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December Newsletter

Enrolment for Junior Infants

Enrolment for Junior Infants for the 2019/ 2020 school year will take place on the 23rd to 25th January from 9.30am – 12.30 pm and 2.00pm – 4.00pm. The closing date for receipt of applications is 8th February 2019. The following items will be required for enrolment: Birth Certificate, Childs PPS Number, and a Utility Bill as proof of address.

If you would like your child to receive the sacraments during her time at this school we also ask for a copy of their Baptismal Certificate if they were not baptised in Clane. This is not a requirement for enrolment.

Book Fair

We held our annual Book Fair this year from Nov. 14th-21st. We had a great selection of books, and the girls had a chance to browse and buy their favourite book. It's brilliant for the school as we sold a record number this year- over € 6,000 worth of books, €1,700 more than last year! The bonus is that the school is entitled to €3,600 worth of books for our new library. The books are on their way, so lots of new reading choices!

Thank you for your wonderful support.

Miriam D'Arcy

Runners

Please ensure that Junior and Senior Infant pupils have Velcro runners. This is requested at the Infant Induction Meeting and is part of our Code of Conduct. We have a number of children who are unable to tie their laces and as a result are falling over.

Parking at the school

Please do not park in the bus bays in front of the school, on the footpaths or at the entrance to the teacher's car park. The GAA have kindly offered us use of their facilities for parking. Please make use of these facilities to ensure that all our children are kept safe.

Winter Woollies

The Parent's Association are running a 'Winter Woollies' day on Friday 7th December. This is a fundraiser for the Parent's Association. The children are asked to bring in €2 to support this.

Green schools Bake sale

The Green schools committee worked really hard baking last Wednesday evening. The Bake sale was held last Thursday for 3rd to 6th class. There was a wonderful display of cakes and buns. The girls worked really well together and raised €437. All of this money will be used to fund Green schools projects e.g. the school garden, bird food, litter pickers and gloves. This was a huge team effort and well done to all. Thank you to Mrs. Mc Kenna and Ms. Stafford for their ongoing work with the Green schools committee.

Hour of Coding

This week is Computer Science Education Week. To celebrate this, we have organised an 'Hour of Code' - a one-hour introduction of coding activities aimed to introduce the children to the basics of computer science which helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. This will take place on December 11th. The children are invited to bring in their own laptops/devices on this day. Thanks to Mick Waters for facilitating these sessions, and to Ms. Heneghan for co-ordinating it.

Christmas Shoe box appeal

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Shoe Box appeal. It is wonderful to see the spirit of giving a Christmas gift.

Basketball News

The 6th class girls' basketball team had a very busy league campaign in November. They played their opening game at home against a very strong Scoil Bhríde (Naas) team but unfortunately Naas won this match by a very narrow margin. The girls then travelled away for their second match against Caragh. This was a very exciting match finishing in a draw. The final match of the campaign was played at home against Presentation Girls School, Maynooth. The girls put in a great performance and emerged victorious in another very tight match, ending on a score line of 18-16 to Clane. The basketball panel is now awaiting the results of the other group fixtures to find out if they will go forward to the semi-final. We are immensely proud of the hard work and heart that the girls have displayed whilst representing Scoil Bhríde. A big thank you to their coaches Mrs. Noreen Arrigan and Ms. Noreen Cronin for all their work training the girls.

6th Class Basketball Panel

Amy Acheson, Amanda Andreikevicute, Sorcha Casey, Rachel Davitt, Ciara Doran, Aisling Dunphy, Razan Elsir, Isabelle Farrell, Lauren Gleeson, Scarlett Kenny, Clíona Lawlor, Daria Leina, Caoimhe Maddock, Kerrie Mc Carthy, Aoife Mullahy, Rebecca Reilly.

Hazel Hall

The 6th class girls will visit Hazel Hall on the 19th December to sing some Christmas carols and bring some festive cheer to the residents.

Peace Proms

The 5th class girls have a practice for the Peace Proms in Blanchardstown on the 12th December. They'll be leaving the school at about 10.45am. The Practice is from 12.30pm to 2pm. The children will be home a little later this day. Arrangements may have to be made to collect them at a later time.

Yoga

Children's yoga classes for Junior Infants to 6th Class girls will commence in Scoil Bhríde on Thursday January 31st at 8-8:45am. The course will run for 9 weeks and cost €60. The course will be run by Miss Young and Ms Barrett, who have both trained as Children's Yoga Teachers. Further information and application forms will be released in January, but if you have any questions please contact the teachers on treetopyogaireland@gmail.com

Gymnastics

The 2nd and 6th class students will begin gymnastics on Tuesday 8th January for 8 weeks. The cost of this activity is €10. An ePayment link will be sent in the New Year.

Swimming

The 4th class students will start swimming on Thursday 10th January in KLeisure in Naas. They will go for 7 weeks. The cost of this activity is €56. An ePayment link will be sent in the New Year when we return to school.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to Ms. O'Shaughnessy for organising the Christmas card fundraising activity. I think the children really enjoyed this activity and €1,623.00 was raised for the school. We hope to use this money to purchase STEM equipment.

Dates for our Upcoming Christmas Concert:

The staff and students have been working hard over the past number of weeks on their upcoming performances. I would like to thank the staff for all their work with the Christmas shows.

Our stage has been put up and the children are practising away.

The hall will only be able to accommodate 290 people at any given performance due to the location of the stage. The number of tickets available for each performance will depend on how many children are performing at a show. **Only people with tickets can occupy a seat.** An email was sent to parents with regard to the number of tickets available for particular shows. The cost of tickets are €5 each with a maximum cost to families with children performing on two or more nights of €20. The children can purchase these in school during the school day.

Friday 14 th December @ 12 O'clock	Friday 14 th December @ 1.30pm
Ms. Clohessy	Ms. McKinley
Ms. Shaw	Ms. Lipsett
Mrs. O Shaughnessy	Ms. Young

Monday 17 th @ 7.30pm	Tuesday 18 th @ 7.30pm	Wednesday 19 th @7.30 pm.
Mrs. Arrigan	Ms. Gleeson	Mrs. D'Arcy & Ms. Stafford
Ms. Shine	Ms. Brown	Ms. Barrett
Ms. Heneghan	Ms. Duffy	Mrs. Dignam
Ms. May	Mrs. McKenna	Ms. Carbury

The children will see their siblings performances during the school day.

If at all possible, we kindly ask that you do not bring small children to the performances as it may be quite hard to hear the small voices on stage.

Mrs. Claus

The Parents Association have arranged for Mrs. Claus to visit the school on Thursday 20th December. The children can wear their Santa hats. We look forward to meeting Mrs. Claus and hearing all her wonderful stories of the North Pole. A big thank you to the Parents Association who put so much work into making this a memorable occasion for us all.

Caretaker

John Higgins our caretaker has decided to retire after 35 years working in Scoil Bhride. Johnny has been out on sick leave for the past few months. Johnny will retire on the 11th January. We look forward to celebrating his retirement with him in the New Year. Johnny is a much loved and respected member of our school community and we will miss him dearly.

Christmas Holidays

The school will close at 12 O'clock on Friday 21st December for the Christmas Holidays. The Infant classes will finish at 11.45am to ease traffic congestion.

The school will reopen on Monday 7th January.

I would like to take this opportunity thank everyone for all their work in the school over the past year. Have a very Happy Christmas.

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Eimear Hennessy

Principal