



St. Oliver's Special School Newsletter March, 2016

WELCOMES AND GOODBYES

We have had a few changes at our school. We have a new student in Class 2, Ryan. He has settled in well and it has been like he's always been there!

Dawn, our secretary, has returned from Maternity Leave. We are delighted to have her back.

The office was left in good hands in her absence, with Mary O'Connell. Mary was a great addition to the school. Always helpful, and always friendly.

PROCLAMATION DAY AND SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, March 15th, is the day across the country where every school will be raising the Irish flag as part of the celebrations of the centenary of 1916. In St. Oliver's, we will be celebrating afterwards with a whole school assembly. Each class has been preparing either St. Patrick's Day or Easter themed songs to perform for the rest of the school.

On Wednesday, we have a half day. We are really hoping the Easter Bunny might leave us some treats in our new playground....after all he hasn't seen it since the grand reopening! I wonder will he find extra hiding places for nice treats!



Dear Families,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2016. It has been a short but busy term.

As always, every class has been extremely busy. The children haven't been able to enjoy the new playground every day with the bad weather. Hopefully, this lovely Spring weather will continue and we can enjoy it even more after Easter.

Our term ended on a big high on Sunday, with our first ever St. Oliver's Special School Fun Run. It was a really momentous and special day. Thanks to everyone who contributed, and helped make the day so special.

Our next Newsletter will be at the end of next term, in June. Until then, we hope you enjoy reading about our news from this term!

FUNDRAISING:

This term there has been a big focus on school fundraising. We received a very kind donation at Christmas from Town and Country Garage. Also, we were luckily nominated as one of the recipients of the Tesco Community Fund, in the Headford Road Shopping Centre in Galway. Last, but not least, we had a big, big fundraiser on Sunday March 13th, to raise funds for a piece of physiotherapy equipment called the MOTomed.

5K FOR MOTOMED

On Sunday March 13th, we held our very first St. Oliver's Special School Fun Run. It exceeded all our expectations, both in the numbers that turned out on the day, and in the overwhelming support we received from the community. Our Newsletter isn't big enough to say thank you to all those who helped make this the special occasion it was. We will be expressing all our thank yous after the Easter break. We will also be sharing all our pictures of the event after the break. Until then, here are a few snaps of the big day!



A Message from the Parents Association

This term we met with the CEO of Ability West and patron of St. Oliver's, Breda Crehan-Roche. We emphasized the great work done by Marieta and the staff, and discussed plans for the future of the school.

We are continuing to assist with fundraising, most recently for the Motomed. We finally have a full committee, so every class now has a rep you can contact. We are now also full members of the National Parents Council and hope to go to their AGM at the end of May for more information and resources. We are still looking for ideas for our wishlist, and would love to organise a coffee morning where we can all meet. Keep in touch!

THE YEAR AHEAD

We will be returning to school after our Easter holidays on Monday April 4th. School activities will be resuming: horse-riding, swimming, Go Bananas Adventure Centre, and social outings.

Thank you

We have been extremely lucky with the volunteers in our school. They have been so obliging, helpful, flexible, and kind. We really appreciate your help all year!

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

Happy St. Patrick's
Day and
Happy Easter