



Parteen National School

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School Community Newsletter

School Warden

Clare Co. Council asked us to pass on the following message:

Due to the unavailability of suitably trained persons to provide cover, we are regrettably unable to have a school warden on duty in the vicinity of your school on Monday the 23rd April 2018.

School Calendar

The 2018/ 2019 School Calendar is available under the relevant tab on the website.

Appointments

We welcome Ms. Quilty who is replacing Ms. Curtin and Mr. Breen who is replacing Ms. O' Rourke until the end of June.

School Choir Trip

The School Choir will take part in New Ross Choral Festival on Friday, May 18th. They will depart the school at 7am and be home by 5pm. Thank you to Ms. Parkinson, Ms. O' Keeffe and Ms. Needham for taking the children. We wish them well in the competition. Please inform Ms. Parkinson or Ms. O' Keeffe if your child is in the choir and you do not want them to go. The cost of the trip is €15 which includes bus and food.

Twitter

The school's Twitter account has been up and running for the past few weeks. We currently have 22 live tweets, 53 followers and our most recent tweet attracted 533 'impressions'. The Twitter handle is @Parteen_School. If you join Twitter you will see photos from school life.

Jessies Project and Trip

5th Classes are involved in the Clare based entrepreneurship project called 'The Jessies'.

Both classes have come up with business ideas. Dragons have been invited into the classes where the children pitched their ideas. The children are now marketing and selling their

products. They are getting first-hand experience of setting up and running their own companies.

Next Thursday, 26th of April, both classes are invited to the County Showcase Day in Ennis to share their business ideas with the participating 25 schools within County Clare. They will be gone from 9.30am-1.30pm. Please send in a note if you do not want your child to attend.

There they will meet Domhnal Slattery the founding sponsor of the programme, who will talk to them about being an entrepreneur and also he will provide the children with lunch. We would like to take the opportunity to thank him for his support of this project and the Clare People newspaper who showcased the class and their projects also.

School Tours

Children should bring full lunches and drinks. Children are allowed bring a treat but please be sensible about what is sent in. Children should wear the school tracksuit (unless otherwise stated below) and wear sunscreen or bring rain gear as appropriate. No money, phones or cameras are to be brought on any tour.

Class	Date, School departure and Arrival Time	Details	Cost
Ms. Sheahan and Ms. Barry Junior Infants	Thursday May 24 th 9.15am-1.40pm	Stone Hall Farm	€15
Ms. O' Keeffe and Ms. Quinn Senior Infants	Thursday June 7 th 9.15am-2.15pm	Ennis Fire Station and Barney's Play Centre <i>Lunch provided.</i>	€10
1 st Class	Wednesday May 23 rd 9.15am-2pm	Moherhill Pet Farm	€15
2 nd Class	Thursday June 14 th 9am-2.40pm	Ballymorris Pottery and Bunratty Castle	€20
3 rd Class	Tuesday, May 29 th 8.30am-3pm	Turoe Pet Farm	€20
4 th Class	Thursday June 14 th 9am-4pm	UL Arena Sports Camp. <i>Old t-shirt, shorts and flip flops required for canoeing/rafting.</i>	€30
5 th Class	Tuesday June 19 th 8am-5.30pm	Crag Cave Blenerville and Aqua Dome, Tralee <i>Swim gear required.</i>	€25
6 th Class	Wednesday, June 20 th . 8.45am-3.45pm	Derg Isle Adventure Centre <i>Change of clothes, two pairs of runners (with laces), towel.</i>	€40

Healthy Eating and Uniform

Well done again to everybody on the implementation of the Revised Healthy Eating Policy. We remind all families that the Uniform Policy must be adhered to the full school year. Both these policies involved considerable consultation with all parents and the Parents Association. They are both going very well and this means fairness for all children so please do not send your child in in branded tracksuits/ t-shirts or treats/ chocolate etc. Please see the full policies here:

<http://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Healthy-Eating-Policy-7-12-17.pdf>

<http://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Uniform-Policy.pdf>

Road Safety

The Road Safety Authority will be here from May 1st - May 3rd delivering workshops on Road Safety to all classes.

School Closing

The School will closed on Friday, May 25th, as the school is being used as a polling station.

The school will close at 12noon for JI - 2nd and at 12.15pm for 3rd - 6th on Wednesday, May 30th. This is for Department of Education Child Protection training.

Attendance

February: Boys: 93.4% Girls 93.8%

March: Boys: 94.6% Girls: 94.9%

First Aid

Thank you to Andy McNamara who recently delivered first aid training to 6th class. They really enjoyed it and learned invaluable life-saving skills.

Confirmation

Congratulations to 6th Class who made their Confirmation. Thank you to Bishop Leahy and Fr. Tom for the ceremony, Ms. Ryan for all the work in preparing the class, Ms. Parkinson for preparing the singing, the Parents Association for the refreshments and Catherine for the booklet.

Hockey

Ms. O' Donovan and Ms. Ryan organised a hockey blitz last Thursday and invited Scoil Íde, Knockea and An Mhodscoil to take part. Thank you to both teachers for taking this initiative on and for the opportunity it gave all children. Hockey continues on Thursdays after school on the astro-turf.

Hurling/ Camogie

Training is on Mondays after school from 3-4pm in Parteen G.A.A. for 3rd-6th and on the school astro-turf pitch for 1st and 2nd. Thank you to Mr. Collins, Ms. Barry, Ms. Meskell, Mr. Hickey, Ms. Needham, Ms. O' Dwyer, Ms. Guckian, Mr. Crowe and Ms. O' Keeffe for volunteering.

Clare GAA are still coming on Wednesdays doing hurling skills – Ms. Guckian has organised a rota so all classes benefit.

Recent Wedding

We wish Ms. Needham and her husband a long and happy life together.

Congratulations

Thank you to Ms. Curtin who just had a baby boy!

Fundraising

The astro-turf pitch is now fully paid for. The Parents Association contribution target was €30,000 and €33914 has been raised over the last three years. This is a major achievement and all children will get the value of this pitch over years and years to come. Thank you to the Parents Association for their excellent work and all who contributed. The next project that fundraising will be the development of a sensory room and school garden. The €3914 will be transferred to start off this fund.

Recycling Collection

Thank you to all who supported our clothing collection today. Money raised will go towards the development of a sensory room and school garden.

Cake Sale

€1010 was raised from the last Cake Sale and €391 from the Colours Day.

Rugby

On Wednesday 18th April the boys and girls from 5th and 6th classes who have been partaking in after-school rugby training sessions took part in a full-contact rugby blitz hosted by Munster Rugby in Thomond Park. The team was accompanied by Mr. Hickey and Mr. Crowe. Children in 4th class who were involved in the after-school training sessions regrettably were ineligible to play in this tournament. In early May a separate non-contact rugby tournament will be held at Garryowen RFC.

Thank you to Mr. Hickey, Mr. Crowe, Ms. Neylon and Ms. Curtin for training the children.

Kind regards,

Gerard Ruane

Mairéad Guckian