



Parteen National School

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School Community Newsletter

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will take place on Monday and Tuesday, November 27th and 28th. School will finish at 2.25pm for 1st-6th on those dates. The bus company has been informed as has the lollipop lady. You will be sent appointment times. Everybody will have a ten minute slot with each teacher. Where parents have more than one child, the second appointment will be given ten minutes after the end of the first appointment and so on, to allow you time to move from room to room.

We have 355 appointments for 226 families so we ask your cooperation on two matters. You will be given a time. Unless circumstances are very exceptional, please take the allocated slot. Secondly, please do not spend more than 10 minutes with each teacher.

Attendance

September Boys: 96.7% Girls 96.4%

October Boys: 97.1% Girls 96.6%

Uniform

As noted in the previous newsletter, we reminded people of the uniform policy. Thank you to everybody for their cooperation.

Halloween Dress-Up

€450 was raised on the day before Halloween for the astro-turf pitch.

Cycling

Well done to 6th class who have completed their cycle training course.

Buddy Bench

Thank you to Ms. Carey for organising the buddy bench programme and to Paul Barry for the beautiful bench installed at the front of the school.

Magic Show

Thank you to magician Paul Beattie for the great entertainment provided before Halloween.

Football

Football training took place during September and October for boys and girls in 3rd - 6th. Well done to all who took part. Thank you to Ms. Needham, Ms. O' Dwyer, Ms. Guckian, Ms. Neylon, Mr. Collins, Mr. Crowe and Mr. Hickey for this training. Congratulations to the boys who reached the Cuman na mBunscoil semi-final.

Hockey

Well done to the hockey team who had a great day playing a blitz with Scoil Íde. This was also their first game wearing the new hockey jerseys! Thank you to Ms. O' Donovan and Ms. Ryan.

Mornings

As you know, school starts at 9am. Teachers start work at 9am and if their cars are outside the school before this time they are in school of their own accord to prepare for the day. We appreciate however that all pupils can't arrive at exactly 9am. **Therefore we will accept children from 8.50am.** Children should not arrive before that time. Children must line up in the yard. If it is raining, children will be taken inside the main building at 8.50am. This is not playtime. They will be supervised from 8.50am.

Appointments

Ms. Crosse has been appointed as support teacher for the remainder of the year to replace Siobhan Prendiville who is on career break. Ms. Mannion, who was on teacher exchange in Galway for the last five years has now resigned as she has secured a permanent position in Galway. We thank Ms. Mannion for her service to the school. We congratulate Mr. Hickey who has been made permanent taking up the vacancy created from Ms. Mannion's resignation; Ms. Collins who has been made permanent since Ms. Hickey secured a job in Waterford; Ms. Needham who has been made permanent since Ms. Eustace secured a job in Ennis and Ms. Meskell who secured a permanent job here in June as a result of Mr. Devereux resigning to take up a permanent job in Germany.

Security

All doors have been secured and can only be opened from the outside with a key fob or a specific code. No person may go directly to a classroom and all visitors must report to the front office, Please be aware that Catherine is on break from 10.20-10.35 and 13.10-13.40. If you need to come to the school at those times please telephone in advance.

Kind regards,

Gerard Ruane

Mairéad Guckian