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February Newsletter

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Building Works

The roof in the old building is leaking. The Department of Education have provided funds to fix the roof. This work should take approximately 2/ 3 weeks to complete.

Debate

Well done to our 6th class Debating Team – Eva Hendley, Orla Dunphy, Rachel Millea, Nora Hegarty, Abi Coughlan and Jessie Maleady who competed in the semi-final of the ‘Debating Festival’ in Maynooth on Friday 27th of January. The girls lost by just one point out of 500 marks. They were excellent and should be very proud of themselves and their achievements. Well done girls.

Violin

The next instalment of €20 is due for violin this month. Please send it into your class teacher as soon as possible if you haven’t done so already.

Basketball / Spikeball

The Basketball Courts and the Spikeball Courts (Volley ball for Primary school students) are due to be lined over the Mid Term Break. Retractable basketball nets will be fitted at this time also. A huge Thank You to the Parents Association, and to the parents for supporting their fundraising events. The PA have given us €3000 to date towards the cost of this project so that the students can benefit from it this school year. A group of TY students from Scoil Mhuire have recently completed a Spikeball coaching course. They are going to run a training programme for 6 weeks with the 6th class students after the Mid Term break.

Non Uniform Day – 14th February

The Parents Association will be holding a Non- uniform day on Tuesday, February 14th. Each child is encouraged to bring in €2. The theme is ‘love’. The children could wear something red or pink if they wished.

Mid - Term Break

The school will be closed for Mid - Term Break from Monday 20th to Friday 24th of February. The school will re-open on Monday 27th February.

School Closure

The School will be closed on Thursday the 18th of May. This closure is sanctioned by the Department of Education and Science as the Teachers are attending in-service training on the New Primary Languages Curriculum.

Peace Proms

The 5th class will be singing in the R.D.S on Sunday night, the 5th of February at 8pm. It promises to be a lovely night for all. The bus for the students will be leaving the school at 3.45 p.m. on Sunday.

Catholic Schools Week

This week is ‘Catholic Schools Week’. The children in 2nd, 5th and 6th all attended mass on Tuesday 31st January. Fr. Paul kindly presented us with an oak tree which we will plant in the school grounds. A big Thank you to the girls in Ms. Cronin’s 4th class who held a Prayer Service on St. Brigid for the rest of the school on Wednesday, February 1st.

Enrolment

Reminder: The closing date for enrolments is Friday 10th February.

6th Class Activities

The 6th class are going to SAP for a tech create workshop for girls on Thursday and Friday the 9th and 10th of February. The girls have a wonderful day out every year. Thank you to SAP for inviting us and providing the bus to bring the girls to the workshop.

The 6th class retreat to Glendalough is on Wednesday, 15th February.

Faith Friends is currently taking place in our school hall for the next three Fridays.

A parent in the school has kindly funded the 6th class pupils scrabble art frames with their Confirmation names. Ms. Mandy Connolly will work with the students on this project. This will take place on 28th February and March 2nd.

Board of Management

Our new Chairperson, Mr. Colm Early, begins his new post on Wednesday, February 1st. We wish him the very best of luck in his new role and look forward to working with him.

First Penance

The First Penance for Second Class pupils who will be making their First Holy Communion is on Tuesday 7th February.

Ms. Stafford's Class is at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Gleeson's Class is at 7:45 p.m.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics was due to start for 2nd, 3rd and 6th classes on Monday 30th January. Unfortunately Leonard who coaches gymnastics is not able to coach at the moment due to unforeseen circumstances. Hopefully we can reschedule the lessons planned but we will let you know as soon as we know more.

Assembly

Each class group has assembly every week. I missed a few before Christmas as I was adjusting to my new role but we are back having assembly on a weekly basis. At assembly we celebrate achievements but we also reinforce school rules.

Recently we have been working on the following rules as per our code of conduct:

1. Jewellery – only a watch and stud earrings allowed for health and safety.
2. Nail Varnish is not allowed
3. Uniforms – Tracksuits can only be worn on PE days and Friday for Playball. School Uniform must be worn every other day.

Parking

We are acutely aware that parking is extremely limited around the school in the mornings and evenings. The G.A.A continue to be a huge support to us, by allowing parents to park in their grounds at both these times. I urge parents to avail of these facilities. Please do not park in the bus bay in front of the school, as it is crucial that the bus children can be dropped off and collected safely.

We also appeal to parents not to park in Abbey Court. Some parents are blocking the driveways of these houses causing serious problems for the residents.

No vehicle should ever park in front of the car park gate. This is a Health and Safety Issue. This area must be kept clear at all times.

Reminders:

1. Head lice: Please be vigilant in checking your daughter's hair.
2. Scoil Bhríde is a nut free zone
3. Birthday party invitations are not to be given out on school grounds as this can be a cause of upset to children and parents.

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