



*Parteen National School*

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### *School Community Newsletter*

*1/3/17*

#### *Office Hours and Access to the school*

*Please note Catherine is in the office at 8.45am and is on lunch from 1pm-1.30pm. Please bear this in mind when telephoning or calling to the school. Please do not go direct to any classroom. Please wait at the front office and children will be called. This is for Child Protection and Health and Safety reasons.*

#### *GAA*

*Peter Casey will train JI-2<sup>nd</sup> class in hurling skills starting tomorrow for six weeks. Children can wear their P.E. tracksuit on this day.*

#### *Uniforms*

*At this time of the year some uniforms may need replacing. Please do not purchase branded tracksuit bottoms – this was an issue raised when the uniform policy was being revised so please, out of fairness to everyone, ensure your child is wearing non-branded tracksuits as outlined in the policy which is available on the website.*

### ***New Boiler***

*The boiler in the main building will be replaced in the coming months following a successful application to the DES for funding. We greatly appreciate this funding. Moloney Fox have been appointed as consultants to manage the project.*

### ***Fundraisers***

*Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>: Bake Sale in the school hall*

*Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>: Clothing Collections*

*Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>: Family Walk*

*The Parents Association will be in contact with more details on these events. Money raised will go towards paying for the asrto-turf pitch.*

### ***First Confession***

*First Confession will take place on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.*

*Thank you to Mr. Collins and Ms. Coughlan who are currently preparing the children.*

### ***Catholic Schools Week***

*Thank you to Ms. Guckian for organising Catholic Schools week and all the teachers who helped out. We had a very special mass that week and thank you to Fr. Tom for celebrating it. Thank you too to Fr. Tom for distributing ashes to all children from 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and to Ms. Guckian for distributing them to JI-1<sup>st</sup>.*

### ***Welcome back***

*We welcome Ms. O' Rourke back from maternity leave.*

### ***History of Electrical Products***

*Thank you to Mr. Crowe, Bernard O' Connell, Sean Tracey and Sinéad Hanley who organised a display of electrical products in the school hall recently. The photos will be displayed on the website which will be launched shortly.*

### ***Operation Transformation***

*Thank you to Ms. Coughlan for promoting the Operation Transformation 10 at 10!*

### ***Attendance***

*January Boys 96.3% Girls 96.7%*

### ***Rugby***

*Sincere thanks to Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Curtin, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Crowe, Ms. Needham, Ms. Collins and Ms. Neylon for the rugby training. This is now finished for the school year.*

### ***French Lessons***

*Thank you to Ms. O' Rourke who is offering French lessons after school to senior classes. These will start on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see the separate newsletter on the website or contact Ms. O' Rourke for further details.*

### ***Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)***

*This part of the Social, Personal and Health Education Curriculum will implemented in March and April. Please see the language that will be taught at each class level in the SPHE/RSE Policy on the website. Accord will do an RSE workshop with both 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Mr. Crowe's on May 31<sup>st</sup> and Ms. Ryan's on June 1<sup>st</sup>. A letter with details of the day will go to parents in advance.*

### ***RTE***

*Well done to Mr. Crowe's 6<sup>th</sup> class who will feature on RTE News Now discussing the Edward Lynch Project. Please see the January Newsletter for full details of this project.*

### ***Singing Lessons***

*Thank you to Ms. Sheahan who is continuing with singing lessons.*

## **Choir**

We wish the school choir well in Limerick Choral Festival on Friday. It takes place in the Redemptorist Church and starts at 11am. Parteen are performing 7<sup>th</sup> and parents are welcome. Thank you to Ms. Parkinson and Ms. O' Keefe for their continued work. Children will leave the school at 10am and be back for 2.30pm. If your child is in the choir and you do not want him/her going please let Ms. Parkinson or Ms. O' Keefe know. Please note the competition can be viewed online at [www.novena.ie](http://www.novena.ie)

## **Literacy Lift-Off and Mata sa Rang.**

Literacy Lift-Off has just finished in Ms. Neylon's 1<sup>st</sup> class and is starting next week in Mr. Hickey's Senior Infants. It has already taken place in both second classes and will start in Ms. Quinn's after Easter.

Mata sa rang has just finished in Mr. Collin's 2<sup>nd</sup> class and is now running in Ms. Coughlan's 2<sup>nd</sup> class. It has already taken place in Ms. Neylon's 1<sup>st</sup> class and Ms. Quinn's senior infants. It will start in Mr. Hickey's senior infants after Easter. They are literacy and numeracy initiatives that involve team-teaching.

## **Teaching Practice**

We welcome Mr. Flanagan who will be teaching in Ms. Collins' 4<sup>th</sup> class for the next four weeks. We welcome Mr. Kelly and Ms. Lenehan to Ms. Parkinson's, Mr. Moloney and Ms. Whelan to Ms. O' Keefe's, Ms. Huges and Ms. O' Sullivan to Ms. Curtin's who are currently teaching some lessons on Mondays and will teach all of next week.

## **Swimming**

Both 4<sup>th</sup> classes and 5<sup>th</sup> class will attend swimming lessons and each class has already received letters about this. Please note that the start date has been delayed by one week for fourth class. All other details remain the same.

***Great Limerick Run***

*Please name Parteen National School when registering for this run as we will get €5 per child registered.*

*Kind regards,*

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*Gerard Ruane*

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*Mairéad Guckian*