

# Nuachtlitir—June 2019

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**6th Class Graduation Ceremony**—Wednesday 26th June @7.30pm in CLG Naomh Jude

**Uniform Sale**—Thursday 27th June @9am in BSNS Hall

**Summer Holidays begin**—Friday 28th June @12.00

**School Re-opens**—Thursday 29th August @9.00

## Choir

Recently, our choir participated in the *Music Generation* South Dublin Summer Showcase Concert in the Civic Theatre, Tallaght. It was the culmination of months of committed work on vocals, harmonies and body percussion under the expert guidance of Ms. Kelly and Ms. Knight, and their tutor Áine. We look forward to continued participation in this innovative programme next year.



## Graduation

We send our very best wishes to our outgoing 6th class pupils, who will graduate at a special ceremony this week. After eight years of primary school, they carry with them many great memories and we hope they will forever hold onto the belief that they can achieve anything they set their hearts on—their only limit is the sky! It can be an emotional occasion to leave the school but new challenges and wonderful opportunities await in the coming years. We sincerely thank parents and families for all your support.

## Microsoft Dreamspace

Ms. Haines's 6th class group were privileged to visit Microsoft's wonderful Dreamspace in Leopardstown recently. Through immersive teaching and learning experiences, the aim is to inspire students and teachers to see how technology can enhance education in exciting new ways, helping them to realise the full potential of what they can achieve. We are very fortunate to have secured a place for a class next year, and we also look forward to participating as teachers in a programme under current development.



## Sports News

Our hurlers celebrated a wonderful victory in Croke Park over a determined Ballyroan side. On what was a great day weather-wise, the team performed courageously and fought to the end to claim victory. Great credit must go to Mr. Grace and Mr. Gallagher, assisted on the day by Mr. Edge, who prepared the team so well throughout the year. Well done too to our Camogie team and their coaches who represented Dublin in the Leinster Blitz in Portlaoise. Many thanks to their coaches, Mr. Edge and Ms. Darcy, who give so generously of their time.



## 10km Run/Walk

Our 10km journey came to an end with our recent trip to Tymon and a celebratory ice-cream. We are very proud of all our pupils who completed the challenge, and indeed went beyond, over the past few weeks. We wish to thank the organisers of the event and to all those who generously contributed to this fundraiser.



## Farewell

This Friday marks the final day for two of our valued members of staff, Ms. Nicholson and Ms. Johnston. There are many who over the years were fortunate to be in their classes and both have great memories of the hundreds of pupils that they have had the pleasure to teach. Ms. Nicholson joined us in 1986, whilst Mrs. Johnston joined BGNS arriving in 1999.

The high esteem to which they are held by fellow staff members, past and present, is a tribute to their selfless and enthusiastic characters that befits anyone from their respective counties of Galway and Kerry. While they depart the school, they leave behind many who they helped shape, both professionally and personally, with their dedication, encouragement, sense of humour and wisdom. They will be very much missed by all.

We also bid farewell to Ms. Haines who will be returning to her native Co. Cork. Having joined us in 2017, Ms. Haines quickly became an integral part of our staff and involved herself in our wonderful musical as well as many other school activities. We also say farewell to Ms. King who leaves us after over a decade as a member of staff. Though spending the past four years teaching abroad, Ms. King joined us in 2005 and succeeded Ms. Colgan as the conductor of the choir, presiding over a number of Musicals, Confirmations and Whole School Singing. We wish both well in their future endeavors.

We also pass on our best wishes to Ms. O'Farrell and Ms. Farrell on their upcoming Career Breaks.



## And Finally ...

*As another year comes to an end in BGNS, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the school community. As we settled into our shared building for the first full year, work began in earnest to develop our school grounds. It has been very encouraging to see the gradual transformation, which has included the pitch and 250m running track, upgraded pathways and an outdoor classroom. We look forward to the arrival of new seating for outside, and playground markings with activities and courts over the summer months. Every pupil in our school benefits from these amenities, and it has been so rewarding to see the impact of daily activity on fitness levels and well being of our pupils. We look forward to continuing this work in 2019/2020. I am also very proud of all that has been achieved in STEM this year as we continue to look for new and exciting learning opportunities for pupils. School should be a place where everyone feels they fit in and can develop to be the best version of themselves, whatever their talents and abilities. Our school motto of Ní neart go chur le chéile is at the heart of everything we do. I wish everyone a happy and safe summer break; a time for fun, family and friends. Enjoy the holidays!*

Mrs. Corbett

## Goodbye and Thanks

The Student Council bids farewell to our ten outgoing members from 6th Class who will be graduating this week. We thank them for all the hard work they put in since their election in February, and we wish them well.

