

# DominicanTimes

November 2011

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class went to the library on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November to meet author **Debbie Thomas**.



**Science Week** was on the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. The theme for this year is 'The Chemistry of Life'. Each class got involved in Science activities and experiments.

**Astronomy Ireland** held a workshop in our school on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of November for 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. Thanks to Ms. Tuohy for organising the event for us.



We would like to welcome Ms. McCarthy to our staff. She is replacing Mrs. Rogan who is currently on maternity leave. We would like to congratulate Mrs. Rogan on the birth of her baby boy Harry.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class planted **Spring Bulbs** in their classrooms on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Thanks to Ms. Heavin for organising the event and for all the parents who came in and helped with the planting.



## Food Dudes

This project aims to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables at school and at home. It is based on positive role models (the Food Dudes characters). Ms. Heavin is the school co-ordinator for the programme which has just been introduced in the school. Phase 1 began on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November and Phase 2 will begin on the 1st of December.



## Parents Cookery Course

Ana Molina came in and taught some of our parents how to do a number of lovely dishes and desserts including fillet of pork with Mediterranean vegetables, steamed haddock with spaghetti of vegetables, apple muffins, banoffi pie and Irish oat biscuits. The course ran for 6 weeks in our fully equipped kitchen on Tuesday mornings in October and November. It was a great course and the delicious dishes were enjoyed by all.



### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. If you were unable to attend on this day, please make an appointment with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

There was a **talk for parents** of 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils on Confirmation on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's.



**Maths for Fun** ran for six weeks in Senior Infants. It took place every Monday morning at 9.00am and ended on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November. Thanks to all the parents who participated.

We had an **Open Day** on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November from 11.00am to 12.30pm. Thanks to everyone for making it such a huge success.

The **Enrolment Mass for Confirmation** was on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November in St. Michael's Church, Dun Laoghaire, at 11.30am.

**Hot Dog Day** was held on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November. Thanks to all the parents who helped out on the day.



We had **Mass for the Holy Souls** on Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of November at 11.30 for all our loved ones who have passed away. Monsignor Dan O'Connor was the celebrant. Thanks to Ms. O'Donnell for organising it and for Ms. Gallagher who played the piano.



Third and Fourth Class went to the National Concert Hall on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of November for **Music in the Classroom**.



### Children's Personalised Christmas Card



During November, pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class designed their own personalised Christmas Cards in school. They have been sent away to be professionally printed and a sample of each child's personalised Christmas card will be returned to the school in December, free of charge to keep. Order forms will be sent out for parents if they want to order Christmas card packs of the children's personalised Christmas Cards. Pack of 10 = €5.

**Events to look forward to in December.**

### **Carol Singing**



In December, Sixth Class are returning to the Nursing Home that they visited in October as part of Social Inclusion Week. This time they are going to entertain the residents, nurses and staff with their festive carolling. All the residents in Ashford Nursing Home and the Sixth Class children are really looking forward to this event. A huge thank you to Miss Fiorentini and Miss Gallagher for preparing and accompanying the children.

### **Christmas Stockings**



Joanna, a parent in our school is teaching Sixth Class how to sew! They are going to make Christmas stockings. They will learn this craft in December with Joanna coming into our kitchen for two sessions. The children will use red felt for the stockings and decorate them with different colourful designs. A huge thank you to Joanna for offering to share her expertise.

### **Carol Service**

Each class is busy preparing for our school Carol Service which will take place on Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of December at 1pm in St. Michael's Church, Dun Laoghaire.

All are welcome.