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Re: November Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank everyone for their warm wishes and messages of support over the last few days. It has really meant a lot to me. I look forward to working with you all for many years to come.

1. Deirdre Costello's retirement gifts from children

The children and staff gave Mrs. Costello a wonderful send off on Wednesday 26th of October. It was a very special and emotional occasion for all. The children sang songs which they adapted to be about Mrs. Costello. The children wrote poems and made beautiful cards and booklets which were all presented to her. The following gifts were presented to her from the children with the money collected.

Junior & Senior Infants – Alan Ardiff three heart bracelet and flowers.

First & Second Class – Perfume and Champagne.

Third & Fourth Class – Travel Suitcase and a dog lead.

Fifth & Sixth Class – A framed Tipperary jersey signed by the 2016 All Ireland Hurling Team.

2. Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Tuesday 22nd November. Your daughter's teacher will be in touch to arrange this. Meetings for Junior and Senior Infants will take place at the end of January.

3. Buddy Bench Ireland

Judith Ashton from Buddy Bench Ireland came to speak to the 4th class students on Thursday 10th November. This talk was funded by the pupils from 6th class last year who presented the school with the Buddy Bench. Sam from Buddy Bench Ireland emailed the school after to say the following.

“Judith asked I email you to let you know how much she enjoyed your group of girls, their enthusiasm, engagement and their emotional intelligence is a credit to themselves, their parents and the school. Judith said they were fantastic and she thoroughly enjoyed the girls and her visit to your school.”

4. Spanish Students

We have 8 Spanish students visiting us from Spain from October 8th to December 2nd. There are two students in each of our fifth and sixth classes.

5. Football

Ms. Fox, Ms. Doyle and Ms. Brown will be starting a Winter League soon. Thank you to the teachers for giving of their time to run the Winter League.

6. Basketball

The basketball team are playing their first match against Maynooth on Thursday at 2p.m. We wish the girls the best of luck. I would like to thank Ms. Arrigan and Ms. Cronin for giving of their time to coach the team.

7. Debating Team

The 6th class debating team have their first debate against Ardclough on Friday at 9.30 a.m in Ardclough. Best of luck to the girls. Thank you to Mrs. McKenna and Ms. May for coaching the team.

8. Nano Nagle Prayer Service

Mrs. Brown's third class in room 1 are putting on a Nano Nagle Prayer Service on Friday. Nano Nagle is the foundress of the Presentation Order and Scoil Bhríde is a presentation school. The girls have put a lot of work into preparing for this prayer service and honouring Nano Nagle and the work she did.

9. Head Lice

Please be vigilant in checking your daughter's hair. We have had numerous reports of head lice since September.

10. Enrolment Ceremony for First Holy Communion

Well done to all the girls in Ms. Stafford's and Ms. Gleeson's classes who took part in their Enrolment Ceremony on Saturday night.

11. Birthday Treats

It has come to my attention that some parents are sending in treats for their daughter's class on their birthday. We have a number of children with severe allergies in the school. In order to safeguard the children we cannot allow treats and cakes to be brought into the school for birthdays.

12. Christmas Medley of songs

Each class level will perform a Christmas song on Wednesday 14th December. Junior and Senior Infants will be at 1 p.m. 1st to 6th class will be at 7.30 p.m. Further details to follow. The yearbook will also be launched on this night.

13. Peace Proms

The 5th class students will be performing in the Peace Proms on Sunday February 5th in the RDS. Thank you to Mrs. D'Arcy and Mrs. Maybury for preparing the children for this event.

14. Book Fair

The book fair will run from 16th – 23rd November. Please support as it provides vital funds for our school to supplement the books in our library.

Yours sincerely,

Eimear Hennessy
Principal