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School Community Newsletter September 2018

Fáilte

Welcome back! We wish the school community well for the new school year.

Enrolment

We now have 361 pupils in our school.

Visitor

A huge thank you to Marty Morrissey who visited the school and spoke with the children today! He was very generous with the time he gave pupils and staff! Thank you to Mr. Crowe for organising the visit.

Internet Safety

Children from 2nd class up will receive an internet safety workshop on Thursday, October 4th. The Parents Association A.G.M. will be at 7.45pm that night. After the usual A.G.M. business there will be a presentation for parents/ guardians on internet safety. We cannot stress enough how important it is for parents/ guardians to attend.

I.T. Upgrades

Three new interactive flat panels have been purchased. They are a newer version of interactive whiteboards. A video of these will feature on our Twitter feed. The Wifi has also been upgraded.

Funding for Fire Safety

Following an application to the Department of Education in June, we have received funding to upgrade the main building. Fire doors will be installed and fire proofing upgrades will take place to bring it in line with modern standards. We are currently tendering for a consultant to manage the project.

After-school Sport

Thank you to Ms. Neylon, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Breen, Mr. Collins, Ms. Quilty and Mr. Crowe who are training the boys' football team on Wednesdays in Parteen G.A.A. and to Ms. Guckian, Ms. O' Dwyer and Ms. Needham who are training the girls on Tuesdays on the astro-pitch. Thank you to Ms. O' Donovan and Ms. Cuddy for training the hockey team on Thursdays on the astro-pitch.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms. Ryan who got married over the summer. She will now go by her married name of Ms. Cuddy. Congratulations to Ms. Neylon who got married over the summer. Ms Quinn, who is currently teaching Senior Infants, will now go by her married name of Ms. Ryan.

Choir

Choir will start back on Wednesday, September 19th. All interested from 3rd-6th Class are welcome. Please purchase a long sleeve white shirt. If there are boys attending Gaelic they can join choir in November. Thank you to Ms. Parkinson and Ms. O' Keeffe for this.

Graded Reading and Mata sa Rang.

Literacy-Lift-Off has started in Ms. Sheahan's 2nd Class and will run there for the next five weeks. Graded Reading is starting in Ms. Cuddy's 6th Class next week and has already started in Ms. Needham's 4th Class and Ms. Barry's 4th Class.

Lift-Off will take place in all classes from Senior Infants – 2nd Class over the year and Graded Reading will take place in 3rd-6th. These team-teaching initiatives involve children reading intensively at their level and progressing this over an intensive block.

Mata sa Rang has started in Mr. Hickey's 1st Class – this will take place in Senior Infants - 2nd over the year and involves team-teaching based on number.

Thank you to all teachers involved in these team-teaching initiatives.

Classroom Supplies

Thank you to all who have already paid the classroom supplies money. This pays for 24/7 personal insurance, homework journals, photocopying and Art & Craft Supplies. If you have any difficulty in making this payment, please contact us in the upmost confidence.

Smooth Running of the School

You have received a text asking you to read the information on 'Smooth Running of the School'. Please make sure to read this. As the year progresses please ensure you read the texts and newsletters. Communication is a two-way process. We put great energy in ensuring families are informed about school news events and equally there is a responsibility on families to read this communication.

Election

School will be closed on Friday, October 26th as our school will be used as a polling station.

Kind regards,

Gerard Ruane

Mairéad Guckian