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February Newsletter

Catholic Schools Week 28th January – 2nd February

The students from 2nd to 5th class attended Mass on Tuesday 30th January for Catholic Schools Week. One student from each of the classes from Junior Infants to 6th was presented with a Bible from Fr. Paul for the Sacred Space in their classroom. We would like to Thank Fr. Paul for his generous contribution to the cost of the Bibles. I'd also like to thank Mrs. D'Arcy for her work preparing the children for Mass.

St. Brigid's Day

I'd like to thank the girls in Ms. Heneghan's fourth class for the wonderful prayer service to celebrate the life of St. Brigid on February 1st.

Child Protection

New Child Protection Legislation came into effect in December. Schools have until the 11th March to complete a new Child Safeguarding Statement and a Risk assessment. Schools have to close for two half days to avail of training. The Board has approved closing the school for a half day at **12 O'Clock** on **Friday 23rd of February** to facilitate staff training. The Infants will go home at 11.45am on this date to ease traffic congestion.

Debate

Our 6th class girls took part in the quarter finals of the 'Kildare Debating Festival' last week. Unfortunately the girls faced stiff competition from Straffan N.S and were narrowly defeated. The girls should be very proud of their achievement. They were a credit to the school. We, the staff and their classmates are all very proud of them.

Well being

The Board of Management has funded the cost of a two hour workshop for the teachers on Tuesday 6th February. The workshop is aimed at ways to address children's anxiety in the classroom.

Peace Proms

A very enjoyable evening was had by all at the Peace Proms in the RDS on Saturday 3rd February. Thank you to Mrs. D'Arcy and Mrs. Maybury for preparing the girls and looking after them on Saturday.

First Penance

The 2nd class girls 'Sacrament of Reconciliation' will take place on Tuesday 6th February.

Ms. Barrett's class at 7:00 pm

Ms. Gleeson's class at 7.45 pm

Violin

The cost of violin for 1st to 6th class is €40 for the school year. Many parents choose to pay in two instalments of €20 each, the second of which is due in February. We would appreciate if this could be sent to the school as soon as possible.

Clothes Collection

The Parents Association are organising a clothing collection on Wednesday, 21st February. Please remember to keep any unwanted clothing for this as it raises much needed funds for the school.

Hockey

The school hockey team are back training hard in preparation for the Kildare Primary Schools friendly blitz which will take place in Naas on February 22nd. The team are also very excited as on February 19th we will welcome Irish international Megan Frazer to the school. Megan Frazer has captained the Irish hockey team and is hoping to return from injury in time for this summer's World Cup. She will speak to the girls about life as a professional athlete, and how the squad are preparing for the World Cup. She will answer questions from the girls and hopefully teach us a few tricks, when she takes a guest session that afternoon!

Thank you to Ms. Young for organising this for the girls.

Bishop Denis

On Tuesday 20th February, Bishop Denis will visit the schools to meet with the 6th class students as he will not be officiating at the Confirmation ceremony this year. The students will discuss their preparation for Confirmation with the Bishop.

Engineers Week

On Tuesday 27th February, an engineer from Intel is coming to work with the students in Ms. Barrett's 2nd class.

Retreat

The 6th class Retreat in preparation for Confirmation is to Glendalough on Wednesday 28th February.

Invitations

This is a reminder that Invitations cannot be given out on the school premises.

Hair

Girls are encouraged to keep their hair tied up at all times to prevent the spread of head lice.

Uniform 2018/2019

The Student Council made a suggestion that the girls should be allowed wear unisex trousers as part of their uniform. This proposal was brought to the Board of Management. The Board agreed that the girls should have the option of wearing unisex trousers. This will only come into effect for the 2018/2019 school year. No stripes etc. will be allowed.

Reminder of Upcoming School Closures

Mid Term Break: Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February

Child Protection Training:

12 0'Clock closure on Friday 23rd February.

11.45a.m for Junior and Senior Infants.

Junior Infant Enrolment 2018/2019

The closing date for receipt of enrolments for Junior Infants for the school year 2018/2019 is Friday 9th February, 2018.

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