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School Community Newsletter

Staff Changes

We congratulate Ms. Neylon and Ms. Meskell who have been made permanent staff members. Ms. Eustace, who has been job sharing in another school, will return to Parteen in September. We wish Ms. Prendiville well on her career break and Ms. Hickey well in her job-share in another school. We wish Ms. Walsh well as she has finished her contract with the school. We thank her for her dedication over the last number of months.

The staff, pupils and parents of Parteen NS are very sorry to say goodbye to one of our teachers, Derek Devereux. Mr. Devereux, who was himself a past pupil of Parteen, is leaving us for pastures new in Germany. He has been on career break for the last five years. He was a wonderful teacher, a fantastic colleague and an integral part of the fabric of our school. He will be sincerely missed by all, but we wish him every happiness for the future. Slan agus beannacht a chara.

Class Allocation for 17/18

| Class and Teacher 16/17 | Class and Teacher 17/18 |
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| | Junior Infants Ms. Neville |
| | Junior Infants Ms. Sheahan |
| Junior Infants Ms. Neville | Senior Infants Ms. Quinn |
| Junior Infants Ms. Sheahan | Senior Infants Ms. O' Keefe |
| Senior Infants Mr. Hickey | 1 st Class Ms. Coughlan |
| Senior Infants Ms. Quinn | 1 st Class New Teacher. You will be notified by text in the first week of July |
| 1 st Class Ms. Neylon | 2 nd Class Ms. Neylon |
| 2 nd Class Ms. Coughlan | 3 rd Class Ms. Collins |
| 2 nd Class Mr. Collins | 3 rd Class Mr. Crowe |
| 3 rd Class Ms. Parkinson | 4 th Class Ms. Curtin |
| 3 rd Class Ms. Curtin | 4 th Class Ms. Parkinson |
| 4 th Class Ms. O' Keefe | 5 th Class Mr. Collins |
| 4 th Class Ms. Collins | 5 th Class Ms. O' Donovan |
| 5 th Class Ms. O' Donovan | 6 th Class Ms. Ryan |

The following teachers will work in Support: Ms. Guckian, Ms. Carey, Ms. O' Dwyer, Ms. Meskell, Ms. Eustace, Ms. O' Rourke and a new teacher.

IEP/s/ IPLPs

If your child has been receiving support for their learning their individual plans are currently being reviewed and the support teacher has been or will be in contact for your feedback. If your child is to receive support next year you will be contacted before the end of this year and will be consulted on your child's plan in September.

Graded Reading and Mata sa Rang

Literacy Lift-Off has taken place in Senior Infants - Second Class. Mata sa Rang has taken place in all classes from Junior Infants - Second Class. Thank you to the support team for these team-teaching initiative which gives great individual attention to all children in each class.

A graded reading scheme will be rolled out from 3rd-6th class next year and all classes will have a six-week block where the support teacher and the class teacher work on intensive reading and move children up reading levels.

Literacy Lift-Off and Mata sa Rang will continue next year as it did this year.

A second graded reading scheme (one graded reading scheme is being used for Literacy Lift-Off) has also been ordered for use in Junior Infants – Second Class.

Inspection

Over two years ago we had a very positive Whole School Evaluation from Department of Education and Skills Inspectors. The Inspectorate recently came back to follow-up on how the recommendations were implemented. They were hugely impressed with how we have implemented the recommendations. A full report will be published shortly. Well done to the whole team.

Booklists

Booklists will be published on the website by the end of next week.

School Reports

School reports will be sent home on Monday evening. Thank you to all the teachers for these comprehensive reports. Please read the document which explains STen scores. It is available in the Newsletter Section of the website.

Uniform

Please see the uniform policy here: <http://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Uniform-Policy.pdf>. Please note that there is a generic option and an option to buy a crested uniform. Please ensure to read the policy in full and purchase the correct uniform. **N.B. Branded tracksuits are not permitted.**

Classroom Supplies Money for September 2017

You will receive a text and if you follow the link you will be able to pay the classroom supply money online all at once or in stages. Please note you can pay in installments and €10 is the minimum. We have scheduled four messages to go out to help people pay in stages. If

you have paid you will still receive the scheduled messages so please ignore them. You can still by cash/ cheque in September if you wish.

Calendar for 17/18

This is available in the Newsletter Section of the website. The actual 'Calendar feature' on the website will be updated in due course.

Maintenance

The new shed has been installed and the new boiler for the main building is currently being installed.

Holy Communion

Congratulations to both second classes on making their First Holy Communion. Sincere thank you to Ms. Coughlan and Mr. Collins for preparing their children so well, Fr. Tom for the lovely ceremonies, Helen for the organ, Catherine for the booklets, the Flower Studio for the flowers and to the Parents Association for the refreshments. Thank you too to Ms. Coughlan, Ms. Collins, Ms. Meskell, Ms. Gallagher and Fr. Tom who brought the children to the Novena.

Edward Lynch Project

Thank you to Mr. Crowe for organising this project which involved the purchase of a World War One Death Plaque, tracing the family and reuniting them with the plaque. Mr. Crowe, Ms. Guckian, Ms. Collins and I brought 17 children on a trip to Belgium and France where we visited World War 1 sites and laid a wreath at Menin Gate. Thank you to Ms. Needham who was available on stand-by if one of us was unavailable. Thank you to Ms. Ryan and Mr. Crowe for organising the ceremony at which the plaque was reunited with the Lynch family and organising a drama based on Edward Lynch's life. Thank you to Ms. Carey for helping with this too and to Catherine for the booklet and her work in organising the trip abroad. This was featured on RTE News and TV3 News as well as local media.

Attendance

Attendance for May: Boys 95.8% Girls 94.9%

Hurling and Camogie

2nd and 3rd had a hurling blitz in the school organised by Mr. Collins – thank you. The girls and boys teams took part in Cuman na mBunscoil Hurling Competitions. Thank you to Mr. Collins, Ms. O' Keefe, Ms. Neylon, Mr. Hickey, Ms. Meskell, Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Guckian, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Guckian for training the children.

Congratulations to Aisling Cooney who will be playing at half-time at the Cork v Clare match on July 9th. She was nominated by the school and was then selected to represent the county!

Tours

Thank you to all teachers, SNAs and Catherine who organised and brought the children on their school tours – fun was had by all.

Air-Traffic Control

Thank you to Martin Hogan who organised for 6th classes to visit air-traffic control in Shannon Airport. Thank you to Mr. Crowe, Ms. Ryan and Ms. Meskell for accompanying the children.

Singing Lessons

Ms. Sheahan has been giving singing lessons after school. The children then took part Singing exam June 1st with Royal Irish Academy! They are yet to receive their grades. Thank you to Ms. Sheahan for this.

Hockey Jerseys

We have purchased a set of hockey jerseys for the team. Thank you to Ms. O' Donovan for organising the purchase of these.

French

French lessons are concluding on Monday – thank you to Ms. O' Rourke for this. The children who took part will be having a French 'breakfast morning' next week.

Junior Ranger

Congratulations to both 3rd Classes who graduated the Junior Ranger Programme after the completion of class work, project work and a field trip. Thank you to Ms. Curtin, Ms. Parkinson and Deirdre for engaging with this project. Thank you to David Lyons, our local ranger, for working with the children.

Buddy Bench

Thank you to Ms. Carey who is organizing for the school to take part in the 'Buddy Bench' programme. This will happen in September. More information can be found at <http://www.buddybench.ie>.

Choir

Congratulations to the choir who came 2nd in the AIMS Choral Festival in New Ross. Thank you to Ms. Parkinson and Ms. O' Keefe for their work with the children all year and to Ms. Needham who accompanied the children on the day. They have sang in St. Mary's last week and will again next week. Letters have been issued by Ms. Parkinson and Ms. O' Keefe to children in the choir.

Parents Association

Thank you to the Parents Association for organizing the family fun walk. €3065 was raised. The total raised this year for the astro-turf pitch was almost €10,000! Thank you to Audrey, Ger and all the Parents Association for organising the fundraisers and to all who contributed. Thank you too for providing refreshments for the Edward Lynch Ceremony, on Sports Day and for the new parents on the infant open days.

Junior Entrepreneur Project

Congratulations to 5th class who raised who made a profit of over €800. Thank you to Ms. O' Donovan for organising this. This money is being used to pay for a treat and will go towards the cost of their school tour next year.

Write-a-Book

Congratulations to Clíona Millea in Senior Infants who won the Write-a-Book competition

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms. Ryan on her recent engagement!

Sports Day

Thank you sincerely to all staff and the Parents Association for an excellent Sports Day and to the G.A.A for the use of the grounds.

Astro-Turf

Thank you to Garda Cathal O' Gorman who has followed up on reports of intruders on the astro-turf pitch. We hope that there will be no further break-ins. Please call 061345136 if you see anybody trespassing. This area, along with the full school grounds, is monitored by CCTV.

Closing

School closes on Friday, June 30th at 12.10pm for JI-2nd and 12.15 for 3rd-6th. School reopens on Friday, September 1st.

Final Note

Thank you to the full school community for your work all year. I sincerely hope each and every member of the school community enjoy the summer break and get to spend quality time with their families. I look forward to welcoming you all back on September 1st.

Kind regards,

Gerard Ruane