

# COGAR!

Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

## School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

### Assembly

As part of our learn Together curriculum Junior Infants went on Winter walk. During their walk they discovered that some of the bird feeders had no food in them and were looking a bit worse for wear! With Jamie's help the Junior Infant children made new bird feeders from milk cartons!

At both assemblies this morning the Junior infants spoke to the other classes about their bird feeders. They have also put a video of their work on the school website so please take a look!

### Caolan Melaugh Fund

The theme for our Winter assembly is "Being Thankful" and the children and staff have been taking some time to think about the things we are thankful for in our lives. As part of this theme we decided to spread some positivity in the local community and to raise some money for a local charity.

This year we have chosen to support the Caolan Melaugh fund. Caolan is a two year boy who is currently undergoing treatment for Neuroblastoma and travelled to America to receive treatment. Caolan's Dad, Gerry, is a relative of Mairéad (who teaches Junior Infants) so this is a cause very close to the school. We will be asking our school community for donations of baked goods that can be sold at the Bake Sale which will be organised by the Student Council with help from 6<sup>th</sup> class.

We will be holding a bake sale on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (same day/time as the Winter

Assembly) to raise funds for this special cause. For further information on Caolan please see the website that the family have set up at <http://caolanmelaughfund.com/>

### Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Ethan i Rang Mairéad, le Eden rang Louise, le Dara i rang Rachel, le Eyad i rang Mary, le Feyza i rang Barbara, le Natalia i rang Stephanie, le Amy i rang Maggie agus le Joe i rang Nakita.

### Fun Friday!

Next week's Fun Friday is 'bring a favourite book/comic'.

### Drinks for Lunch/snack

It is really important that children bring a drink to school as there are no drinks supplied with the school lunches. They have two breaks in the school day as well as doing their 1K a day so it is important they have enough to drink. We can give them tap water but most children prefer to bring their own.

### Winter Assembly

This year the theme for our Winter Assembly is 'Thankfulness'. The children from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class will be working on this theme in class over the coming weeks and we will hold an **open morning on Tuesday 20th December between 9.30am - 11.00am** to allow parents/guardians to visit the classrooms where the children's work will be displayed. We will also be holding a bake sale for the Caolan Melaugh fund at the same time so all donations of baked good would be gratefully received.

Our Junior and Senior infant classes are working on a short play together. The parents from these classes will be invited into the school on the 15<sup>th</sup> December to see the play and to see some of the wonderful work that has been happening in our infant classes.

### Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone!

**Positive phone calls home:** Another month has gone by and what excellent work the children have been doing in school! I was

ringing home today to let the adults know we are so proud of the children keeping their High 5 rule 'do your best' in school. Well done! 😊

### **Christmas Market**

A big thank you to Tina Clarke (parent rep on the Board of Management) for organising a Christmas market in aid of school funds this year. The Christmas Market will be held in the Orchard (High Road beside Credit Union) on Tuesday evening the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 6.30pm until 9.30pm. There will be an assortment of stalls on the night selling an array of goods for example, Make-up, Perfume/Aftershave, candles, Christmas Eve boxes, Toy & Gift hampers, Jewellery and much much more. There is a champagne and canape reception on arrival and there will be a raffle and spot prizes on the night. We would ask for a €2 donation at the door. All family and friends are very welcome and we hope to see you all there on the night. A flyer went home with the eldest child of each family today.

### **School Clothes**

The school has a limited supply of additional clothing that we keep in case the children need to be changed during the school day e.g. tracksuit bottoms, leggings, socks etc. Accidents happen and we want to be able to make sure that no child has to sit in wet clothes in school. We then ask that the clothes are washed and returned to the teacher as soon as possible. Unfortunately many of the items of clothing are not returned to the school and this means that we are not able to offer dry clothes to children when they need them. If you have any items of clothing belonging to the school please return them to the class teacher so that they can be available for other children.

### **Out and About!**

Lots of our pupils take part in activities after school and at weekends and we loving hearing about all their achievements at these clubs.

Declan (6<sup>th</sup> class) recently qualified for and competed in an All-Ireland Athletics competition and Amina (3<sup>rd</sup> Class) won a bronze medal at the North West Judo competition in Derry(lightweight category).

Please let us know if your children are involved in any competitions etc. as part of their clubs so that we can celebrate their successes with them.

### **December Birthdays!**

Josh C  
Roisin  
Lena L  
Denzel T-N  
Lara  
Maria Savin  
Patryk P  
Aimee  
Richard  
Promise  
Darren  
Louise  
Kiesha  
Megan  
Kyle M  
Davin  
Nell  
Elijah

### **School Photos**

Lafayette photography will collect the photo orders on Monday, so if you still want photos you can send them in on Monday morning.