

COGAR!

Friday 09th December 2016

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Assembly

Congratulations to our debate team who were in action yesterday against Scoil Mhuire gan Smal. The children performed their debate speeches for the children at assembly this morning. The motion was 'Professional athletes are paid too much' and we were proposing this motion.

Well done to Himanshu, Kate and Ezgi for their wonderful speeches, to the chairpeople Aoibh and Aaron and to Kayleigh and Nell who were the time keepers. We are so proud of you all.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Ethan i Rang Mairéad, le Liana i rang Louise, le Lara i rang Rachel, le Tilly i rang Mary, le Yagmur i rang Barbara, le Caragh i rang Stephanie, le Mohammed i rang Maggie agus le Kate i rang Nakita.

Fun Friday!

Next week's Fun Friday is 'pyjama day'.

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 1st - 6th 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 15th 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!

Secondary schools open days:

Mulroy College-open day Tuesday 17th of January from 10:00am to finish and lunch will be provided. The students are to make their own way to Milford and a parent's information night will be held on the 26th of January.

Loreto Milford - no date confirmed yet but an open day will be held in February

Royal and Prior - application forms due on the 27th of January and a transfer day will be on the 10th of March. No open day due to strikes but they are hoping to send someone from school to talk to the children. I'll keep you informed if there is any change.

Coláiste Ailigh - entrance exam on Saturday 10th Dec and you have to contact them (9125943) to book your place.

Loreto Convent Letterkenny - entrance exam on Wednesday 14th December from 9.15am - 1.30pm. Children should arrive no later than 9.00am. Lunch will be provided. An open evening will take place on Wednesday 15th March from 2pm - 6pm.

I hope to run the **transition course in January**. It will run for 2 hours each Thursday and it will cover all aspects of moving from Primary school to Secondary school. I spoke to the lady in the ETB and she has given me the options of **9:30-11:30 or 10:00-12:00** in school or an evening time of **7pm-9pm in the ETB centre in Ard O'Donnell**. If this suits more people I can arrange

an evening slot rather than a morning slot. Please let me know as **I need 7-10 people** to run this course.

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

hscl@letterkennyetns.ie

Lisa ☺

Christmas Market

A big thank you to Tina Clarke for organising the Christmas Market in aid of school funds. Tina raised the fantastic sum of €418 which will be used to contribute to the cost of PE activities for the children

Thank you also to the parents and staff who attended the event.

Attendance Text Alerts

We have a new text alert system in school that will help to keep parents informed about their child's attendance. Once a child misses 10 days a text will automatically be sent from the school. Another text will be sent after 20 days absence. We will continue to work with our school community about the importance of good attendance.