



# North Dublin Muslim National School Summer 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of the school year. It has been an extremely busy year with so many fantastic activities within and outside of the classroom. We hope that our newsletter will give you a flavour of what has been happening at the school. Everything that happens at the school is only possible with the commitment and dedication of our staff, our Parents' Association, and the wider school community and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank each of you on behalf of the school.

This week we will say goodbye to our 6<sup>th</sup> Class as they leave us for secondary school. I'd like to wish them and their families the very best next year, and hope you remain a part of the NDMNS community. Sadly, we also say goodbye to two members of staff this year; Ms. Lenihan will be leaving us to return to Cork, and Ms. Hogan will be teaching abroad next year. We wish you both the very best.

Finally, I'd like to say a big congratulations to all of the boys and girls who work so hard every day and make our school what it is. We wish you all a lovely summer and look forward to welcoming you all back on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

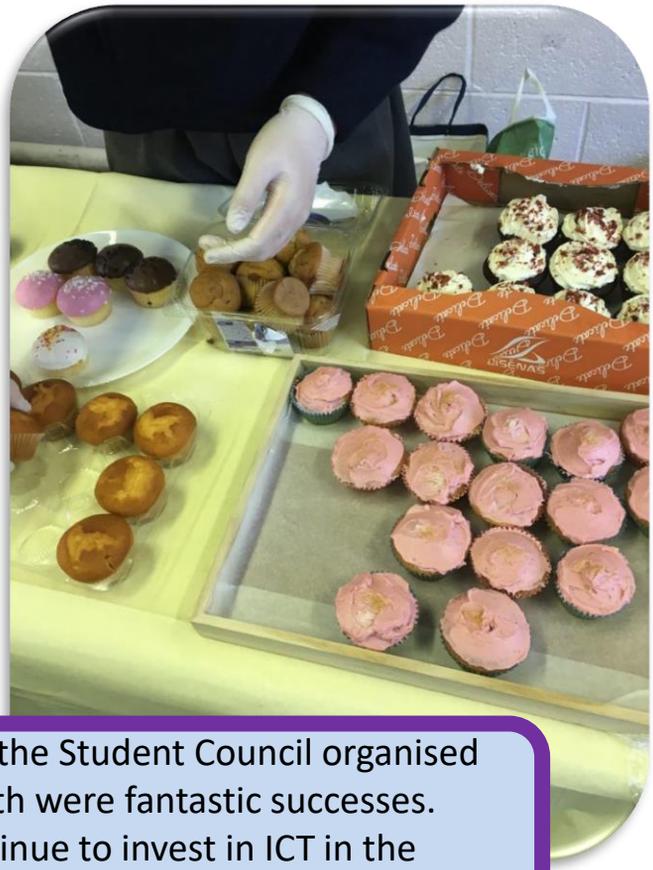
Eoin Walsh  
Principal



We were very excited to take part in the Concern Primary Debating Cup for the first time this year, and after several rounds were delighted to win the final debate. Well done to all involved!



4<sup>th</sup> Class took part in the first annual Cabra Garda Sports Day with 4<sup>th</sup> Classes from other schools in the area. The boys and girls had a great time trying out lots of new activities and even got to meet the Garda mounted unit!



Both the Parents' Association and the Student Council organised bake sales during the year, and both were fantastic successes. Your generosity allowed us to continue to invest in ICT in the school and funded our Eid celebrations.



The Parents' Association organised a bouncy castle, popcorn and candyfloss as part of our Eid celebrations. They also ran a competition where pupils completed projects on what Ramadan means to them. We were very impressed with the quality of the projects entered.



Boys and girls from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class took part in the annual Active School Week soccer blitz which is hosted by NDMNS. We welcomed teams from Clonskeagh, Gaelscoil Bharra, Belmayne Educate Together and St. Audeon's. Both of our teams put in fantastic performances.



Boys and girls from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class represented the school very well at the Spar FAI Soccer Blitz in Irishtown. Both teams represented the school with pride and won several of their matches. Well done to all who participated!



We were delighted to be awarded our third Green Flag for the school's efforts in reducing the amount of water we use. Well done and thank you to the Green School committee and all the staff involved for all of your hard work!



Earlier in the year, we welcomed the Sam Maguire cup to the school (for the third time in three years!) Boys and girls were delighted to see the cups and had lots of great questions.



Active School Week was a great success with children taking part in cricket, penalty shoot-outs, sports day, trips to the Phoenix Park and even a teddy bears' picnic. We had fantastic weather for the week and were even treated to ice-lollies by the Parents' Association after the relay races!



# Junior Infants Red

What a wonderful year it has been in Junior Infants Red this year and I cannot believe that it is almost over. I am so proud of all of the Junior Infants for completing their first year in school. You have all done so well and have worked so hard and have learned so much! We have become super readers, learned all about different areas of Maths, studied Australia as part of Intercultural Fortnight, learned lots of songs and most importantly had lots of fun! We had a super school tour to Woolly Ward's Farm where we had lots of fun meeting different animals, getting our hands messy with some arts and crafts and watching a show at the end of the day! I am so happy to have taught such a wonderful group of Junior Infants this year and I wish you all a fantastic summer filled with fun, laughter and some rest!

# Junior Infants Yellow

We have had a wonderful last term in Junior Infants Yellow! There have been so many fun activities and the class have worked so hard. In maths we worked on capacity and got to go outside and use water to investigate. The class learned all about 2D and 3D shapes, as well as beginning to learn how to tell the time. They have been working on addition all year and they are getting so good at it. In English we finished the second reader 'The Lost Ball' and the class loved this. They have all gotten so good at blending their sounds to read the words. The class spent this last term revising all the sounds they have learned in Jolly Phonics and practicing writing all their letters. They all improved so much in the last few weeks. In the last term we did the Garden Centre in Aistear and the class loved getting to plant their own seeds and look after them and watch them grow. We had a great visit from the Post Man this term and the class all got to try on his hat and carry his bag. We had a exciting Active Schools Week and the boys and girls got to take part in so many different activities throughout the week. They loved the obstacle course and had such a fun time at Sports Day. The highlight of this term for the children and their teacher has to be the school tour! We went to Woolly Wards farm and the children had an amazing day. They loved getting to hold and pet all the animals. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching all the boys and girls in Junior Infants Yellow this year and they have done so well and improved so much. I am very proud of each and every one of them! I hope they have all had a great first year of school and all have a lovely summer!



# Senior Infants Pink

Wow, it is hard to believe that the school year is almost over and all the boys and girls in Senior Infants Pink have finished their second year at NDMNS. We have had an exciting year full of lots of learning and adventure! We have packed a lot of activities into the last term. We had our school tour to Woolly Wards Farm where the boys and girls got the chance to meet some animals on the farm. We had an action packed sports day and we also learned and performed a song for the sixth class Graduation. We have been very busy with our school work too. In Maths, we have been revising our number bonds to ten as well as working out addition and subtraction number problems. We have made significant progress in English too and we are really good at cursive handwriting now as well as reading all our Dolch words. What a successful year it has been and I am so proud of everyone for all their hard work since September. Well done to everyone for always trying their best and I wish you all every success as you move into First Class! Have a great summer break!

# Senior Infants & 1<sup>st</sup> Class Green

A big hello from Senior Infants and First Class Green! This is our last newsletter entry for this year and what a year it has been! This term both classes completed their class readers and focused on improving the content of their writing including working on their spelling. Both classes are able to write independently and creatively in a number of genres. Plus, we have worked on expanding our vocabulary around animals, weather and transport this term. As well as revising all our sounds and dolch words with both classes. In Maths, both classes focused on their addition and subtraction skills. Senior Infants learned how to subtract numbers up to 15 while first class began working on subtraction using regrouping. First Class focused on fractions and working in doubles and halves. Both classes worked on revising topics like measures, data and shape through games and stations. This term we have covered the topics of Sa bhaile agus an teilfís. We learned songs and rhymes in Irish and played a variety of games such as Bingo, Cluiche Kim, An Crochadóir and many more. This term we have worked so hard especially in History, Geography and Science. We explored the topics of Homes, Life Under the Sea, The Olympics, Greece and People who Work at Sea. We really enjoyed this work especially when we got to use these topics in our Art, Drama and ICT work. In the Arts, we created clay sea creatures, made lanterns for Eid, created farm scenes, designed Eid Cards and created under the sea pictures. If you want to check out all about our work this year, check out our blog entries throughout the year! Before we go, I just want to say that I am incredibly proud of everyone's hard work this year. The whole class have done so well at all their work and it has been a pleasure to be their teacher. A big thank you to all the teachers and staff who have worked in Room 8 with senior infants and first class this year. Have a fantastic summer!!!!



# 1<sup>st</sup> Class Purple

This has been an amazing term in First Class Purple! We have worked really hard at Maths and have become excellent at addition and subtraction. Ms. Brennan and Ms. Lenihan were amazed at all the addition and subtraction problems that the boys and girls could answer. We explored the topic of weight and discovered many heavy and light items. We have become fantastic readers and finished our final reader 'The Four Friends'. Ms Lenihan was so impressed by all the children's reading skills. In Science, we worked with magnets and discovered what materials stick to them. We explored the 'Supermarket' theme in Aistear. We had great fun looking at all the items and deciding what to buy and how much we had to pay. We celebrated Eid in school with the visit of a bouncing castle. We also enjoyed some popcorn and candyfloss for the day. We participated in lots of great activities during 'Active School Week'. We took part in warm-up routines every morning and had a penalty shoot-out. Everyone had great fun on Sports Day and participated in lots of fun activities, as well as the class race. Well done to all the boys and girls! Also, we went to the park to have a Teddy Bears Picnic. We had great fun, playing on the swings with our teddies. Finally, I want to say a huge thank you to all the parents/guardians for your support and help throughout this year. I also must thank all the boys and girls in First Class Purple who have been absolutely fantastic all year. They have worked so hard and I am very proud of everyone! I hope all the boys and girls have an amazing summer! :)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Orange

What a fantastic and fast year we have had in Second Class Orange! This is our last newsletter of the year and I can't wait to tell you all about our busy term. In English, we have been busy trying to finish lots of different stories from our Green Genie reader. We have been looking at some of Ken Nesbitt's poems. We really loved the one called 'I have to Write a Poem'. In Maths we have been learning about capacity and data. The class recorded lots of information on bar charts and pictograms. We have been practicing and revising our addition and subtraction. In Gaeilge we have been revising Ar Scoil and Caitheamh Aimsire. The boys and girls loved singing the songs and rhymes and practicing different games in Irish. We have also been learning an Irish rap called 'An Ceolchoirm'. The children performed this at their assembly in May and it really was impressive. In SESE we have been learning about schools in the past. Everyone was so interested in this topic and it was great to hear some stories about what schools are like in their home countries. In Art we have been drawing and creating lots of different Summer flowers. In May we had our Simga and Micra-T tests. The boys and girls did so well and all their hard work during the year paid off. Well done to all! It was Second Class' time to perform for assembly. They sang the song 'Do, Re, Mi' from The Sound of Music and included the Curwen Hand Signs. The boys and girls sang 'Allah Made Everything' and created some lovely art pieces to accompany the song. We had a brilliant school tour to Go Kids Go where we had lots of fun on the different slides and ball pools. I am so happy and proud to have taught such a lovely class this year. All your hard work has paid off and you are now ready for third class! Have a fantastic Summer filled with lots of fun, sunshine and rest!



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Blue

We have worked very hard in Third Class Blue this term. In Maths, we have learned a lot and we have made a lot of progress, especially with are multiplication and division tables! In English we've learned a lot of grammar and new vocabulary. We have enjoyed reading our class novels 'Tom Crean: Ice Man' and 'Danger is Everywhere'. We have learned many songs in preparation of the Sixth Class Graduation Assembly. We love debating, in fact, Mr Kelly thinks we are some of the best debaters he's ever taught! We try to make our classroom bright and colourful by displaying all our excellent art work! Last week we had an amazing Active Week in the school. Everyone had a great time playing fun games in the glorious sunshine. We can't wait for our school tour to Dublin Zoo this week and are looking forward to visit the new 'Zoorassic Park' habitat. Congratulations 3<sup>rd</sup> Class on all your hard work this year. Well done! Enjoy your holidays!

Mr Kelly

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Silver

We have had a lot of fun both inside and outside the classroom this term. We celebrated Eid, completed our standardised tests and got to go on plenty of school trips, all whilst working hard in our subjects.

The students got an opportunity to go swimming this term which was enjoyed immensely by all. The students have now mastered the basic skills and all enjoyed their lessons. We also got an opportunity to participate in a cricket workshop. This was exciting as we have very sporty students in our class and they thrived in this activity.

We got to go on two trips to our local library which proved very fruitful. We had stories read to us, as well as getting an opportunity to read books there. Teacher also took books out on topics related to the Egyptians, Science and soccer that were of great interest to the students.

Last month, the students sat their class tests. This was a great opportunity to show off the great learning we have been doing all year. The students did themselves proud and all tried their very best- which is all that we ask.

In class, we worked on great projects from the Greeks to the Egyptians. We looked at the human body, schools in the past and mountains amongst other topics. Our work in Maths was superb and a great effort was put in by all. We got all our books covered this term and this was very satisfying for the students and teacher.

Towards the end of the term we celebrated Eid in spectacular fashion. We had a bouncy castle, popcorn and candy floss. A special thanks to the Parent's Association for organising this. It was enjoyed by all.

We are currently having lots of fun for Active School week- playing soccer matches, taking penalties and doing obstacle courses amongst other events. We might even have the next Ronaldo in our midst judging by the standard of penalties. We now eagerly look forward to the school tour to Dublin Zoo next week and the 6<sup>th</sup> Class graduation assembly.

I, Ms. Nugent, would like to compliment the students on their wonderful and caring nature all year. They are a fantastic group to teach whom I am incredibly proud of. I hope you all have a fabulous and safe summer!

Slán agus beannacht libh go léir!!

# 4<sup>th</sup> Class Violet

This term may just have been our busiest yet! We have really enjoyed the fine weather we've been blessed with lately through outdoor paper weaving and scavenger hunts.

We had a great day out at our first sports day of the year in Broomsbridge, and are so lucky to have had a second happening so soon after. This was organised by the Cabra Gardaí who invited all the local schools. This gave us a brilliant opportunity to make lots of new friends and we can't wait to meet them again in the future! We also made some special new friends in the horses that the Gardaí rode in on.

Our trip to the library gave us an insight into what is on offer in our local library. We were impressed to see artwork, DVDs, novels and much more available to us. The kind librarian read us an interesting book while we relaxed and listened. Then we had a browse and picked out a book of our own to read.

We have had an active term through swimming and lots of outdoor PE but the last week has really topped it off. We celebrated Eid on Monday with a bouncy castle, popcorn and even candy floss. We had a lovely day thanks to the Parents Association. During the remainder of sports week we enjoyed taking part in the 5k run, cricket lessons, obstacle courses and much more. We were well warmed up for sports day!

I, Ms. Hogan, have had a fantastic time teaching a wonderful bunch of students in 4<sup>th</sup> class and hope everyone has an amazing summer. Come back with lots of interesting stories in September and best of luck in 5<sup>th</sup> class!

# 5<sup>th</sup> Class Amber

The boys and girls in Ms Wehrly's 5<sup>th</sup> class cannot believe that the school year is drawing to a close. They have all worked incredibly hard but have had a fun-filled term too.

We finished our class novel "Holes", with everyone agreeing that it was a really fascinating read and a definite page turner. In Science, we created projects on animals from marine, forest, arctic and jungle habitats. In Geography, we explored a range of countries in Africa discussing the challenges they face and we put our knowledge into action during our visit to Irish Aid when we participated in different activities based on the Sustainable Development Goals. We also learned to speak some Swahili during this workshop. This term we also displayed our wonderful acting skills when we performed a reader's theatre script for second and third class. We are currently enjoying our daily chats about the World Cup and have been doing some study of the different countries participating.

All the boys and girls really enjoyed Active School Week and Sports Day and displayed great athletic ability in the races as well as super co-operation in the team activities on Sports Day. Many boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup> Class participated in our annual inter-school soccer blitz during Active School Week, with some serious skills on display throughout the matches. Some of the boys and girls also took part in a Concern debating workshop and again showed what great debating skills the students at NDMNS have.

We have our fingers crossed that the sun will shine for our school tour to Zipit! but know that we will have a super time whatever the weather. Keep an eye on the website for pictures!

Ms Wehrly would like to wish all the boys and girls and their families a very happy and fun filled summer whether in Ireland or abroad. It has been a real pleasure teaching this year's 5<sup>th</sup> Class due to their enthusiasm, sense of humour and sheer determination. You will make a great 6<sup>th</sup> Class next year!

# 6<sup>th</sup> Class Turquoise

It's truly hard to believe how fast this last term went. The Sixth Class boys and girls had the pleasure of being taught by a new, student teacher, Ms. Cleary! She, also a Muslim, taught really cool, interesting and up-to-date lessons that were active and intriguing for all!

The standardised tests weren't too painful this year and it was no time at all before Eid celebrations were going on in the school. The boys and girls received their 6<sup>th</sup> Class hoodies, a first for NDMNS! Everyone seemed happy with their hoodies, and even a few teachers, including the Principal, Mr. Walsh, invested in one!

The end of the year brought more History projects, such as the French Revolution and in Maths, there were several topics covered, from Chance to Algebra to basic Operations... The big focus was on Graduation though, with poems and speeches being prepared over time. In Music, the boys and girls prepared meaningful songs to prepare for the Senior end of the school on Graduation Day. Drama saw a new (slash, old) student, Ayman, perform a wonderful rendition of a werewolf, along with brilliantly talented characters in that Readers' Theatre performance.

We won't go into too much detail about Active School Week. Everyone had a ball – except for maybe the day the teachers beat the 6<sup>th</sup> Class in rounders. Ms. Faughnan will always defend them though to say they were the most gracious and respectful 6<sup>th</sup> Class she had competed against! Sports Day in itself was such a laugh.

Magazines, scrap books and Graduation itself will reveal the pride Ms. Faughnan has for this group of children. They are amazing and she is so unbelievably proud of each and every one of the boys and girls. Best wishes to all, in Secondary School and beyond!!!!

# Rainbow Class

We have had a fantastic last term in the rainbow room. We were so excited to go out and explore our community. We went on field trips to the library, the park, the shop and the café. We practised paying for things and using our lovely manners. We have been also been cooking in the rainbow room and have enjoyed making different types of food our favourite was scrambled eggs. All of the boys and girls in the rainbow room are fantastic artists and have painted beautiful pictures and created sculptures out of clay. We are also amazing singers and have learnt lots of new songs, our favourite song this term is "Heads, shoulders, knees and toes". We are very creative in the rainbow room and have had lots of fun making Playdough, slime and snow. Ms Diffney, Ms Lawlor and Ms McRory have been so impressed with all our hard work and hope that all the boys and girls from the rainbow room have a wonderful summer.



# Support Team

The Support teachers have had a wonderful term and we want to thank all the boys and girls for their hard work and dedication this term.

Ms. Doherty says, "I absolutely love teaching in the various classes every day. We are so lucky in NDMNS to have such fantastic hard-working class teachers and it's a privilege to teach with them every day. As for our lovely pupils - what can I say? Thank you for your hard work and putting a smile on my face every day. Keep up the good work and best wishes for the summer holidays"

Mr. Keane says, "I have really enjoyed third term in NDMNS. I have really enjoyed working with the boys and girls in English, Maths and Aistear. I have gotten to know my withdrawal groups very well and have seen them make progress this term. Enjoy your summer holidays!"

Ms. Brennan says 'I am very lucky to be working with so many wonderful boys and girls this term. I really enjoy working with Ms. Adams' Junior Infant Class, Ms. Hogan's Fourth Class, Ms. Faughnan's Sixth Class and Ms Wehrly's Fifth Class. We have been busy reading lots of different texts in English and have been answering tricky comprehension questions. I love teaching my different groups everyday. They are all working extremely hard and there has been some great progress this term. Well done everyone! I look forward to next September with all the amazing boys and girls in NDMNS. Have a safe and happy summer break!"

Mr. O'Séaghda says,"Have a fantastic summer break, boys and girls! Thank you for your hard work this term. We have had a great time over the past few months and I feel we have all learned so much. It has been a pleasure teaching you all this term. Best of luck to Sixth Class and have a great time in secondary school!"

Ms. Cullen says, "I have really enjoyed my time in NDMNS so far and I am getting to know the children very well. I am enjoying both my time in class, and withdrawals. I have really enjoyed the Eid celebrations and Active week. Enjoy the summer holidays!"

# Religion & Arabic Team

This year has been fantastic! It is hard to believe that it is coming to an end. As the school year comes to an end, we want you to know that your children have amazed us in **SO MANY** ways.

Some of the children have made us very proud this year. Some of them have frustrated us, but only because we want them to see in themselves the potential that we see in them. ***All of them made progress in some way. And that is what matters most.***

With cooperation we can achieve our goals. Without cooperation, people disturb others. They don't care about the rules, and they don't seem to care about others. Allah (SWT) states in the Qur'an, "And cooperate and help one another in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression"

So let our virtue of next year will be cooperation