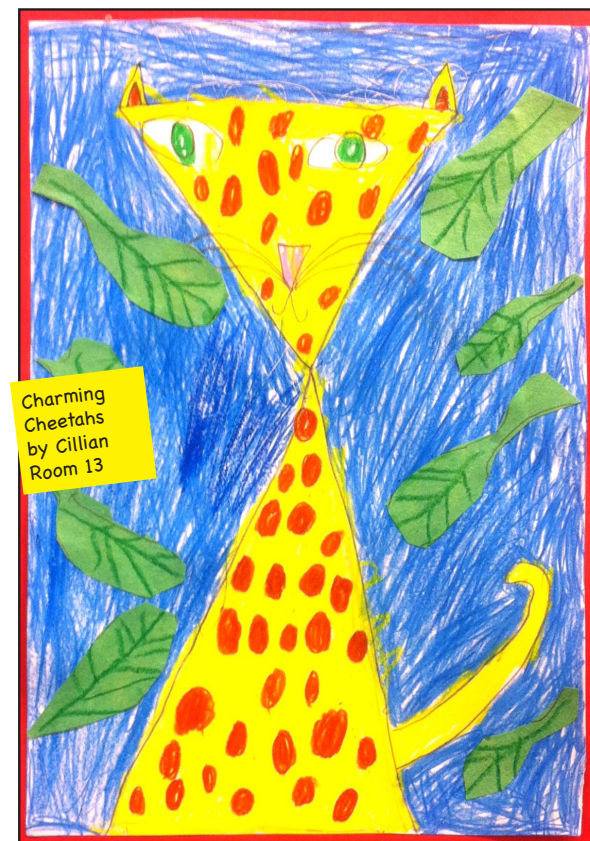
A word from the Principal...

I recall writing for the Easter Newsletter this time last year, that we were emerging from a very mild Winter- well we certainly can't say that this year! For many of our young pupils, it was their first "snow experience" and boy did they have such fun. Personally, I'm enjoying the dawn chorus, brighter mornings and evenings and an increase in the temperature much more than I enjoyed the blizzards!

Seachtain na Gaeilge is certainly off to a super start with a wonderful display of Irish Dancing from the pupils from Ms Bolton's School of Dancing. We are looking forward to our drama, "An Tuar Ceatha Caillte" - the lost rainbow (compliments of the Board of Management) and we are delighted that members of the local Ceoltas group will play for us here in the school during the week. There will also be Tráth na gCeist (table quiz) for 2nd classes & lots of other activities.

The 2nd classes will be very busy over the next 2 months as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on 26th May and their First Penance on 20th March.

We are also preparing for the annual Easter Bunny visit to St Helen's Junior. He's due to visit on 23rd March when each class will take part in the class egg hunt in our school garden. However, he will be hot on the heels of St Patrick so the last fortnight of this term is bound



to be action packed!

Lastly, I would ask you once again to refrain from driving up the school driveway in the mornings. Doing so PUTS THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AT RISK. Please use the footpaths to walk up and DOWN the school avenue.

We hope that you have a super Easter & come back refreshed ready for the action-packed last term!

Le Buíochas,

Miriam Dowdall



Spring Flowers
by Eimear
Room 12



Seascapes
by JMW
Turner
Room 16



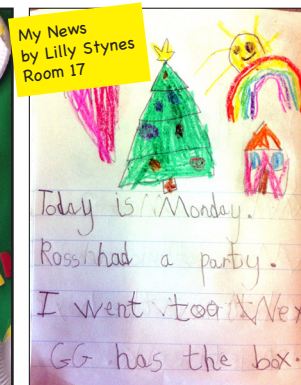
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Room 20



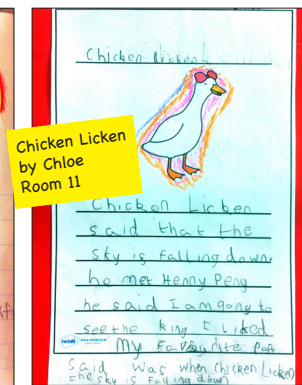
Spring Daffodils
Room 14



Easter Chicks
Room 21



My News
by Lilly Stynes
Room 17



Chicken Licken
by Chloe
Room 11



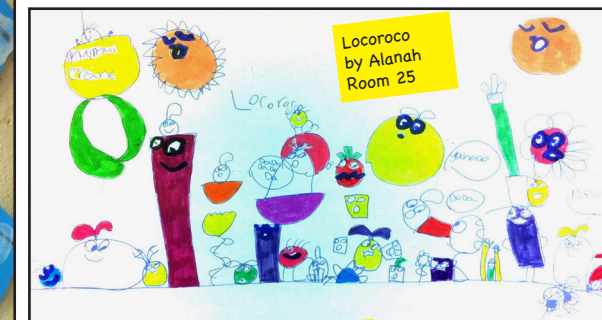
Evan
Room 24



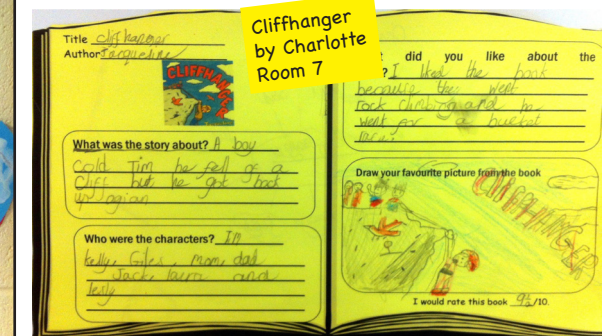
The Three Billy Goats Gruff
Room 19



Cold hands,
warm heart
Room 23



Locoroco
by Alanah
Room 25



Cliffhanger
by Charlotte
Room 7