



## Science Week 2018

All classes really enjoyed being scientists for the week! You'll see from these pictures (and others on our Facebook page) how much the pupils enjoyed their science activities. Many thanks to the staff and parents who got involved in this!



## #postcardsfrompelletstown

We launched our #postcardsfrompelletstown campaign a few weeks ago on Twitter. Please support this campaign to help us secure additional classrooms for our school. Find us, follow us and retweet our daily tweets: @pelletstownetns.

## PTA

Thanks so much to our newly elected PTA for an outstanding first fundraising event of the year! The Table Quiz in the Canal Bar on November 8<sup>th</sup> raised an amazing €1,468 for the school!

## World Kindness Day and World Philosophy Day

We celebrated **World Kindness Day** on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Be Kind is our First Golden Rule and is something our pupils always strive to be. You can see the Random Acts of Kindness carried out by 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class displayed in the school.

Kindness  
begins  
with me.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November was **World Philosophy Day**. Asking philosophical questions encourages your child to become a critical thinker. [www.teachingchildrenphilosophy.org](http://www.teachingchildrenphilosophy.org) has lists of books with philosophical questions. One of our favourites is 'Where the Wild Things Are'.

## Winter Fair and Community Events - DATES

**5<sup>th</sup> December:** Pelletstown Christmas Craic-er. The PTA are holding a Winter Fair at the school on the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> December. There will be singing, teas/coffees, mulled wine, International Christmas cakes, raffles and a winter art exhibition where you can purchase children's art work.

**6<sup>th</sup> December:** Royal Canal Park Christmas Tree Lighting outside Centra at 7:00pm. All children welcome to attend and sing! Refreshments provided!

**8<sup>th</sup> December:** Rathborne Christmas Tree lighting outside Spar at 4:50pm. All children welcome to attend and sing! Refreshments provided!

*For now, save the dates - more information will follow by email! ☺*

## Parent Teacher Meetings – 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Reminder that PT Meetings are on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November for all classes, except Junior Infants (Jan. 2019). Please follow the link sent to you by email to choose your preferred time for these meetings.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property basket in the foyer. It is very full and remaining contents of this will be donated to charity on Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## Homework Policy Review

Many thanks to all of you who completed the Homework policy review survey – we had an overwhelming response to this and will be in touch regarding the setting up of a sub-committee.

## Battery Collection

We have started a new battery collection at the school. Old batteries can be recycled in the blue box outside Maeve's office. This links in with our recycling theme also supports the Laura Lynn Foundation.