

St. Oliver's Special School Newsletter March, 2015

CLASS 1

Welcome to Class 1. Natalie is our class teacher and the Special Needs Assistants in our class are Celia, Mags, Deirdre, Mary H. and Mary K.

We got off to a healthy start in 2015. We started swimming every Friday. We also tried to make the healthy option during our cookery class, by making smoothies and porridge bread.

There was a big change in our class in February when we moved rooms! We moved to our lovely new prefab. We have lots of space with different areas for different activities.

The month of March was World Book Month, so we have been visiting the library each week and enjoy looking at all the different books.

CLASS 2

Welcome to Class 2. Miriam is our class teacher and the Special Needs Assistants in our class are Bríd, Deirdre, and Claire.

This term we have been busy working on the themes of Hats and Umbrellas. We made hats out of cardboard, and we painted hats too. We are still working on making a big umbrella using Papier Mache with glue, water and newspaper, and we love getting our hands into the messy paper! We have been baking and making smoothies this term also. We have also all been doing very well with our individual physiotherapy programmes, which is a big part of each child's day in our class.

At the moment we are busy practicing the song "How the Bunny Hops" for our school assembly this Friday. Who knows, maybe we might hear from a special bunny on the day too! From everyone in Class 2, Happy Easter!

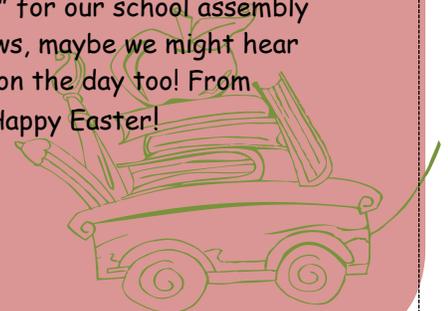
Dear Families,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2015. Spring is here at last, and the weather is beginning to get warmer. We are all preparing for our Spring School Assembly this Friday. Each class will be performing one song for the rest of the school.

Since Christmas we have had a few changes in the school. Dawn, our school secretary, has returned from Maternity Leave. As have Maria and Bernie, who have been Job Sharing in Class 4 since January.

You will still be able to find school news and class news on our website www.stoliversschool.ie which is being updated regularly.

Our next Newsletter will be at the end of next term, in June. This term's Newsletter is going to take you on a little tour of the school, class by class, showing you what staff are in each room and what the class have been getting up to this term. We hope you enjoy!



CLASS 3

Welcome to Class 3! Marieta is our class teacher, and the Special Needs Assistants in this class are Kathleen and Theresa.

This term we have been learning all about food. We tasted lots of new food, visited the supermarket buying ingredients, and cooked with the ingredients. We have also been learning about money. We love going to the shop to buy treats. We also investigated growing and planting. We enjoyed the story Jaspers Beanstalk and we even did some planting ourselves: flowers at the front of the school. Have a look out for them next time you visit.

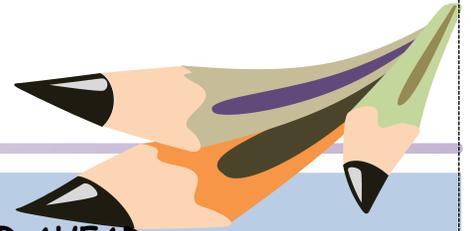
At present we are very busy preparing for Easter. We're preparing two songs for our School Assembly: "Spring is Here" and "The Bunny Song". We hope the Easter Bunny will be listening. He might even bring us some nice chocolate eggs.

CLASS 4

This term the Senior Class welcomed back not one, but two teachers from Maternity Leave, Bernie and Maria who now Job Share and are delighted to be working with the wonderful students and Special Needs Assistants, Trish and Eilise, in the senior class.

Our Topics for the term were all based on Places in the Community including work based on the Supermarket, the Restaurant, and the clothes shop. We made lovely displays, based on these topics, and got the opportunities to go on Social Outings to the supermarket, restaurants, and clothes shops, where we got to use some of the skills we have been learning at school.

Also, this term the seniors have been very busy creating and practicing our own drama production, with the help of Midie Corcoran who has helped us create our own personal songs and personal story! Our production will take place on Thursday, March 26th when we will share it with our families and whole school!



THE YEAR AHEAD

We will be returning to school after our Easter holidays on Monday April 13th. School activities will be resuming including some new ones: swimming, Stretch and Grow, Go Bananas Adventure Centre, and visiting the large Multi-Sensory room in the Glebe.

Some of our parents have been very busy organising the setting up of a Parent's Association. They have met a number of times this term, and received training and support from the National Parents Council. The Parents Association will be a great addition to the school.

Unfortunately, Marie Byron, one of our nurses, is leaving the school. We are very sad to see her go. We would like to remind everyone however that there will continue to be a nurse, either Helen or Therese, in the school 5 days a week.

Thank you

We would like to thank all the families and friends of St. Oliver's for supporting the school by buying our Christmas cards. We were really bowled over by the positive response and feedback.

As always, we are so grateful to our wonderful volunteers who help us do what we do. Thank you!

From all the children and staff at
St. Oliver's

