

COGAR!

Friday 02nd February 2018

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Official Opening of the new school

The official opening of the new school will be on Friday 23rd February at 12pm. The Minister for Education, Richard Bruton, will be in attendance at the official opening.

All parents/guardians will receive an invitation to the opening and along with some other members of the community. This event will not be open to the general public and will be by invitation only.

More details will follow in the coming weeks but we are so excited about this event which will be a historic day in the life of our school.

Operation Transformation

The theme for this week was FUN and we definitely had lots of fun in school. The children and teachers participated in so many activities such as jujitsu, gymnastics, ruby, Gaelic football, basketball and dance. We would like to say another big thank you to all of the volunteers who came to school this week to work with the children. Please take a look at our website and Facebook page to stay up to date with all the activities taking place in the school.

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. There are a number of pupils in our school with severe nut allergies so products containing nuts cannot be brought into school. Exposure to nuts can result in a life threatening reaction in the pupils.

In order to continue to raise awareness with our school community about this important fact we will be putting a reminder in Cogar each week.

Assembly

At assembly this morning Áine and the children chatted about our school rules and we decided to make them even simpler! We have chosen 3 words to represent our High 5 rules and we think that remembering 3 words will be much easier for everyone. The words we have chosen are 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'.

As always these 3 words are for everyone in our school community. We want to be;

Ready - to learn, play, share, listen, help etc.

Respectful - of each other

Safe - everyone feeling safe in school

Áine, the children and staff will be working on this over the coming months in school and we would love to hear your views too! Please get in touch by emailing info@letterkennyetns.ie

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Charlie i Rang Verity, le Callie i rang Louise, le Emily i rang Rachel, le Conal i rang Jennifer, le Megan i rang Barbara, le Promise i rang Ciara, le Odhran i rang Nakita agus le Megan i rang Paul.

Green Team News

Another fabulous turn out again this week! It is so good to know that our school community is working together in trying to get our travel flag! You are all superstars! The next travel event is Cycle On Wednesday, 7th February. Let's put those bike racks to good use! #letsgogreen

Fun Friday!

Next week's Fun Friday is bring a board game.

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone!

Family Fun day:

Thank you to all those who joined us today for our Family Fun day sessions. I hope you all enjoyed spending some time having fun with your child in school!

Couch to 5k:

It is great to see so many people signed up for the couch to 5k program! It is great to see you

all getting active with your children. Please remember to **bring water** as you will be thirsty!
See you all on Monday!

3rd class:

The project will be starting this Monday and your child will be given a coloured sheet and a letter with information about what we will be working on over the next 2 weeks.

Read DL:

The launch of Read DL will take place tonight. It is an initiative that gets the Donegal community involved in reading the same book. 6th class will be doing lots of work on this over the next few weeks. The book is 'A Monster calls' by Patrick Ness. If you are interested in getting involved there are books available to borrow in the Letterkenny library. If you would like more information check out our website <http://readdonegal.com/>

If you have any queries or questions you can contact me on 086 7232894 or at hscl@letterkennyetns.ie

Lisa ☺

PSA

All parents/guardians are members of our school community and are therefore automatically members of the PSA . You are **needed** and welcome to get actively involved at any time and to attend monthly meetings. Email address is letnspsa2017@gmail.com

There are a number of exciting projects you are invited to get involved in

1. **Library** - the generous donations of books are greatly appreciated and continue to be welcomed. Also any items of furniture or posters for the walls. Most important and valuable is your time and skills if you would like to join a small group of volunteers for this project please contact the school office or Fiona Gallagher Ekici tel: 0838634770
2. **Community Cookbook**- the children have been learning a lot about food & nutrition

this week as part of Operation Transformation. We are trying to gather recipes and artwork for inclusion in a school community cookbook. Please send your family favourite recipe for a starter, snack desert or main Meal - all contributions and ideas welcome to letnspsa2017@gmail.com

We also need help to compile and print this book anyone in the community who would like to volunteer their graphic design skills and /or experience with such a project please contact Louise Ozbay Tel: 0879123512 or Lisa HSCI hscl@letns.com or leave your details with Edwina at the school reception.

Your favourite family recipe can be hand written, Photocopied or typed. Please also send in a family photo and/ or a picture drawn by your children. It can be emailed or handed into the class teacher.

Many Thanks
PSA

Open Day

Reminder - We will be holding an open day on Tuesday 6th February from 10am - 2pm. This will be an opportunity for *anyone* from the community who would like to come and see our new school. All of our parents are also very welcome to attend the open day too!

Mid-Term Break

The school will be closed on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February for our Mid-Term break. Bus drivers have been told about this closure.

Meet The Student Council

My name is Eloise. I am a treasurer on the student council and I am in First class and my favourite thing to do is playing with my friends. I also like art and my best friend is Abigail. I really like to run, make things and jump in puddles when I go to the park.

Hi, my name is Darcey. I am PR on the student council and my favourite colour is pink. I am in First class. I have a cat and its name is Tada. I

have a little brother and his name is Ethan. My age is 7 and next year I am turning 8. My BFFs are Reem and Caoimhe. Thank you for reading.

Spare Clothes

We are looking for spare clothes for the junior end of the school (Junior infants - 2nd class). At times accidents happen, falls in the mud etc and children need a change of clothes. We require pants, socks and leggings/tracksuit bottoms/trousers. All donations welcome.

It would be helpful if any spare clothes that go home could be washed and returned to the school. Thanks in advance.

Aistear

Many thanks to Áine, Leo's Mum for the items she donated to Aistear. It is much appreciated by the pupils and staff.