



Duleek GNS Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Our school will continue to monitor the latest updates and developments regarding Coronavirus. These updates are received from the Departments of Education and will be acted upon accordingly. Pupils will be given some workbooks and copies to bring home with them today. These are to be left at home for the time being. If a closure is deemed necessary by the Department of Education, pupils will be assigned work from these books to complete through Aladdin. Please do not complete work in these books unless instructed to do so.

Our new website [www.duleekgns.ie](http://www.duleekgns.ie) was launched a number of weeks ago. Here you will be able to keep up to date with some of the activities and events that are occurring within the school. There is an app version of our website also available on the Google Play Store if you wish to download.

Ms McKenna will be leaving Duleek GNS at the end of term two. On behalf of the whole school, we thank her for her years of hard work, service and professionalism. We also wish her every success for the future.

Attendance for the month of February was 94.2%. If your child is absent, can you communicate the absence reason using the Aladdin App. There has been a large increase in families signing up over the last month, thank you very much for your co-operation. If you are having difficulties logging into the app, call into the school today between 3.00pm and 5.30pm. I will be able to provide you with any help you may need during those times.

World Book Day took place last week and all the girls had great fun celebrating the event. Activities included an author visit, fancy dress and paired reading.

Thank you to parents who provided feedback on our school's work in the area of handwriting as part of the School Self Evaluation Process. The views of parents are very important to us and can really help us gain an insight into your experiences and perspectives. This will enable us to work together and improve the learning for all pupils in our school. The questionnaire is still available in the School Self-Evaluation section of our website and you are invited to return completed questionnaires to the school if you wish.

An agreed report from each Board of Management meeting will be uploaded onto our school website after each meeting. This will give parents an opportunity to keep up to date with the latest goings on at board level.

Our school holidays for the forthcoming academic year have been finalised. A detailed description of holidays for 2020/2021 will be uploaded onto our website later today. We will be returning to school on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Our school will be closed on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March for St. Patrick's Day. We will also be closed for a half day on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> March to facilitate curricular training for teachers.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr McGovern.