



DARVER N.S / SCOIL DAIRBHRE

Ní Buaidh Go Dfí Eolas

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Meitheamh (June)

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Welcome

Welcome to our final school newsletter of the school year 2023/2024. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep parents/guardians informed about school matters and various activities that happen here at Scoil Dairbhre.

The newsletters will be shared with parents via email and uploaded onto the school website. In the interest of the environment our newsletters will be issued solely online. Parents who are separated may request two copies of our newsletter, please contact Shelly in the office to do this (042 9379280 / schdarver.ias@gmail.com).

Important Dates to note:

- Wednesday 5th June - World Book Day
- School Sports Day - Tuesday 11th June 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- School closes at 12.30pm on Friday 21st June for the summer holidays
- School reopens on Thursday 29th August 2024 for the new school year 2024/25
- **Please click below to access our school calendar for the next school year 2024/2025**
[Darver NS School Calendar 2024/2025](#)

School Self Evaluation Update (SSE)

Our School Self Evaluation Plan which focuses on "Wellbeing in Education" is nearing the end of year one. Please see below for a round up of what has happened this year:

- Review of Critical Incident Policy.
- New wellbeing programmes have been implemented across all classes and will continue next year.
- Calm/positivity corners have been introduced in classrooms where space allows.
- Wow work wall continues to be used as part of our whole school assemblies.
- Class communication tools are in use in all classes and will continue next year.
- We Play Together Wednesday play groups are up and running.
- Peer assessment is being introduced across all classes.
- Grandparents Day took place in February and will run again next year.
- Literacy and numeracy stations with parent volunteers.
- Wellbeing Week took place in March which included a cookery workshop for all classes.

- Showcase Project Open Evening took place - see below for more details.

- Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 11th June - see below for more details.

- School Garden is a work in progress - see below.

- Yard markings/games and painting of the school name sign to be completed over the summer months.

We will be introducing some new initiatives next year as part of our SSE plan. These will be communicated to parents through our termly newsletters and via email.

Showcase Project Open Evening

As part of our SSE plan each class worked with a specialist speaker from the National Heritage Council. Each class then worked to create a project based on the topic covered with their specialist speaker. Our Showcase Project Open Evening took place on Tuesday 28th May from 6-7pm and was open to pupils, parents and community members to attend. The children created some wonderful projects on forest schools, the Vikings, the Normans, the 1916 Rising, World War 1 and World War 2. You can check out photos from the evening on our school Facebook Page (Darver National School).

School Sports Day

Our School Sports Day this year will take place on Tuesday 11th June from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. We are inviting parents and family members to come along to cheer on the children in their races. Teachers will organise and coordinate the races on the evening and the Parents' Association will be on hand to provide refreshments. We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our Sports

Day this year and have even added a special parents race to the card! It's not too late to start practising!! We look forward to seeing you all on the evening for some fun!

School Garden

We have been working in the background to get our school garden up and running but unfortunately it has not been as straightforward as we had hoped. Quotes from local garden centres are proving to be too expensive. We have been thinking of ways to work around this and Mrs. Meehan came across a company called Difference Days - <https://differencedays.ie/>.

Difference Days work with companies (usually 20 + employees) to provide team building days where the employees work together to complete a project. They have previously brought teams to schools to create school gardens and they arrange everything including transport, food, materials and any specialist equipment. They arrange the teams, allocate the activities, materials and all of the protective clothing. Professional trades-people are on hand throughout to give instruction. It is a team building day with a difference for colleagues in larger companies - a way to come together to create something wonderful for a beneficiary (our school).

You might be wondering what this has got to do with you?? We are reaching out to parents to see if you might know a company who may be interested in getting involved and having their own team building day for their employees as they work with Difference Days to create our raised vegetable patches. If you know a company that might be interested please get in touch with us via the school office.

Chromebooks

A set of 12 Chromebooks have been purchased for use by all classes in the school and a Chromebook charging trolley is in the process of being purchased. We will have our Chromebooks up and running in September 2024 and look forward to incorporating them into our classroom activities in a fun and safe way!

School Marathon Relay

Our School Marathon Relay took place on 17th May and proved to be a fantastic event! The children really enjoyed taking part and worked so hard to achieve a great time of 2 hours 32 minutes and 52 seconds. A massive €2238.30 was raised from sponsorship cards for the event which will go towards the cost of new yard markings/games and painting our school name sign. We would like to thank all of the pupils, parents, grandparents, extended family and community members for their participation and support through sponsorship and attendance on the day. We were so lucky to get a beautiful sunny day for the event. We would like to extend a big thank you to our Parents' Association Chairperson Sabrina Cranny for her help in organising this event in collaboration with the school and also for gaining sponsorship to cover the cost of the event from HireDirect.ie. A sincere thank you to Michael Kieran for his sponsorship and support. You can check out photos from the day on our school Facebook Page (Darver National School).

Parents' Association Flag Day Fundraiser

The Parents' Association Flag Day fundraiser took place on Saturday 25th May and was a great success raising €2490. A big thank you to our Parents' Association for all of their hard work in organising this event and all other fundraising events this year which have gone a long way to improving our school and the experience of the pupils who attend it. The money raised from the Flag Day will go towards the purchase of the Chromebook Charging Trolley.

First Holy Communion

Our second class pupils made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th May. They were absolutely brilliant on the day and worked so hard in their preparations. Well done to all of the boys and girls in second class! A big thank you to Mrs. Farrell who worked very hard all year preparing the children to receive this sacrament.



Many thanks for reading our Newsletter.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Emily Scully

Principal, Scoil Dairbhre