

COGAR!

Friday 01st February 2019

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

No Outsiders in our School!

This is the theme for assemblies for the coming terms. Áine will be leading this as assembly each week using resources that celebrate diversity and teach about equality.

Assembly

Third class led our assembly this morning and shared with us some of the work they have been doing in Learn Together this month. They have been learning all about sacred texts and have explored this through the strand of Belief Systems.

Thank you to all the children in 3rd class and to Barbara and Nicola for your wonderful work.

Fun Friday!

Next week's Fun Friday is 'Arts and Crafts'. The children will get an opportunity to do some additional arts activities in school.

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday, I hope you all have a lovely weekend! ☺

Infant workshops:

Thank you to the parents who attended the maths workshop on Tuesday. The Wednesday workshop will be on next Wednesday 6th of February due to the school closure this week. It will be on from 12:30-1:30. See you then for our final Infants workshop!

3rd class:

I hope you are all having lots of fun with your Make One Change projects at home. Just a reminder that all projects are due back on the 8th of February. We will be inviting the adults

into school to listen to the children present their hard work. A date will be confirmed next week and we will let you know then.

6th class information:

Errigal College: Entrance exam 9th of March

Loreto Milford: Entrance exam - 7th of February

Mulroy College: Entrance exam - 14th of February

Deele College: Entrance exam - 2nd of February

Courses for adults:

There are lots of courses running in the coming weeks please speak to Lisa if you are interested:

- Access course for the LYIT
- Strengthening Families Programme
- Parents Plus
- Shaping Ourselves and Our Children (SOOC)

If you have any queries or questions you can contact me on 086 7232894 or at

hscl@letterkennytns.ie

Lisa ☺

Open Day

We will be holding an open day on Tuesday 5th February from 10am - 2pm. This will be an opportunity for new families from the community who would like to come and see our school.

Gaeilgeoir/Cairde na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le i Kuba Nakita, le Samar i rang Verity, le Evvyan i rang Ciara, le Tommy i rang Louise, le Conor i rang Rachel, le Caoimhe i rang Jennifer, le Maria C i rang Barbara, le Meena i rang Mervyn, le Imogen i rang Paul, le Oliwia i rang Mary

Car Park

As you will have noticed our car park is very dangerous on icy mornings. Ray (who is covering for Jamie) does his best to clear a safe path into the school but obviously there are large areas that will not be treated.

Please leave additional time for dropping your children off on mornings like this so that they can get into the school building safely.

We would also ask again that cars do not park in the areas that are designated for buses. This is a particular problem at pick-up times at 1.40pm and 2.40pm. The areas for bus parking are clearly marked. It is not possible for Áine or Máire to be outside every day to stop people parking in these areas, nor should it be necessary. We have made everyone aware of the procedures for the car park and would ask that all adults take personal responsibility for parking in the correct areas.

Again, this is to ensure the safety of our pupils.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

All of the teachers at our school are mandated persons. This means that they all have a responsibility to report any concerns that they feel may be a child protection issue. This is a responsibility that is taken very seriously and the Board of Management has a responsibility to ensure that the correct procedures are in place.

Áine is the Designated Liaison person in our school. This means that any child protection issues must be reported directly to her by staff. She then seeks advice from TUSLA who will tell Áine how to proceed. If Áine is not available Máire is the Deputy Designated Liaison person.

All schools are required to have a Child Safeguarding policy which includes a risk assessment. Our policy is displayed in the front lobby of the school and is also on the school website. This policy is reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

As adults we all have a responsibility to protect children and to do our utmost to ensure their safety. Even if this means having uncomfortable conversations!

If you would like more information please have a look at the policy that is available on the website.

February Birthdays

Harjeet
Caleb
Mia carlin
Natalia Z
Liana
Eden
Sandra
Devin
Mercy
Jayden
Cristina
Meena
Victoria Jane
Imogen
Patrik Z

Welcome Babies Amelia and Fiadh

Congratulations to Marjorie, Paddy and Aaron who welcomed Baby Amelia to the world on the 9th of January.

Congratulations also to Mairéad, Liam and Cadhla who welcomed baby Fiadh to the world on the 29th of January

We wish the both families the very best at this special time.

Headlice

We have had a few reports of headlice in recent weeks. Please continue to check your child/children's hair at home and treat if necessary.