

COGAR!

Friday 12th January 2018

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

ATHBHLIAIN FAOI MHAISE
(HAPPY NEW YEAR)
TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND
CHILDREN AND
FÁILTE AR AIS (WELCOME BACK) TO
LETTERKENNY EDUCATE TOGETHER N. S.

Welcome Back:

We hope you all had a restful and happy winter break and a very big welcome back to school for the beginning of another busy term. We will have lots of opportunities for you to become involved with the school this term so please keep checking Cogar and the school Facebook page.

Assembly

At assembly this morning Áine chatted to the children about the opening of 'An Comhar'. An Comhar is the name that we have decided on for the new classrooms that will be opening to facilitate pupils with autism that will be joining our school community.

'Comhar' is the Irish word for cooperation/partnership and we felt that this ties in really well with our 'Work Together' theme.

Maggie and Kim will be working with the pupils in An Comhar and we will be providing lots of opportunities for the children to access the mainstream classrooms and for children to come and work in Maggie's class too.

We know that our school community will make our new families feel welcome and we can't wait to expand our Educate Together family.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Nicole i Rang Verity, le Bart i rang Louise, le Aoife i rang Rachel, le Donal i rang Jennifer, le Rebecca i rang Barbara, le Imogen i rang Ciara, le Natalia i rang Nakita agus le Pauric i rang Paul.

Fun Friday!

Next week's Fun Friday is class choice.

Welcome Baby Méabh

Congratulations to Máire, Seamus and Hugh who welcomed Baby Méabh to the world on Monday morning.

We wish the whole family the very best at this special time.

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone!

Operation Transformation

Couch to 5k: The programme is starting on Monday the 15th of January and will run for 9 weeks. All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult willing to run with them as we are not responsible for their safety. It is on every Monday from 2:45p.m. - 3.30p.m.

Registration will be open on Monday at 9am in the Work Together room. The cost is €3 per adult and €1 per child and all money must be paid at registration.

Please keep checking Facebook for information about all the activities that are on-going in the school as part of Operation Transformation.

Secondary schools open days:

A letter has been sent home with 6th class pupils today regarding up-coming open days at the local secondary schools.

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

hscl@letterkennyetns.ie

Lisa ☺

January Birthdays!

James
Wiktorina
Reem
Dara
Jakub O
Amy G
Rebecca B
Megan S
Saoirse A
Emma
Orla
Lily S
Martin
Adam G
Erika
Angel
Neisha
Toby
Akshara
Akshata

New Faces in School

We have lots of new staff joining us this term. Máire, Stephanie and Mary have all started their maternity leaves so Clár, Ciara and Paul have taken over their teaching duties. Maria Houston will be covering Catriona's leave for the next few weeks and Meryn McDowell will be joining us at the end of January. Meryn will be taking over from Maggie as Maggie moves into An Comhar.

While this is a lot of change for us all we are delighted to get to know the new teachers and we have all made a big effort this week to help them settle in. Thank you to all of our pupils for making the new staff members feel so welcome at our school.

School Hoodies

We have had some more requests for school hoodies. Edwina will put in an additional order if there is enough interest. Please collect order forms from the school office if you would like to order a school hoodie.

Open Day

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!

Enrolments

Just a reminder that Letterkenny Educate Together NS operates a continuous enrolment policy. Applications for enrolment can be submitted at any time. We have waiting lists in operation for all classes at present.

In September we hope to be able to welcome more families to our school community but it is important that applications for enrolment are made asap. Our Junior Infant classes for September 2018 are already nearly full so if you know anyone who might be interested in enrolling in the school please encourage them to submit an application as soon as possible. We don't want to disappoint anyone by not being able to offer them a school place.