

COGAR!

Friday 12th May 2017

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Assembly - 1for 1@1pm

Our assembly today was the fundraiser for relay for life and we had great fun dancing.

A big thank you to Sarah Marie from Pinehill studios for joining us to lead the dancing. Thank you also to all the family members who came along to join in the fun!

We will let you know next week how much money we raised for Relay for Life.

Fun Friday:

Fun Friday for next week is class choice.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Charlie i Rang Mairéad, le Kamilla i rang Louise, le Lena i rang Rachel, le Michal i rang Mary, le Kamal i rang Barbara, le Adam i rang Stephanie, le Paul i rang Maggie agus le Julia i rang Nakita.

Book Rental

It's that time of year again! A letter will go home with your child outlining the book rental fees for the coming school year.

Well Done Tadgh, Neisha and Myah

Congratulations to Tadgh, Neisha and Myah who were competing in Hip Hop Championships in Dublin last weekend with their dance group Rendition Crew.

Their group came 1st in the 14's and under category!!!! We are so proud of you all.

To see the superstars in action please check out this link: <https://youtu.be/mmUvDQ9JaPA>

Letterkenny Feis

We also had a number of pupils competing in the Letterkenny Feis over the weekend. Well done to all our pupils who took part!

Tell us your news!

If your child is taking part in any community/after school events please let us know. We love sharing all good news stories with the school community and celebrating in the successes of our families.

Junior Infant Induction Day

This year the induction programme for new Junior Infant pupils will be divided into two sessions.

- An information session for parents only will be held on Wednesday 31st May from 7pm - 8pm in the school.
- The induction day for the new Junior infant pupils will be held on Thursday 1st June between 1pm and 2.30pm in the school and we are delighted to welcome all new families to our school. This will be a drop-in session for the new pupils and their parents to allow them to meet with the class teacher and to spend some time in their new classroom.
- The current junior and senior infants will finish at 12.10pm on this day.

In the past a number of parents have volunteered for the evening session to meet the new parents and to help with teas and coffees. It also allows the parents of our new pupils to meet with some of the current parents in our school. Please let Áine or Lisa know if you would be available to help out for the hour.

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone!

Absences:

Just a reminder that when your child is absent from school we need a note to explain the absence. Thank you for ringing to inform us if your child is off but we really need a written

explanation so we can keep it on their file. Notes are found in the back of the children's homework journals from 1st class to 6th class. Edwina and I have copies for any parents of the Junior and Senior infant classes. We would be happy to give you some.

Wake Up Shake Up:

Next week is the last week the children will be doing the dance to the song 'When the going gets tough'. Our next song will be 'Locomotion' by Kylie. They are all really enjoying taking part in Wake Up Shake Up. We are delighted to see so many people arrive on time each morning to join in with our dance routine. School starts at 9, be on time. Well done! ☺

Get active flag:

Thank you to all the parents who took time out to complete our questionnaires for our 'Get active' flag. It was really helpful getting your view on how active you think our school is and what we can aim to improve in the future.

Family Friday:

Our last Family Friday of the school year will be on the 26th of May. We hope to see as many of you as possible visiting the Junior, Senior, 1st and 2nd classes. We will be having 1 of our parents deliver our senior assembly on the day.

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

hscl@letterkennyetns.ie

Lisa ☺

Parent/Teacher meetings

There will be a drop-in session on Wednesday 7th June for any parents who wish to meet their child's teacher before the end of term. The teachers will be available from 3pm - 4.40pm for any parent who wishes to 'drop in'.

Please note: No appointment times will be given for these meetings.

Summer Fair

After last year's success we will be holding another Summer Fair at the school on Wednesday 14th June from 5pm - 7pm. This fair has become an alternative way to host an end of term assembly that allows our school community to come together in an informal way.

Last year there were wonderful stalls and delicious food and we will be looking for help again this year. A meeting will be organised in the coming weeks for anyone who would be willing to help at the fair or anyone who would like to run a stall.

Please keep an eye on Cogar for further information.

New SEN support model for pupils

From September 2017 the Department of Education is introducing a new model for allocating supports to pupils in schools. The main change is that school will no longer have to submit psychological reports in order to access additional teaching for pupils. Schools will be given a set allocation of hours for supporting pupils and will distribute these hours according to the needs of the children.

An information session for parents has been organised in the Millpark Hotel in Donegal Town on Tuesday 23rd May. This will be an afternoon session. The time has not been confirmed yet but we will let you know as soon as possible.

The session is open to parents from all schools and will be an opportunity to learn more about the new model and to ask questions.

Parent Staff Association

As we look forward to moving into our new school building we are hoping to use this opportunity to re-establish a PSA. The PSA is an important part of all schools and this is a committee that we would really like to see in our school.

We will need so much help and support as we develop over the next few years to keep our ethos as a priority for the school community and an active PSA has a vital role to play in this.

Áine will be organising an initial meeting in early June to chat to any parents who would be interested in being part of a PSA.

If you feel that this is something that you might like to be part of (or even just to find out some more about the PSA) please let Áine and Edwina know.